

SHORT-TERM MISSIONARY COVENANT

As a short-term missionary participant with Greater Europe Mission, I am an ambassador for Jesus Christ, my local sending church or organization, Greater Europe Mission and my country of passport. With these responsibilities, as well as the desire to develop a true team atmosphere and to impact the European culture to which I am being sent, I will strive to be above reproach in all my actions and attitudes. To this end, throughout the trip I agree to:

Non-negotiable issues (must be included in covenant):

- submit to all authority placed above me
- submit my will to the will of the team
- refrain from developing any dating relationship with nationals
- refrain from the following objectionable habits: abusive language, consumption of illegal drugs
- dress appropriately for the culture
- be flexible in my ways of worship, time management, food consumption and habitat
- refrain from political arguments that often distract from the Gospel
- refrain from judging my brothers and sisters in Christ in regard to non-biblical and gray areas represented by cultural differences
- only give gifts to nationals through approved measures

Negotiable issues (need to be discussed and decided upon)

- refrain from developing a dating relationship with other team members
- refrain from the following activities that might be divisive: drinking alcohol, smoking (some sending organizations and some ministries may ask that this item be included)
- refrain from charismatic forms of worship (raising hands, clapping, speaking in tongues)
- refrain from using headphones/private music players in the presence of other team members
- refrain from playing personal music loud enough for others to hear
- Women: wear a dress and/or head covering/sit on the opposite side of the room from men/remains silent during church services. (This item is an example of a covenant that might be required if your team is going to a conservative, Eastern European ministry site).
- There are many other issues, depending upon both the sending and receiving ministry, that need to be decided upon by the team and team leader in conjunction with the Project Supervisor.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

After your covenant is decided upon and approved, each team member should be given a copy and the signed copy returned to the GEM Team Leader.