

Bent Tree Mission Journey Participant Forms & Agreements

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COVENANT

My Covenant with God and My Church

I realize that the following elements are crucial to the effectiveness, quality, and safety of our Mission Journey. As a member of the Mission Journey team I agree to:

- Be a fully engaged team member. This involves attending all of the Mission Journey team meetings/training sessions prior to departure, and includes a team debrief upon our return. It also includes serving wholeheartedly as part of my team while we are on the field.
- Avail myself to share my faith as the Lord leads.
- Remember that I am a guest serving at the invitation of one of our ministry partners.
- Be open to learning other people's methods and ideas.
- Respect the host country's view of Christianity. I recognize that Christianity has many faces throughout the world, and that one of the purposes of our Mission Journeys is to introduce and expose people to cross-cultural ministry, and to a greater perspective of God and His people around the world.
- Develop and maintain a servant's attitude toward all nationals and my teammates.
- Respect my team leader(s) and his or her decisions, and to submit to their authority.
- Refrain from complaining. I know that travel can present numerous unexpected and undesired circumstances. As I lean into the power of the spirit within me I agree to surrender my rights to personal comforts.
- Be sensitive to the people we are serving, and to my teammates by refraining from the use of cell phones and computers while on this Mission Journey.
- Respect the work that is going on in the country with the ministry with whom we are serving. I realize that our team is here for just a short while, but those we go to serve alongside are here for the long term. I will respect their knowledge, insights, and instructions.
- Refrain from negative political comments or hostile discussions concerning our host country's politics. In addition I will refrain from making comments that pertain to people's living conditions.
- Refrain from giving funds directly to nationals and/or missionaries during, or after the trip. Any funds that you feel led to give, must be given through the agency or ministry we are working with.
- 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.
- As a sacrifice to the Lord, and as an act of worship, to abstain from the consumption of alcoholic beverages and the use of tobacco while on the Mission Journey.

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CONTRACT

By signing this contract, I am indicating that I would like to participate in a Bent Tree Mission Journey, and I plan to obtain the funds necessary to do so. I realize that all checks should be payable to Bent Tree (or the agency) and not made out in my name.

Payment Schedule

If I am able to participate in the Mission Journey I will do my best to raise support and submit:

<u>Percentage or Amount</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
\$150 Non Refundable	With approved application and/or by first team meeting
50%	Within 2 months of departure
75%	Within 1 month of departure
85%	Within 2 weeks of departure
Balance Remaining	Within 2 weeks of return

Cancellation Procedure

Applicant must notify Outreach Ministry via email and or a letter, stating the reason they will not be participating in the trip.

Applicant must notify supporters informing of his/her not going on the trip and that support will go toward supporting others on the trip.

Must pay the difference between the cost of the airline ticket and other associated costs of the trip and the amount of support raised.

Plane ticket will be retained by Bent Tree for future use.

Other expenses incurred in preparing for the trip (for example, immunizations, passports, and so on) will not be reimbursed.

Gifts to Bent Tree become the sole property of Bent Tree. A gift to Bent Tree is a charitable contribution for federal income tax purposes to the extent permitted by law. Tax-deductible gifts cannot be refunded. In the event I do not participate in the trip, gifts to Bent Tree will go to support other members of the trip.

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Dispute Resolution

I am a Christian and believe 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 that any claim arising from or related to this Contract or any trip in which I participate shall 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. All such mediation and arbitration shall take place in Dallas, Texas. Judgment on an arbitration award may be in any court otherwise having jurisdiction. I understand that these methods shall be the sole remedy for any controversy or claim arising out of this Contract or any such trip and I expressly waive any rights I have to file a lawsuit in any civil court for such disputes, except to enforce an arbitration decision.

