

# **Code of Conduct & Mission Standards**

## **I. Purpose and Call to Excellence**

As representatives of Jesus Christ and our respective ministries, all participants are called to a high standard of personal conduct. Our primary goal is to eliminate any potential stumbling blocks that might hinder the message of the Gospel or cause offense to the local "nationals" and partners we serve.

## **II. Substance and Lifestyle Restrictions**

To maintain a focused and holy environment, and out of respect for diverse cultural sensitivities, the following restrictions are in place for the duration of the mission trip (including travel to and from the destination):

- Alcohol: The consumption of alcohol is strictly prohibited.
- Tobacco/Vaping: Smoking, vaping, and the use of tobacco products are not permitted.

## **III. Integrity of Speech**

Our words should be used to edify and encourage.

- Language: Participants must refrain from using profanity, "cuss words," or any coarse joking.
- Tone: Speech should be seasoned with grace, reflecting the character of Christ in all interactions.

## **IV. Mutual Respect and Cultural Sensitivity**

The success of our mission relies on unity and humility.

- Respect for Nationals: We are guests in our host countries. Disrespect toward local citizens, customs, or traditions will not be tolerated. Participants are expected to maintain a learner's heart and a servant's attitude.
- Interpersonal Conduct: Disrespect, gossip, or divisiveness among team members is prohibited. We are committed to "preferring one another in love" and resolving any conflicts through biblical principles.

## **V. Compliance and Accountability**

Participation in these mission trips is a privilege. Failure to adhere to these standards may result in disciplinary action, which can include being sent home at the participant's own expense. By joining this mission, you agree to submit to the leadership of Engage Missions.

Trip Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_