

MISSION TRIP POLICY

I realize that the following elements are crucial to the effectiveness, quality, and safety of our short-term mission trip together. As a member of the short-term mission trip team, I agree to:

- **REMEMBER** that I am a guest working at the invitation of FBC Sudbury Church in partnership with a local pastor and church.
- **REMEMBER** that I have come to learn AND to teach.
- **RESPECT** the host's view of Christianity. I recognize that Christianity has many faces throughout the world and that the purpose of this trip is to witness and experience faith lived out in a new setting.
- **ABIDE** by FBC Sudbury's guidelines for relationships while I am serving on the trip.
- **DEVELOP** and maintain a servant's attitude toward all nationals and my teammates.
- **RESPECT** my team leader and agree to submit to their authority including field leadership decisions and all FBC Sudbury's short-term mission trip policies.
- **REMEMBER** that the conditions (bathrooms, food, accommodations, etc.) may not be comparable to what I am accustomed to in the United States.
- **MAINTAIN** a positive attitude and bring any concerns, questions or problems to the team leader (s) instead of discussing the situation with a fellow teammate.
- **RESPECT** the work that is going on in the country with the particular church(es) or person(s) with whom we are working. I realize that our team is present for just a short while, but the local church is present for the long-term. I will respect their knowledge, insights and instructions.
- **REFRAIN** from negative political comments or hostile discussions concerning our host country's politics.
- **SHOW** deference to our brothers and sisters according to their convictions about certain doubtful things, such as abstaining from any consumption of alcoholic beverages and the use of tobacco while on the trip.
- **ATTEND** pre-trip training meetings.