Expectations and Participation

- Attend all training sessions with your team before the trip
- Attend team building time including team retreat before trip
- Raise your prayer and financial support
- Commit to:
 - Pray before, during, and after the trip
 - Submit to authority of leader(s)
 - Unity of the team
 - Preparation for the trip
 - Have a flexible, servant attitude

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STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe that the Scriptures are inspired by God, inerrant and authoritative, without error in the original writing, and the divine and final authority for all Christian faith and life.

We believe in one God, creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, born of the virgin Mary; we believe that Christ shed His blood on the Cross, dying for our sins as a substitutionary sacrifice, and that He arose bodily from the grave and ascended into heaven; we believe that man finds salvation only through faith in Jesus Christ as his personal savior.

We believe that the Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Trinity, equal with God the Father and God the Son; He indwells every believer from the moment of salvation and empowers the Christian for a life that is honoring to God.

We believe that all true believers, from the day of Pentecost until the Rapture, are members of the universal church regardless of organizational affiliation.

BY-LAWS BENT TREE

Mediation and Arbitration

Article 8.08

Disputes Between Member and Church - Mediation and Arbitration. If a dispute or conflict arises between a member of the Church and the Corporation or its Related Parties (as hereinafter defined), it shall be resolved by submitting the dispute to mediation and, if necessary, legally binding arbitration in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Institute for Christian Conciliation, and judgment upon an arbitration award may be entered in any court otherwise having jurisdiction. However, if a dispute or claim involves an alleged injury or damage to which the Corporation's insurance applies, and if the Corporation's insurer refuses to submit to mediation or arbitration as described in this section, either the Corporation or the member alleging the injury or damage may declare that this section is no longer binding with regard to that part of the dispute or claim to which the Corporation's insurance applies. BY JOINING THIS CHURCH, ALL MEMBERS AGREE THAT THESE METHODS SHALL PROVIDE THE SOLE REMEDY FOR ANY DISPUTE ARISING AGAINST THE CORPORATION OR ITS RELATED PARTIES, AND THEY WAIVE THEIR RIGHT TO FILE ANY LEGAL ACTION AGAINST THE CORPORATION OR ITS RELATED PARTIES IN A CIVIL COURT OR AGENCY, EXCEPT TO ENFORCE AN ARBITRATION DECISION. This section covers any and all disputes or claims arising from or related to Church membership, doctrine, policy, practice, counseling, discipline, decisions, actions, or failures to act, including claims based on civil statute or for personal injury. For purposes of this paragraph the term "Related Parties" means the Corporation's Elders, officers, employees and volunteers to the extent that such persons were acting on behalf of the Corporation.

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RELEASE OF LIABILITY - ADULT

I, the undersigned, desiring to visit foreign countries with Bent Tree and participate in a Mission Journey organized by Bent Tree, do hereby release and forever discharge Bent Tree, and its employees, officers, directors and representatives from any and all claims for any and all injuries, losses or damages I might have on or in any way relating to such trip, including, without limitation, those relating to my leaving the United State of America and visiting foreign countries, including my stay in any such foreign country and my trip to and from any such country.

I recognize that the conditions in some of the places to which I will travel are not the same standard as the conditions to which I am accustomed (i.e., political environment and judicial systems). I realize further that there are certain health and detainment risks as well as other risks to me, and my property. I enter into participation in this trip with knowledge of those risks.

Without limiting the release above, I acknowledge that I understand that Bent Tree makes arrangements with airlines, hotels and others independent parties to provide me with the services connected with the campaign. These parties are independent suppliers over whom Bent Tree has no control. Without gross negligence on Bent Tree's part, Bent Tree is not responsible for any claims, losses, damages, costs or expenses arising out of injury, accident or death, damage, loss or delay of baggage or other property; or delay, inconvenience, loss of enjoyment, upset, disappointment, distress or frustration, whether physical or mental, resulting from (1) the act or omission of any party other than Bent Tree or its employees; (2) mechanical breakdown, government actions, weather or other factors beyond Bent Tree's reasonable control; (3) my failure to obtain documents, passport and health certificates valid through the date of re-entry, when required, in which case Bent Tree may assess a cancellation charge; (4) my failure to follow instructions, including, but not limited to, check-in and check-out times baggage handling; (5) cancellation or change for any reason in the travel services offered; and (6) medical or health problems or physical disabilities. I understand that BTBF reserves the right to cancel or alter the trip at its sole discretion.

