



TRIP PARTICIPANT COVENANT (REQUIRED FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS)

The purpose of the Love Him Love Them mission trips is to provide an outlet for the body of Christ to use their gifts to serve and love one another. These standards and policies exist in effort to create an uplifting environment that honors Christ and encourages people in their relationship with Him, while also being culturally sensitive. In addition, these standards and policies are in place to ensure that the safety and positive reputation remains among all of our trip participants, partners, and leaders. We recognize that trip participants might hold different beliefs on certain issues. However, it is important that all trip participants adhere to Love Him Love Them's standards and policies in order to ensure that we are consistently upholding a standard that is above reproach.

Please read the following policies carefully. As a trip participant serving with Love Him Love Them, ***I agree to the following policies during my mission trip:***

1. I agree that I am representing Jesus Christ as well as Love Him Love Them on this trip. I will model Jesus in my conduct, speech, and attitude. I will be positive and encouraging, and refrain from complaining, negative talk, or gossip. (Luke 10:27, Romans 12:4-6, Hebrews 10:24, James 3:9-11)
2. I understand that the trip leader and the host representatives on the ground in Haiti are the recognized authorities on the trip. I will respect these authorities and their decisions by being supportive and trusting in their positive intentions. Any defiance toward the trip leader or host is unacceptable. (Romans 13:1)
3. I will not consume any form of alcohol or narcotics while on a mission trip or at any time during trip related activities. I agree to abstain from the usage of tobacco products during service events to the best of my ability, reserving tobacco usage for after hours. (1 Corinthians 8:9)
4. In efforts to respect the culture, I agree to dress modestly in a way that is appropriate to the culture. (Details on culturally appropriate attire may be found in your departure book or separate handout). (1 Corinthians 9:19)
5. I will not give cash or personal gifts of any kind to any individuals that I encounter during my service trip without prior approval and consent by the trip leader. I understand that doing so would hinder Love Him Love Them in their commitment to working with communities to meet their needs in a manner that does not create dependency and a sense of entitlement. I agree to adhere to this policy no matter the circumstances, in order to protect the health of the relationships within the Love Him Love Them communities and to keep from setting a bad precedent for future service teams. (Galatians 6:10)
6. During the trip, I agree to withhold from pursuing any romantic relationships with teammates or anyone encountered on the mission field, as romantic relationships could distract from the purpose of the trip, which is to serve the people of Haiti. If my boyfriend / girlfriend, spouse, or friend is on the mission team, I agree to make every effort to interact with all the members of the team. (Philippians 2:1-2)
7. I understand the need for grace and flexibility when working together with an unfamiliar team in an unfamiliar culture. When dealing with conflict, I will handle it graciously and attempt to quickly resolve any conflict that may arise. (1 Corinthians 9:19)
8. I agree to follow the trip schedule and participate in all group functions. I know that participation to deviate from scheduled activities or to separate from the group for any reason must be obtained from the trip leader. (Philippians 2:3)
9. I will remember that I can be sent home at my own expense if I do not adhere to this covenant or if my team leader believes it is in my best interest or in the best interest of the team.

As an ambassador of Christ, I, _____, have read and understand the importance of following the above policies, and agree to adhere to them to the best of my ability.

Participant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent / Guardian Signature (if participant is under 18): _____