

APPLICATION FOR SHORT TERM MISSION TRIP

Short Term trip Country: _____ City: _____ Dates: _____

I. General Information

Name (as it appears on your passport!):

Last: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____

Mailing Address (No P.O. Boxes): _____

City/State/Zip: _____

	at HOME	at WORK
Telephone		
E-mail		
Fax		
Pager		
Mobile phone		

II. Pastoral Endorsement

I recommend that this Applicant represent Jesus Christ and our church on the mission field with New Life Hispanic Ministries Inc.

Pastor's Name: _____ Pastor's Phone: () _____

Pastor's Signature: _____ Signature Date: _____

III. Personal Information

Gender (M/F): ___ Occupation: _____

Marital Status: Single ___ Married ___ Spouse's Name: _____

IV. Travel Information

Passport Number: _____ Citizenship: _____

Date of Issuance: _____ Date of Expiration: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

V. Field Ministry

Previous Short Term Trips (country/year): _____

Are you an ordained pastor or a lay preacher? YES NO

Would you be willing and able to give a devotional or speak at an outreach meeting? YES NO

Foreign language(s) I speak: _____ Proficiency: Good Fair "Cloudy"

Please share any special skills or abilities you would like to use during the campaign:
 (e.g., Puppets, Drama, Guitar, etc.) _____

Do you sing? YES NO Would you do special music on the campaign? YES NO

VI. Emergency Information (***REQUIRED...please be complete!***)

Emergency Contact #1 (***Do not use people who will be traveling with you to the field.***)

Name: _____ Relationship to you: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: HOME () _____ WORK () _____

Email Address _____

Emergency Contact #2

Name: _____ Relationship to you: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: HOME () _____ WORK () _____

Email Address _____

VII. Medical Information (***REQUIRED...please be complete!***)

What is your blood type _____?

Do you have any particular health problems? YES NO

Describe: _____

Are you now taking, or will you be taking, any medication(s)? YES NO

List Medications: _____

List any chronic diseases or allergies you have: _____

List any sleeping conditions you have (snoring, insomnia, etc.): _____

SHORT TERM MISSION TRIP RELEASE

(To be completed only if 18 years or older)

I, the undersigned, desire to travel to one or more foreign countries in cooperation with New Life Hispanic Ministries Inc. for the purpose of participating in one or more Mission Efforts organized by New Life Hispanic Ministries Inc., or otherwise. On behalf of myself, my heirs, representatives and assigns, I hereby release and forever discharge New Life Hispanic Ministries Inc. and its respective officers and representatives from and against any and all claims for any and all injuries (including death), losses or damages I might have or sustain on or in any way relating to any such Short Term Mission Trip, any travel to, in and from any foreign countries or any stay in foreign countries, whether before, during or after a campaign or otherwise.

I understand that travel, particularly for mission purposes, may involve significant risks and that travel to some areas of the world involves greater health and safety risks than foreign travel in general. I understand that it is my sole responsibility to gather whatever information I need in order to assess the risk involved in any travel, stay or other activity contemplated by this RELEASE. My signature on this RELEASE and my participation in any such activity means that I have to my full satisfaction obtained all information necessary for me to assess the risk and to participate willingly.

I am eighteen (18) years of age or older, and this RELEASE is binding on me and my executor, administrators, heirs and assigns.

I give New Life Hispanic Ministries Inc., and its representative(s) authority to request and authorize medical and/or hospital treatment for my benefit in the event of any injury or sickness sustained by me while on any such travel, stay or other activity, including, without limitation, while traveling to and from any foreign country. I agree to pay for all such treatment and to reimburse New Life Hispanic Ministries Inc., for all costs and expenses incurred by it with respect to such treatment.

I am a Christian and I understand that the Bible commands Christians to make every effort to live at peace and to resolve disputes with each other in private or within the Christian church (see Matthew 18:15-20; I Corinthians 6:1-8). Therefore, I agree with New Life Hispanic Ministries Inc., that any claim or dispute covered by, arising from or related to this RELEASE will be settled by biblically based mediation and, if necessary, legally binding arbitration in accordance with the *Rules of Procedure for Christian Conciliation* of the Institute for Christian Conciliation. Judgment upon an arbitration award may be entered in any court otherwise having jurisdiction. New Life Hispanic Ministries Inc. makes clear by this paragraph that such mediation and arbitration will be the sole means available to us for resolving any controversy or claim covered by, arising from or related to this RELEASE and that we expressly waive our rights to file a lawsuit in any civil court against one another for such disputes, except to enforce an arbitration decision. Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent New Life Hispanic Ministries Inc., from asserting or pleading this RELEASE as a defense in any action or proceeding brought against New Life Hispanic Ministries Inc.

