



**Pleasant Grove**  
*Baptist Church*

## **International Mission Trip Application/Covenant/Release**

*And Jesus spake unto them saying, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."*

*Amen.*

**The Word of God tells us that we should do everything decently and in order. This application/covenant/release is our attempt to do just that. Opportunities for misunderstanding, legal issues, financial obligations and IRS constraints regarding contributions have led to the need for Pleasant Grove Baptist Church to approach these trips in a business manner. Please do not misinterpret these forms as cold or without feeling, but know we are grateful for your participation and are praying that the Lord will make you a world changer in a partnership with this church in the days ahead.**

Please complete this application completely and legibly. There should be no blank lines in your application. If there is a section that doesn't apply to you, please write N/A. Please mail your completed application and the other required documentation to:

**Pleasant Grove Baptist Church**  
**Attn: Denise Pritchett**  
**2537 Pleasant Grove Road**  
**Bowman, GA 30624**

### **Required Documents Checklist**

- Completed application.
- \$100 non-refundable deposit made out to **Pleasant Grove Baptist Church** (to be applied to your travel expenses).
- A photocopy of your passport and health insurance card.

### **Personal Information**

Last Name (as it appears on your passport): \_\_\_\_\_

First and Middle Name (as it appears on your passport): \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Issuance: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ (city, state)

Current Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_ Previous Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Names / Aliases (including maiden name): \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse or guardian's full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete home address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work/School Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Place of employment/school: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Work/School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you ever been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor? Yes No

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Church Information

Church Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Medical Information

Please describe your general health: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please describe any medical conditions you may have: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list any physical limitations that may prevent you from participating in certain activities:

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Have you had a physical within the last year? Yes No

In the event of a medical emergency, the mission trip leaders may need additional information to assist you in receiving treatment while traveling. The information requested below may be needed in those circumstances. This information will be kept confidential.

Name and phone number of your emergency contact in the U.S.: \_\_\_\_\_

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What medications are you currently taking, or will be taking at the time of this trip? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have any special dietary requirements? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have any allergies? \_\_\_\_\_

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Health insurance carrier: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy number: \_\_\_\_\_

Health insurance phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary person insured: \_\_\_\_\_

ID number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of doctor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

In the event of an emergency, I give permission to the leaders of the mission trip to seek medical treatment. The doctor or hospital has my permission to administer medical treatment.

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

## References

Please list three references, including their name, contact information, relationship, and how long you have known them: (do not include family members)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Additional information and agreements

Please explain your interest in participating in this trip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Previous overseas travel, places, and purpose of visit: \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you willing to work as a team, representing Christ, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, and Local Organizations, setting aside your own agenda for the benefit of the team?    Yes            No

Are you willing to submit to the authority of the team leader?    Yes            No

Are you willing to learn to appreciate your host country and refrain from expressing criticism of the local people, their culture, and methods in completing tasks?            Yes            No

Do you believe you can be flexible and patient in difficult circumstances or living conditions?    Yes            No

I agree to submit to the leadership and authority of the mission trip leader and will adhere to the standards set by that authority for this mission trip.

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

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# International Mission Trip Addendum

## A. General Attitude and Conduct

You must be willing to embrace and follow the attitudes and guidelines listed below. Please check “yes” after each statement that you are willing to embrace and sign your initials next to each. I realize that the

following guidelines are crucial to the effectiveness, quality, and safety of our international trip. As a member of the group, I agree to:

1. I will follow the decisions of those in leadership above me, including the leadership of my missionary host.

Yes, I agree. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

2. I will immerse myself in the local culture, as much as possible, and refrain from criticism of local cultures and congregations.

Yes, I agree. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

3. I will confirm joyfully the standards of the local body of believers, even if their standards are more strict than my own, including areas of dress such as dress length, wearing jeans, shorts, etc.

Yes, I agree. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

4. I realize that I may live in pioneer conditions, including the possibility of different food and small quarters while on this international ministry trip.

Yes, I agree. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

5. I will not use tobacco or illegal drugs during this ministry trip.

Yes, I agree. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

6. I realize that the specific purpose of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church is to share the gospel and to serve the people in the local community. Any available sightseeing and shopping will be permitted only if it coincides with the team's main purpose, but could be canceled if not deemed convenient for travel, time, or if it hinders the flow of our ministry trip.

