

# FARSIGHT CHRISTIAN MISSION, INC. ( FCM)

## Acknowledgement of conditions, rules, and release of liability.

### Travel:

Travel and involvement in a short-term mission activity does involve some risk. There will be travel required to get to the starting point of the trip. Most mission trips involve some flying to and from the mission country on commercial airlines. Once on the mission field, travel usually involves the use of private and sometimes public vehicles to get to and from our proposed mission work site. Nowhere in the world are there highways or vehicles of the quality to which we in the U.S. have grown accustomed.

Every possible precaution that can be taken to insure safe travel is the standard by which the Farsight Team operates. All drivers are known to the team leaders and are familiar with the driving conditions of the area. Night driving and driving in inclement weather are avoided whenever possible. Vehicles are evaluated and questionable parts are repaired or replaced at FCM expense if necessary when a problem becomes known.

### Health and Sanitation:

All team members are instructed in safe health habits prior to entering the mission country and reminded periodically of these safety tips.

Food is brought from the U.S. for meals that the team eats when we are not in the residence of the host missionary. Eating in commercial establishments is rare and only in selected restaurants that are known to be safe from prior research by the team leaders.

All water not from bottled sources is treated and filtered, and rigid rules apply to water safety.

When in tropical areas, team leaders require the use of sun block and insect repellent by all members of the team.

Physical contact with the local population is kept to a minimum of handshakes and hugs of welcome and farewell. Any questionable contact gets an immediate application of an alcohol swab, which is a standard in-pocket item throughout the trip.

Alcohol swabs are used to wipe the outside of bottled drinks, cuts, scratches, insect bites, kissed cheeks, and hands after any bathroom activity.

An expedition grade first-aid kit goes everywhere with the team. It contains all the basic first aid antiseptics, ointments, and Band-Aids, along with medicine for colds, sinus, headache, allergies, inflammation, water purification, diarrhea, heartburn, constipation, and poison ivy. It comes with epinephrine pens in case of an allergic reaction to a bee sting or insect bite. There is everything needed to remove splinters, sterilize and close a wound, or wash foreign material from an eye.

### General Safety:

When in unfamiliar territory all team members are required to travel in groups. A group is defined as more than two and must contain more than one male member of the team. This includes going to the restroom.

### Rules of team conduct:

1. The team leaders are in charge and their directions must be followed. There may come a time when the leader will only have one opportunity to speak and the safety of the entire team may depend upon listening and responding. No team leader will ever give an order that would put a team member's health or safety in jeopardy.

2. There will be no cursing, profane, vulgar, or lewd words or actions from any team member.

3. There will be no use of tobacco, alcoholic beverages, or any controlled or illegal substance. Prescription medicine that the team leaders are informed of is the only exception.

4. There will be no public or private displays of affection among members of the team or with any local acquaintance. Group and individual hugs and a singular kiss-on-the-cheek are permitted.

5. Modesty shall be practiced and honored in dress and attitude. One piece or conservative 2piece bathing suits for girls, boxers for the guys.

Local culture imposes some constraints so it is best to always lean toward conservative or ask in advance to avoid being asked to cover-up or change.

(Haiti) Guys, sorry no earrings or piercings. Men wearing earrings in Haiti has a negative connotation.

(Mexico) The people are extremely modest everywhere but at the beach.

6. The old axiom applies; if you can't say something good don't say anything at all. A controlled temper and tongue are a must for all team members.

### Travel finance:

Each member of the team is responsible for raising sufficient support to cover his/her costs and a portion of the project expense. A sample support appeal letter is provided. It is the members' responsibility to generate a mailing list and correspond with their potential supporters in a timely manner. Any funds generated in excess of the minimum amount required will be used as follows. It will be used to help other team members meet their required amount. (This is done only after each member has done all that is required of him or her and is still unable to generate sufficient funds.) It is applied toward expanding the original project to accomplish more than was originally planned.

Finally, it goes into a reserve fund to cover the costs involved in setting up future short-term mission trips.

Farsight Christian Mission, Inc. is an evangelistic Christian mission work functioning as a tax-exempt corporation in the state of Florida. The leader/coordinator is Levern Halstead. All support contributions made to Farsight Christian Mission are tax deductible. Donors will receive a receipt for contributions at the end of the year. You will get a list of your donors for the purpose of sending "thank you" notes.

I \_\_\_\_\_ have read all the information herein. (Print your name in the space)

**I understand** that there are risks involved in foreign travel.

**I understand** that every precaution will be taken to minimize any risk.

**I agree** to do my part and assist in every way possible to add to the safety of the team and the local people.

**I agree** to abide by all the rules listed here and any other directions and instructions given by the team leaders.

**I release** Farsight Christian Mission, Inc. and Levern Halstead of any liability for incidents, events, accidents, or injuries that may result from participating in this short-term mission trip.

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Signature of Team Member

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Date

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Signature of Parent, Guardian or Spouse

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Date