The parties to this RELEASE are Christians and believe that the Bible commands them to make every effort to live at peace and to resolve disputes with each other in private or within the Christian church (Matthew 18:15-20; I Corinthians 6:1-8). Therefore, the parties agree that any claim or dispute arising from or related to this RELEASE shall 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. All such mediation and arbitration shall take place in Dallas, Texas. Judgment on an arbitration award may be entered in any court otherwise having jurisdiction. The parties understand that these methods shall be the sole remedy for any controversy or claim arising out of this RELEASE and expressly waive their right to file a lawsuit in any civil court against one another for such disputes, except to enforce an arbitration decision.

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

Acknowledgment and notary required (on reverse side)

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SIGNATURES

I have fully read the Bent Tree Mission Journey Release of Liability and understand it.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____

Trip: _____

Acknowledgment

State of _____ City of _____

The foregoing Release was acknowledged before me this _____ day of, _____ 20 ____

by _____.

Notary Public in and for the State of:

My Commission expires:

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MEDICAL RELEASE FORM

I _____ the undersigned listed below, do hereby authorize any necessary examination, anesthetic, dental, medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment by any duly licensed physician or dentist and hospital service that may be rendered to me under the guardian, specific, or special consent of the temporary custodian of me; whether such diagnosis or treatment is rendered at the office of the physician or dentist, or at a licensed hospital. I authorize the physician or dentist to call in any necessary consultants at his/their best judgment as to the requirements of such diagnosis or medical, dental or surgical treatment. It is further understood that those persons who have temporary custody of me will attempt to talk with the emergency contact via the telephone numbers listed below before treatment is rendered.

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If the Above Referenced are for that of an ADULT, You May STOP Here.

If The Above Referenced is for that of a MINOR, Please Complete Pages 9 & 10

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RELEASE OF LIABILITY Minor (if applicable)

I give consent for _____ to participate on the Mission Journey to(location)_____ on (date) _____. In the event _____ is injured while under the care of Bent Tree and its representatives and requires the attention of a doctor, I hereby consent to and will be responsible for any reasonable medical treatment as deemed necessary by a licensed physician. I further agree to hold Bent Tree and its representatives free and harmless of any claims, demands, or suits for damages arising from the authorization and provision of such medical treatment. I understand the nature of this event and do hereby release Bent Tree and its representatives from any liability due to accidents or injuries incurred by my son/daughter.

I hereby give permission to the physician selected by an adult sponsor for Bent Tree to secure proper treatment (including hospitalization and surgery) for my son/daughter.

I also understand and accept that Bent Tree and its leadership has reasonable rules for conduct for those taking part in its programs. I understand that the use of illegal drugs, alcohol and tobacco are forbidden. I agree to support Bent Tree in its discipline procedures, including payment for the cost of a trip home in event that my student is sent home for possession of the three forbidden items or other conduct that deems necessary.

The Bible commands us to make every effort to live at peace and to resolve disputes with each other in private or within the Christian church (Matthew 18:15-20; I Corinthians 6:1-8). Therefore, the parties agree that any claim or dispute arising from or related to this RELEASE shall be settled by the Conflict Resolution and Arbitration provisions in the Bylaws of the Church. The foregoing arbitration provision does not diminish or limit the effect of the release herein. The parties understand that these methods shall be the sole remedy for any controversy or claim arising out of this RELEASE and expressly waive their right to file a lawsuit in any civil court against one another for such disputes, except to enforce an arbitration decision.

Minor's Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent or guardian Signature: _____ Phone Number: _____

Physician's Name and Number: _____ Insurance Company Name: _____

Policy Type: _____ Policy Number: _____

Medications or Allergies: _____

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