Team Covenant

The following is a covenant, but we are not asking you to sign it for our benefit. No one will be standing by to say “GOTCHA” if you fall short. This covenant has been developed based on leadership and participation in many short-term trips. We firmly believe that adherence to these items will help to facilitate a trip that will honor God and will ensure that you and your fellow team members have a wonderful experience. We ask you to look over the following items and to covenant with God to follow through.

1. **We covenant to pray** for the ministry preparations, the staff of TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH, the Haitian pastors, those who will hear the Gospel, our team supporters and each other.

2. **We covenant to maintain a close personal relationship with our Lord** through personal devotions, prayer and Bible study before and during our trip.

3. **We covenant to submit to team leadership, to attend team meetings and to be responsible for our specific area of responsibility.**

4. **We covenant to do what we can to promote a “team atmosphere.”** We will look for the needs of others and will step forward to do what we can to meet those needs. We will help each other to maintain a positive attitude, to be gracious, forgiving and helpful. We will refrain from complaining, withdrawing from the group and insisting on our own way. In order to conduct ourselves in a wise and prudent manner that is pleasing to our Lord, we will seek to be friendly and approachable and will avoid being loud or obnoxious.

5. **We covenant to stay flexible and allow the Lord to rearrange our plans**.

6. **We covenant to make every effort to accept the traditions of a new culture**. We will be sensitive to the needs of our Haitian hosts and the people we serve.

7. **We covenant to receive new experiences and learn from them**. We will embrace the opportunity to eat new food, sing new songs and learn from those who live a completely different life. We welcome the opportunity to be blown completely out of our comfort zone.

8. **We covenant to do what we can to reflect the Christ within us.** We will make every effort to submit to the Lord’s direction, to deny ourselves, pick up our crosses and follow Christ. We will remain willing to serve the Lord in any way possible and to walk through any doors He may open for us. We will refrain from saying: “This is the way we do it in America.”