Yes, I agree. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

7. I will remember that I have come to serve. I may come across procedures that I think are inefficient or attitudes that I find close-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.

Yes, I agree. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Respect for Tree of Life Ministry or SCORE International view on service and Christianity. I recognize that Christianity Has many activities throughout the world, and that one aspect of this trip is to witness and experience faith lived out in a new setting.

Yes, I agree. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

9. I will develop and maintain a submissive and cooperative attitude towards all nationals and my teammates.

Yes, I agree. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

10. I will not leave my assigned area of ministry or separate myself from my assigned group without first obtaining permission from the team leader or the group leader.

Yes, I agree. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

11. I will refrain from gossip and criticism at all times.

Yes, I agree. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

12. I will refrain from complaining. I acknowledge that participating in a trip to Africa can present numerous unexpected and undesired circumstances, but the rewards of conquering such circumstances are immense.

Yes, I agree. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

13. I will respect the work that is going on in the country of destination with the particular church(s) or person(s) with whom we are working, and thus I will respect their knowledge, insights, and instructions.

Yes, I agree. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

14. I will refrain from negative political comments or hostile discussions concerning our host country's politics and cultures.

Yes, I agree. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

15. I will abstain from any behavior or practice that is not conducive to Advocates for Africa's Children, Inc.'s values and objectives in serving the community with its humanitarian initiatives.

Yes, I agree. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read all of the above statements under "General Attitude and Conduct and agree to abide by these guidelines at all times during the trip I am applying for.

Yes, I agree. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Your signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **B. Terms and Conditions**

1. All payments, for trips and donations are non-refundable. Federal Income Tax guidelines require that all donations to PGBC are charitable contributions to the extent of the law, therefore, tax deductible gifts cannot be refunded. Upon receipt, all donations will become the sole property of PGBC.
2. 100% of the trip costs must be paid at least 30 days prior to departure date.
3. All trip participants must be 18 years or older unless accompanied by a parent or other guardian. Prior permission must be obtained.
4. In the event that a participant cannot go on a scheduled trip and has made partial or full payment thereof, and/or if the participant raises funds in excess of the trip costs, then the funds will go to support other trip expenses and organizational costs as determined by Foreign Mission Staff.
5. I am participating in the specific trip noted below (Please Circle One or Both if attending both trips)  
Dominican Republic Sport Mission Trip/SCORE International, November 14-18, 2010  
Honduras, CA/ Plan Escalon/Tree of Life Ministries, March 7-14, 2011
6. I understand that I am responsible for obtaining all funds necessary to participate in this mission trip.
7. I understand that all checks should be made payable to PGBC and that all moneys will be accounted to a personal balance sheet for each participant that will be available for access through the church office. I understand this balance sheet will be established with the submission of my initial \$100 deposit. Costs increase may be necessary based on travel costs, participants will be notified of any costs increase.

I will submit:

- \$100 non-refundable deposit by September 1, 2010
- Final Payment for Dominican Republic Trip - November 1, 2010
- Final Payment for Honduras Trip – March 1, 2011

In the event that funds raised exceed trip costs by \$100 or more, I understand that I may request such funds be applied as a non-refundable deposit toward a future foreign mission trip during the next 12 months. No interest will accrue for funds remaining on the balance sheet. At the end of the church calendar year (August 31) any remaining amount on my balance sheet will become a part of the Missions line item in the General Budget of PGBC.

In the event that I do not participate in the trip as planned, any charges incurred on my behalf (airline fees, deposits, etc.) will be deducted from the amount on my balance sheet and I will be personally responsible for any deficit. I will be responsible to pay any deficit within 45 days following notice to me of the amount of such deficit.

I have read all of the above statements under “Terms and Conditions” and agree to them.

