

## APPENDIX 2

### Mission Team Trip Covenant Sample

#### **Our mission verse:**

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”

Matt. 28:18

#### **Our guiding verse as a team:**

“... complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to her own interests, but also to the interests of others.” Phil. 2:2-4.

#### **Attitudes:**

Have the mind/attitude of Christ: “... though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant...” Phil. 2:5.

- I choose to imitate Jesus, taking on the nature of a servant
- I will put others first, considering them more important than myself
- I will be compassionate, thoughtful and considerate even when I don't understand others' needs or motivations
- I will speak to my leaders privately if I am experiencing something that vexes my attitude and try not to let it permeate the team

#### **Authority:**

“Obey your spiritual leaders and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit.” Heb 13:17 NLT

- I willingly choose to obey my leaders' decisions and guidelines even when I disagree with them, therefore, I am submitting to God as my ultimate authority
  - o I will follow those whom Michelle or Boto appoints as team or group leads for periods of time

#### **Flexibility**

“I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.” Phil 4:11

- I will remember that this is God's project and His schedule and agenda, not mine

- I will allow God to teach me to go with the flow and be content in whatever circumstance I may find myself
- I will be patient and prayerful for, rather than judgmental of, those who may struggle with this

### **Time management**

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.” Eccl 3:1

- I will be on time for meetings, gatherings and meals, even if others (including Boto) are not
- I will attend all mandatory team gatherings – devotionals, evening debriefs, planning sessions, etc. – unless I am physically ill or engaged in a specific and authorized mission task (see intentionality).

### **Intentionality**

“But Jesus called to them and said, ‘Let the children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the Kingdom of God.’”

- I will take time to be in the presence of the person speaking to me
  - o If I’m involved in a Gospel conversation/home visit with someone, my prayer/work partner will report back to the team either in person or by phone, and then come and wait with me until I/ we are finished speaking to that person (this is the only exception to being on time)

### **Safety**

“...you alone, O LORD, make me dwell safely

- Recognizing that it is the Lord who keeps us safe, I will take reasonable precautions to protect my personal safety and that of my team members
  - o I will not wander away from the group by myself at any time, even if I know where the group is and what it is doing.
  - o I will always be in the company of at least one other person while on the mission “field” in Jackson Heights, and in a group of no fewer than three people while sightseeing/having free time. My leaders will determine the appropriate size of the groups for the environment.
  - o If for any reason I feel I need to do something on my own, I will inform Michelle well ahead of the fact, and let her decision guide my actions.

### **Relationships/Conflict Resolution**

“Speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Him who is the Head, that is, Christ... Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.” Eph 4:15, 29

- I will choose to use words that build others up.
- I will speak kindly of others, even if tempted to speak ill of them behind their back.
- If I have a conflict with my sister, I will not let the sun go down on my anger. I will go to that person one-on-one, humbly sharing my concern. If that doesn't resolve the conflict, I will take it to Michelle and Nikki (Matt. 18:15-16).

### **Responsibilities**

“Each one should test her own actions. Then she can take pride herself without comparing herself to somebody else, for each one should carry her own load.” Gal 6:4-5

- I will lay aside my personal agendas, carrying my weight as a team member
- I will cheerfully carry out the tasks I'm asked to do, even if they don't play to my “spiritual gifts”
- I will maximize my strengths and gifts and go the extra mile with God's help
- I will be honest with what I can and cannot handle (especially if it is a physical or emotional burden).

With the Lord's help, I commit to adhere to this team policy. I do so trusting that He will use it to test me, developing my perseverance, and then leading me to maturity in Him. (James 1:2-4)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_