SHORT-TERM TEAM GUIDELINES

APPLICATION

- As soon as you know that you would like to participate in a trip, complete a “Short-Term Application Form" and return it to the following address:

  Tabernacle Baptist Church
  Haiti Mission Trip
  2500 West Randol Mill Road
  Arlington, Texas 76012

- Parental or guardian permission to participate in a trip is required if you are under eighteen years of age.
- Should any of the information you provided in your application change from the time you complete the application until your departure, please inform TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH.

EXPECTATIONS

- As a representative of Jesus Christ, TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH and the field host, each participant is to be above reproach in his/her behavior.
- Participants must submit to the authority of the team leader and of the field host.
- Abusive and/or foul language, illegal drugs, alcohol and tobacco are prohibited.
- Attire must be modest at all times. Modesty differs from culture to culture; appropriate attire for each trip will be discussed.
- The team leader will inform participants of appropriate and inappropriate behaviors specific to their field and participants must abide by these guidelines.
- Participants should refrain from expressing political views while on a short-term trip.
- If the behavior of a participant proves to be unacceptable, the team leader and the field host have the authority to ask the participant to return home. Any additional costs incurred as a result of this action will be at the participant’s expense.
- Please respect the host and the country you are visiting. Participants may run across procedures that seem to be inefficient. Please resist the temptation to inform the hosts about “how we do things.” Be open to learning other people’s methods and ideas.
- Respect the work that is going on in the country. The TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH team is on the field for just a short while, but the missionary and the local church are there for the long term. Respect their knowledge, insights and instructions.

INSURANCE

- TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH ***requires*** that each team member carry short-term international medical insurance. Coverage includes accidental death, medical expenses, emergency medical transportation, and property loss. Coverage can be obtained from ***International Medical Group*** (IMG) through the JesusSavesHaiti.com website by clicking on the “MISSION TRIPS” button and the clicking on the “Obtain IMG Coverage Here” link.
- TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH does not assume financial responsibility for replacing lost, stolen, or damaged items during the course of a short-term trip unless such items were being used, upon the authority of the team leader, for team ministry at the time of loss or damage.
- Any expenses incurred on a trip that are not covered by the short-term insurance are the responsibility of the short-term participant.

FINANCIAL POLICIES

- Each team member is responsible for raising all the funds he/she will need to participate in a given short-term trip.
- Should a team member decide to leave a trip early of his/her own volition, or leaves in the event of an emergency for reasons not covered under team insurance, he/she will bear responsibility for all expenses incurred in this process.

CRISIS PROTOCOL

- The safety of our short-term teams is of paramount importance to TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH and its leadership team.
- The team leader(s) will monitor State Department travel advisories before departure in order to ascertain its assessment of travel to the target field.
- Teams are not automatically excluded from travel to parts of the world that are deemed hazardous by the American government. By signing the "Travel Abroad Release," the participant acknowledges the hazard(s) involved in traveling to the field of destination and releases TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH from all liability associated with participating in the trip except that arising from gross negligence on the part of TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH and/or its representatives.
- Isolated incidents of violence or political unrest within a country do not automatically constitute just cause to bring a team back home.
- In the event of war involving a host country, a team will be called back home.
- A team member has the right to return home of his/her own volition during a crisis, be it perceived or real. All expenses incurred in the return will be born by the individual.
- Should a crisis develop in the host country, official pronouncements from the State Department will serve as guidelines for the TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH leadership team.
- Each team member will be financially responsible for all expenses incurred in his/her return home due to crisis, including air fare.