Yes, I agree. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

## C. Release Form

### **Release, Waiver of Liability, Assumption of risk, and Covenant not to sue for participation in international missions.**

***Important: This is a legally binding document. Please read and understand this document before signing it.***

I (your name) \_\_\_\_\_, herein referred to as “The Participant”, desires to participate in a short-term humanitarian mission trip with Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Inc. In consideration for being permitted to participate in the International Mission, the Undersigned acknowledges and agrees to the following:

The Participant, of his or her own free will, agrees to participate in the International Mission.

The Undersigned understands and agrees that international travel and missions involve inherent risks, hazards, and dangers, including, but not limited to, foreign, political, social, and economic conditions which are different than the United States and which can change in an unpredictable manner, different standards of design, safety and maintenance of buildings, public spaces and transportation, varying quality of available medical treatment and different health, safety, legal, cultural and religious beliefs and conditions, poor and/or inadequate water and sanitation, the hazards of traveling by air, train, automobile, or other conveyance, the possibility of accident or illness in remote places, the exposure to acts of terrorism, civil unrest, war, or forces of nature, and/or the exposure to pathogens and disease, all of which could cause serious personal injury or loss of life to the Participant and/or loss of damage to property. The Undersigned agrees to assume all risk for any such personal injury, loss of life to Participant or properly loss or damage.

The Undersigned understands that Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Inc. is not responsible for any medical expenses anywhere in the foreign country being visited and is not responsible for any medical expenses Participant may incur while participating in the International Mission.

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Incorporated may take any action is considers to be warranted under the circumstances regarding Participant’s health and safety. The Undersigned agrees to release Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Incorporated from any liability in connection with such action.

The Undersigned further understands that Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Incorporated does not provide the Participant with any insurance, whether health, accident, or otherwise, in connection with this activity, and the Undersigned state the Participant is covered by an accident and health insurance policy which would provide coverage for medical treatment outside the United States, medical evacuation, and repatriation.

The Undersigned agrees that Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Incorporated is not responsible for any personal injury or loss of life of the Participant or loss or damage to the Participant’s property that may be caused or contributed to by the act or omission of any suppliers of goods and/or services in connection with the International Mission.

The Undersigned agrees that the Participant bears the sole responsibility for any and all travel expenses which he/she incurs in the event Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Incorporated finds it necessary to send the Participant home prior to the scheduled departure date, whether for health or physical limitations or inappropriate or immoral behavior, and whether required during the Undersigned's participation in the International Mission or not.

The Undersigned agrees that Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Incorporated are not responsible for any injury the Participant may suffer while traveling independently before or after the International Mission or during free time. For and in consideration of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Incorporated assisting me in the International Mission and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned Participant for himself/herself and his/her personal representatives, assigns, heirs, distributes, guardians and next of kin (herein the "Releasers") hereby irrevocably and unconditionally releases, waives, acquits, and covenants not to sue and forever discharges Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Incorporated and its affiliates subsidiaries, divisions, members, trustees, officers, agents, and employees (herein the "Releasees") of any and from all claims, demands, rights, and/or causes of action or whatever kind or nature now or hereafter existing, whether known or unknown, including but limited to all liability to the Releasers on account of foreseen and unforeseen bodily and personal injuries, damage to property, and the consequences thereof, including death, resulting from Participant's participation in, or in any way connected with Releasees, whether caused by or related in any way to the negligence of Releasees or otherwise.

The Participant acknowledges that he or she has read this document and has had the opportunity to ask questions concerning the document before signing, that no oral representation, statements, or inducements apart from the foregoing written agreement have been made to the Participant, and that he or she voluntarily signs the same, thereby agreeing to be bound by all of the above.

I have read all of the above statements under "Release Form" and agree to them.

Yes, I agree. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

## **D. Completion of Contract for International Mission Trip Application / Covenant / Release Form**

By signing this contract form, I acknowledge that I have carefully read and fully understand all of the contents detailed above (sections A, B, C, and D) that comprise the full contract form and that the details requested are complete and accurate. I also confirm that through the completion of this contract form, I have agreed to all the terms and conditions therein, and am legally binding myself with Pleasant Grove Baptist Church and its affiliated organizations and entities. I am also releasing these organizations from liability and agree that I am releasing forever my legal rights by signing it. I sign this application form as an exercise of my own free will.

### **Participant:**

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

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

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of witness (Witnesses cannot be family members):  
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