

2019 MIDLAND FREE IMPACT TEAM COVENANT

As a part of the Midland Free Impact team you are applying for, this covenant is designed to spur you on in Christ-like obedience as you participate in this trip. Please read through the following areas you are committing to. As you (and your parents) sign this covenant, you are expected to step up to all that is included.

Unity of the Team

1. I commit to attend and participate in team meetings prior to the trip in order to build team relationships, prepare and train for ministry activities and receive information I need for the trip. (see attached schedule where available)
2. In the event that I must miss a team meeting, I understand that it is my responsibility to inform my team leader as **early as possible** that I will not be able to attend and get the information from that meeting.
3. In the event that I miss more than 2 meetings, I understand this may be grounds for my removal from the trip.

Attitudes

1. I commit to being God focused, striving to keep my eyes fixed on Jesus. I commit to learning this attitude in training and to leave behind negative and harmful attitudes during the trip that may distract me from seeing God work in me and others.
2. I will go as a servant on this team to share Christ's love with those in need. I commit to an attitude of respectfulness of other cultures remembering I am a guest on their turf. As a part of a Midland Free team I agree we are committed to spreading the gospel, participating in relief work and church planting among the nations as opposed to spreading the American culture. When I leave the field I will leave behind a focus on God not culture.
3. I agree to willingly submit to the leadership from Midland Free or agency which we are serving. I will be open and teachable for correction if I find myself wanting to do things my own way or if I am self focused.
4. I will hold other team members accountable to this covenant as they will me also. I will do this with authenticity, integrity and compassion. I will seek the Lords guidance first in all issues before bringing it to another team member. Each member of the team is expected to deal with any interpersonal issues both before the trip and on the field, resolving them in a timely manner as to maintain grace and unity. As a team member I commit to being open and pro-active in my communication with others and in the biblical model of conflict resolution.
5. I commit to the practice that men should minister to men and women to women. I will use discretion when relating to members of the opposite sex so as to be above reproach in all that I do. I further agree to refrain from pursuing any romantic relationship with a member of the team or at

the ministry location during the training or trip. In order to maintain accountability and promote Christ-like behavior by all trip participants at all times:

- a. I will not allow myself to get in a situation where I am alone with a person of the opposite gender either from the team or from the area we are working in. This would include in a nonpublic place like a room or in a public place separated from others.
- b. I will be above reproach in any physical contact with people of the opposite gender either from the team or from the area we are working in.

Code of Behavior

1. So that I remain of clear mind and in obedience to God I will refrain from drinking alcohol and all forms of tobacco. (For all youth this applies during training thru the end of the trip and for adults during the trip) I will also refrain from the use of illegal drugs.
2. I choose to be modest in my attitude and outward appearance by following the dress code given by Midland Free and the agency I will be serving.
3. I will stay safe by going out with groups of three team members with one being a male team member. Team leaders should always know of my whereabouts. I also agree to follow all safety precautions given to me from the leadership of Midland Free and the agency with whom we are serving.
4. Because of my commitment to stay focused on Gods plan for me on this trip I agree to not bring my cell phone or other electronic devices that would be a distraction. I understand that the only individuals permitted to carry and use cell phones are the team leaders for trip communication purposes.

Discipline:

1. I understand that by choosing not to follow the covenant I've signed I will be going back on my word and will be disobeying God. This will demonstrate that I'm not ready to participate on this team and will forfeit my team membership. If I am unable to comply with this covenant while on the field I may be required to return home early at my expense. Also, I understand that plans and monies are being spent on the basis of my signing this form and I will be responsible for any money that is unrecoverable in the event that I am unable to keep my commitment to go on this trip.

As a member of a Midland Free short-term Impact trip team, I will go as a servant-disciple of Jesus Christ and hold this attitude towards others, and I will adhere to the above covenant while training and during the trip.

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature (required for youth trip) _____

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