

## **MISSION TEAM COVENANT:**

As a member of a mission team through First Baptist Church, Eastman I understand that we are being sent out in the name of Jesus Christ. The goal of our team is to share the Gospel and fulfill the Great Commission tangibly and effectively through all we say and do.

As we partner with local believers and missionaries, we must remember that we have the privilege of being guests in the country in which we are serving. Therefore, we must remember that we are not only representing ourselves and our church, but our local partners as well.

It is therefore essential that each team member understands and agrees to certain principles of conduct while serving with the team. The purpose of this covenant is to advance the gospel, and not detract from the work which God has called us to. The principles of conduct include the following:

1. As part of this mission team I will always put the good of the team and others before my own personal wants or desires. I promise to participate fully in the ministry we are called to and will do all that I can to build a spirit of unity, cooperation, participation, and service within our team.
2. As we partner with our missionaries and national brothers and sisters, I promise to do all that I can to enhance their work and reputation. I acknowledge that I do not fully understand the local culture, language, or customs and will trust the missionaries and local believers with whom we serve to know how we can best compliment and support their ministry.
3. The consumption, purchase, or use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, or any illegal substances is strictly prohibited. I will therefore refrain from engaging in any of these activities while on the mission trip.
4. Mission trips provide opportunities for close bonds of friendship and camaraderie to develop through the emotional and physical strains of the trip. Therefore, I will exercise extreme discretion in my conduct towards members of the opposite sex within our team and among those whom we serve. I promise to always maintain the highest standards of personal conduct during this trip.
5. Preparation for the trip is crucial for each member of our team and helps in developing better team dynamics. With that in mind, I will make every effort to participate in all team meetings. I commit to being present for the final team meeting immediately preceding our departure unless absence from the meeting has been approved in advance. I understand that inadequate involvement in the team preparation meetings may disqualify me from participating in the trip.

By signing below, I commit to abide with this covenant and partner with FBC Eastman to minister in the name of Jesus Christ.

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Signature

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Date