

Team Standards

THE WORD OF GOD WILL BE OUR STANDARD AT ALL TIMES

Please meditate on these Scriptures:

“Fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.” Philippians 2:2 NKJV

“Let us hold fast the confession of our faith without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works.” Hebrews 10:23-24 NKJV

1. Profess Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior
2. Agree with the tenets of faith and doctrine of [*insert organization*]
3. Be an active participant in a church

OBEY THOSE IN AUTHORITY

“Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.” Hebrews 13:17 NKJV

“Be kindly affectionate one to another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another.” Romans 12:10-12 NKJV

1. The authority of the team leader is final
2. Be willing, regardless of title, to perform any task assigned to you
3. Support all phases of ministry, especially by active participation
4. Assembling together

“And let us consider one another in other to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10:24-25 NKJV

1. During the trip, we will have prayer, devotions, and communion each day. (It will last 30 minutes at most.) Everyone will be required to attend. If you would like to give a devotion or share from your heart, please make this known.
2. The meetings may be called at other times as well; these would also be required.

YOU MUST BE WILLING TO ABIDE BY ALL LAWS AND LOCAL CUSTOMS

“Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men.” Titus 3:1-2 NKJV

“Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake, whether to the king as supreme, or to governors as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men—as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God. Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.” 1 Peter 2:13-17 NKJV

“Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. For he is God’s minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God’s minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience’ sake. For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God’s ministers attending continually to this very thing. Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.” Romans 13:1-7 NKJV

1. Entrance into and exit out of the country
2. Photography
 - a. Unless told by the team leader, consider it illegal to take pictures of anyone in uniform, or a government building.
 - b. It is illegal to photograph some people groups without permission. Before beginning to take pictures, check with your leader(s) or the nationals.
 - c. Be sensitive and considerate of both those you are photographing and those watching you take photos.
3. There may be other specific laws and customs you will be expected to abide by.

BE AN EXAMPLE TO THOSE AROUND YOU

“Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles: that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.” 1 Peter 2:11-12 NKJV

“But beware lest by somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.” 1 Corinthians 8:9-13 NKJV

“Let no one despise your youth; but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” 1 Timothy 4:12 NKJV

1. The following behavior will not be permitted:
 - a. Use of alcoholic beverages
 - b. Use of tobacco in any form
 - c. Gambling
 - d. Card playing of any kind **in public**
 - e. Noisy or disorderly conduct at any time
 - f. Use of profanity or temperamental outbursts
 - g. No two individuals of the opposite sex are to be alone together (unless married to each other). If preparing to engage in some action of a questionable nature or one which could be misconstrued or misunderstood by the nationals or fellow team members, the team leader(s) should be consulted.
2. Dress code
As appropriate for the country. Casual attire (loose and comfortable dresses, skirts, slacks are suitable) and should be all-cotton.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

“For each one shall bear his own load.” Galatians 6:5 NKJV

1. Be willing to bear your own personal trip expense.
2. Be in good health and physically fit (a doctor’s statement may be requested).
3. Medical treatment is your financial responsibility before, during, and after the trip, medical and/or accidental. Insurance is suggested if your policy will not cover this.
4. You are responsible for all your own supplies, and the packing and carrying of your personal items and team supplies assigned to you.

It is imperative that you abide by these guidelines while in the host country to prevent any potential/actual damage to the work of the team and the nationals we will be working with and ministering to.