



## Mission Trip Covenant

I realize that the following elements are critical to the effectiveness, quality, and safety of our mission trip to Kenya. As a member of the team I have read these covenant statements below and agree to abide by the following statements:

1. I am a guest working at a mission site hosted by **h.o.w? Ministry** and its partners in Kenya. I have come to serve. I understand that I may experience procedures that I think are inefficient or attitudes that I find closed-minded. However, I will resist the temptation to inform my hosts about how I would do things. I will be open to learning other people's methods and ideas.
2. I will maintain an attitude of honor, dignity, and respect towards our hosts, my teammates, and team leaders. I will support my team leader and his or her decisions.
3. I will not leave my assigned area of service or separate myself from my assigned group without first obtaining permission from the team leader. **I WILL ALWAYS HAVE AT LEAST ONE OTHER TEAM MEMBER WITH ME IF I MUST BE AWAY FROM THE GROUP IN ANY AND ALL SETTINGS.**
4. I will refrain from gossip and criticism. I will refrain from grumbling and complaining. I acknowledge that participating in a trip to Africa can present numerous unexpected and undesired circumstances including logistical changes. However, the rewards of conquering such circumstances are immense.
5. I will respect the on-going work that is being conducted by **h.o.w? Ministry** partners and other organizations, churches, or people with whom we are working. I realize that our team is here for just a short time and that local people are involved in long-term mission work. Therefore, I will respect their knowledge, insights, and instructions.
6. I will refrain from political comments or discussions concerning our host country's politics and culture. I will abstain from any behavior or practice that is not conducive to the values and objectives of the community I am serving.
7. I will abstain from tobacco and illegal drug use during the ENTIRE trip. Alcohol use by Christians is not acceptable in some African countries and so we will respect their culture and not our own beliefs on the practice. In some settings alcoholic beverages are permitted.
8. I will not engage in any public display of affection that could be deemed as offensive by our hosts and in the Kenyan culture.
9. I am committed to serve God, the people of Kenya, and my group with love, patience, skill, and understanding. I will participate with an open heart and mind endeavoring to become a more faithful servant.

**ANY INFRINGEMENT OF THESE RULES COULD RESULT IN MY BEING SENT HOME EARLY AND ANY ADDITIONAL COST WILL BE MY RESPONSIBILITY.**

**h.o.w? Ministry** is dependent on prayer and meditation in His word.

We believe that without prayer our work is in vain.

Our desire is to be used by God so that He alone may be glorified.

As we submit to serve Him moment by moment may we experience the answer to Jesus' prayer in

John 17:21: "My prayer for all of them is that they will be one, just as you and I are one, Father-that just as you are in me and I am in you, so they will be in us, and the world will believe you sent me."

Heavenly Father,

We pray for widows and the children of the world who feel abandoned, that they may know You and your mercy.

We pray for widows and children whose only hope is the next meal, that You may become the center of their lives, and that they may know a greater purpose and hope in YOU.

We pray for those who are willing to visit and serve widows and orphans that they will not delay in administering care and that they will be effective in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We give thanks for your hand of protection and provision for widows and children of the world who don't know a provider. Thank you for revealing the Way, the Truth and the Life of Jesus Christ.

In His precious name we pray. Amen

Please initial below

\_\_\_\_\_I agree to ask my family, friends, my church congregation, and pastor to commit to covering me, my team, and this mission trip with their prayers for safety in traveling and serving. We need prayers that this team would glorify the Lord in how we speak, serve each other, and minister to those we serve in Kenya.

\_\_\_\_\_Missions is bringing the gospel of Jesus Christ to those who don't know him as Lord and Savior.

Matthew 28:18-20 Acts 1:8 2 Peter 3:9 Matthew 22:36-40

I agree to serve others as the hands and feet of Christ, with an open mind and ears to hear His voice and desire for my life to be transformed; I seek to be radically sold out for God.

\_\_\_\_\_I agree not to give out or exchange any personal information with any National (Kenyan). This includes phone numbers, mail, email, facebook, and any other social media addresses. I agree that all communication with those I meet or befriend must go through [h.o.w? Ministry](#) including, but not limited to personal correspondence and projects. I understand this provides safety and protects the integrity of the ministry for those we serve and those who serve.

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_