

MISSION TRIP CODE OF CONDUCT

As a New Zion Baptist Church (NZBC) Missions Team member, you are expected to conduct yourself according to the highest standards of integrity and morality. Agreeing to serve on a NZBC Missions Team means that you are agreeing to adhere and abide by the guidelines, policies, and procedures of NZBC Missions Team. Failure to follow these regulations will result in disciplinary action and possibly your dismissal from the mission field, in which case you will travel home at your own expense.

The following guidelines are meant to further the usefulness and safety of your mission trip. As a NZBC Missions Team member you are expected to:

1. Go as a servant disciple of Jesus Christ and will adopt that attitude when dealing with my fellow team members and the people I meet during the trip.
2. Accept and submit to the leadership role and authority of the team leader(s) and promise to abide by his or her decisions as they concern this mission trip
3. Refrain from using tobacco, alcoholic beverages, or illegal drugs at any time during the mission trip.
4. Come home the same way you left. This includes body piercing, tattoos, etc.
5. Abstain from making derogatory comments or getting involved in arguments regarding people, politics, sports, religion, race, or traditions.
6. Attend all team meetings, both prior to departure and during the mission trip.
7. Refrain from meddling, complaining, and using obscene or insensitive humor.
8. Adhere to the dress code established for your trip.
9. Make sure the group leader(s) knows where you are at all times. You should never wander off alone while on the mission field.
10. Understand that mission trips can be difficult, and promise to adopt a flexible attitude, as plans may need to be changed.
11. Interact with all members of your team, not just those members that you knew before your trip.
12. Fast from dating for the duration of the mission trip. Do not seek out romantic relationships with a team member, team leader, overseas worker, or national you might meet on the trip.
13. Refrain from giving gifts, such as money, clothes, jewelry, tape players, etc. Although the intent of the giver is good, the results after we leave can cause problems for our host, and jealousy amongst the nationals who did not receive such gifts. If you feel compelled to give a gift to someone you have met, consult first with the team leader(s) or host before you promise or give the gift, and promise to let him or her make the final decision on this matter. This does not apply to the small fellowship tokens we may discuss and have approved before leaving home.
14. Act as a servant-disciple of the local pastor or missionary. Respect the advice you are given concerning attire, eating and drinking, and either such traditions that will help you to assimilate into the local community.
15. Refrain from any other behavior or activity that would hinder your ministry or the ministry of your team during the term of your service.

I have read and understand and agree to the above standards for conduct. I understand and agree that in the event that my conduct is considered so unsatisfactory that it jeopardizes the success of the trip, and that mediation during the trip has failed to correct my behavior, that my services with the mission shall end and I shall return home immediately at my own expense.

Date

Printed Name of Participant

Signature of Participant

If the participant is a minor (under the age of 18):

Date

Printed Name of Participant

Signature of Participant