I have fully read the above and understand it.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Biblical Unity on a Short Term Mission Trip

THE GOAL OF UNITY. The task of finally finishing the Great Commission is bigger than any one part of the Body of Christ. God wants to use the entire Body of Christ to finish this task. New Life Hispanic Ministries Inc. seeks to be an answer to the prayer Christ Himself prayed in John 17:20-21:

I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word: that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

STATEMENT OF FAITH. Unity must be based on truth. Cooperation that results in a dilution or compromise of the essential truths of the Bible is ecumenism, not Holy Spirit-breathed Biblical unity. We seek to work with all those who believe in the following Statement of Faith:

God. We believe that the Godhead eternally exists in three persons--the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit--and that these three are one God, having precisely the same nature, attributes, and perfections.

Jesus. We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, death on the cross to provide for our redemption, bodily resurrection and ascension into heaven, present ministry of intercession for us, and His return to earth in power and glory.

Holy Spirit. We believe in the personality and deity of the Holy Spirit, that He performs the miracle of new birth in an unbeliever and indwells believers, enabling them to live godly lives.

Bible. We believe in the divine verbal inspiration of the Scriptures. The whole Bible, in the original manuscripts, is without error. As the revelation of God, we believe the Bible to be the sole authority and sufficiency with regard to Christian faith and practice.

Man. We believe that man was originally created in the image of God. Adam fell through sin, and as a consequence of his sin, lost his spiritual life. This spiritual death, or total depravity of human nature, has been transmitted to the entire human race of man, the Man Christ Jesus alone being excepted. Thus every person is born into the world with a nature that is essentially and unchangeably sinful apart from divine grace.

Salvation. We believe that, due to universal death through sin, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless born again. Our redemption has been accomplished solely by the blood of our Lord Jesus. We believe that the new birth of the believer comes only through faith in Christ. No other acts, such as confession, baptism, prayer, faithful service, or manifestation of certain spiritual gifts, are to be added to believing as a condition of salvation.

I agree with the **Statement of Faith** written above.

Printed Name

Signature

Date Signed

Short Term Mission Trip

SHORT TERM MISSION TRIP POLICY

I realize that the following elements are crucial to the effectiveness, quality, and safety of our short term mission trip together. As a member of the team, I agree to:

1. Remember that I am a guest working at the invitation of a local church.
2. Remember that I have come to learn, not to teach. I may run across procedures that I feel are inefficient, or attitudes that I find closed-minded. I will resist the temptation to inform our hosts about "how I do things." I will be open to learning other people's methods and ideas.
3. Respect the host's view of Christianity. I recognize that Christianity has many faces throughout the world, and that the purpose of this trip is to witness and experience faith lived out in a new setting.
4. Develop and maintain a servant's attitude toward all nationals and my teammates.
5. Respect my team leader(s) and his or her decisions.
6. Refrain from gossip. I may be surprised at how each person will blossom when freed from the concern that others may be passing judgment.
7. Refrain from complaining. I know that travel can present numerous unexpected and undesired circumstances, but the rewards of conquering such circumstances are innumerable. I will try to be creative and supportive.
8. Respect the work that is going on in the country with the particular church (es) or person(s) with whom we are working. I realize that our team is here for just a short while, but that the local church is here for the long term. I will respect their knowledge, insights, and instructions.
9. Refrain from negative political comments or hostile discussions concerning our host country's politics.
10. Remember not to be exclusive in my relationships. If my close friend or spouse is on the team, we will make every effort to interact with all members of the team, not just one another.
11. Refrain from any activity that could be construed as a romantic interest toward a national. I realize certain activities that seem innocent in my own culture may seem inappropriate in others.
12. Abstain from the consumption of alcoholic beverages, the use of tobacco, or any un-Christ-like behavior while on the trip.

Printed Name

Signature

Date Signed

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