



PERSONAL COVENANT AND LIABILITY RELEASE Short-Term
Mission Trip

The guidelines listed below are recommended for those participating in this journey. You go not as a tourist, but as a guest of another country. Mexico is considered an LDC – Less Developed Country – and does not have the same conveniences you are used to at home. It is very important to be flexible and willing to adjust to the expectations of your host.

I recognize and accept the following conditions which will further the usefulness and safety of our short-term mission. If accepted as a member of this CCL Mission team, I agree to:

1. Release and discharge the organizations and individuals which helped make these arrangements, including Calvary Chapel Life, their agents, employees, officers, and volunteers, from all claims, demands, actions, judgments, or executions that I have ever had, or now have, or may have, or which my heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns may have or claim to have, against these organizations, their agents, employees, officers, and volunteers, and their successors or assigns, for all personal injuries, known or unknown, and injuries to property, real or personal, caused by, or arising out of this journey. I intend to be legally bound by this statement.
2. Adopt an attitude that I am on this team to try to understand the host culture, not to convince them of my own viewpoint or style. I go knowing that there are many different ways to accomplish the same objective and know that my way is not necessarily the best.
3. Abstain from making derogatory comments or arguments regarding people, politics, sports, religion, race, or traditions.
4. Go as a servant-disciple of Jesus Christ and to adopt that attitude when dealing with my fellow team members and the people I meet during the trip.
5. Accept and submit to the leadership role and authority of the trip director and promise to abide by his or her decisions as they concern this mission trip.
6. Acknowledge that by engaging in this journey, I am subjecting myself to certain risks voluntarily, in addition to those risks that I normally face in my personal and business life, including, but not limited to, such things as health hazards due to poor food and water, diseases, pests, and poor sanitation; potential danger from lack of control over local population; potential injury while working; and inadequate medical facilities.
7. Understand that our team's work is but a tiny speck on the bigger picture that our mission partners are trying to accomplish. I promise not to be overly demanding, to do my best not to offend or cause embarrassment for the local mission host and to help them attain their long-term goals.
8. Attend all team meetings possible, both prior to departure (if any are scheduled) and during the mission trip.
9. Expediently follow up on all requirements for passports, visas, financial obligations, vaccinations, travel insurance, etc.
10. Refrain from meddling, complaining, and obscene or insensitive humor. I realize that others on my team during the journey and while onsite will look at me for an example of how a Christian acts, and I will not treat that responsibility lightly. I understand that I must travel with the rest of the team, unless other prior arrangements are made.
11. Regard the differing style of worshiping with respect and I promise that where I see the need, I will witness my faith, but without a superior attitude.

12. If a loved one or dear friend is traveling with me, we agree to interact with all members of the team, not just one another. I promise not to seek or engage in new romantic relationships with team members during the trip.
13. Avoid any actions that might be perceived as amorous attentions toward any people I meet while on the mission trip.
14. Refrain from using tobacco or alcoholic beverages while in the host country. Abstain from any illegal drugs or prohibited activity while on this trip.
15. Remember we are the unknown Christians from another part of the world and will be watched very closely. I will not take the important responsibility of setting an example lightly.
16. Refrain from giving gifts, such as money, clothes, jewelry, tape players, etc. to the locals. Although the intent of the giver is good, the result after we leave causes problems for our host, and jealousy and bitterness among those locals who received no such gifts. If I feel compelled to give a gift to someone I have met, I will consult first with the trip director before I promise or give the gift, and I promise to let him or her make the final decision on this matter.
17. Act as a servant-disciple of the local pastor or mission organization. I will respect the advice I am given concerning attire, eating and drinking, and other such traditions that will help me to assimilate into the local community.
18. Understand that every member of this group is expected to share freely from their particular blessing and talents, whether that is a skill such as music, art, carpentry, or basic hard work. I agree to participate in these ways as fully possible.
19. I agree that in the event my conduct is considered so unsatisfactory that it jeopardizes the success of the trip, and that mediation during the trip has failed to correct my behavior, that my services in connection with this mission shall end and I shall return home immediately at my own expense.
20. **I will not give my personal contact information to anyone in Mexico. This will avoid potential problems with direct appeal for money and prevent undermining the national leadership. If I want to have contact, I will work through the Calvary Chapel Life office or Mission office thereof.**
21. In signing below, I represent that I am 18 years of age or older, or my parent/guardian will sign also, accepting the above conditions on my behalf.

Participant's signature: _____

If participant is under 18 years of age, parent or legal guardian's signature:

Participant's name: Address:

Daytime phone: () Evening
phone: ()