



All team members and leaders will be asked to sign the following Code of Conduct to ensure consistency in attitude and conduct.

***I recognize and accept the following conditions which will further the usefulness and safety of our short-term mission. If accepted as a member of this Samaritan's Purse Team, I agree to:***

- Adopt an attitude that I am on this team to try to understand the host culture, not to convince them of my own viewpoint or style. I know that there are many different ways to accomplish the same objective, and know that my way is not necessarily the best.
- Abstain from making derogatory comments or partaking in arguments regarding people, politics, religion, race, or traditions.
- Go as servant-disciple of Jesus Christ and will adopt that attitude when dealing with my fellow team members and the people I meet during the trip.
- Accept and submit to the leadership role and authority of the team leader and promise to abide by his or her decisions concerning this missions trip.
- Acknowledge that by engaging in this journey, I am subjecting myself to certain risks voluntarily, including and in addition to those risks that I normally face in my personal and business life; including but not limited to such things as health hazards due to poor food and water, diseases, pests and poor sanitation; potential danger from lack of control over local population; potential injury while working; and inadequate medical facilities.
- Accepting that Samaritan's Purse has carefully developed criteria and prayerfully considered agreements to carry out it's mission. Therefore, I agree not to engage in any conversations regarding funding or finances with the national partner. Any inquiries into funding should be directed to the team leader who in turn will discuss it with the SP Teams Manager and SP Project Manager(s).
- I will attend any and all team meetings and devotional times called by the Team Leader.
- Refrain from meddling, complaining, and obscene or insensitive humour. I realize that others on my team, during the journey, and while onsite will look at me for an example of how a Christian acts, and will I not treat that responsibility lightly. I understand that travel, especially to remote locations, can be difficult, and I promise to adopt a flexible attitude and be supportive as plans may need to be changed. I understand that I must travel with the rest of the team, unless other prior arrangements are made.
- Regard the differing styles of worship with respect. I promise that where I see the need, I will witness my faith, but without a superior, colonial/Western attitude.
- I will interact with all members of the team even if a loved one or close companion is traveling with me.
- I will not initiate or seek new romantic relationships with team members or indigenous people during the trip.
- I will stay with the group while traveling and while on the field and not to wander off on my own excursions or adventures. I understand that team and individual safety is of utmost importance and I will not compromise mine or the team's well being.

- I will respect and follow safety guidelines and practices that are in place to protect team members while on a work site. I agree to abide by them as outlined by the Team Leader such as wearing steel-toed boots, gloves, hard hats etc.
- I will refrain from using tobacco or alcoholic beverages from departure in Canada until return in Canada. Additionally, I will abstain from any illegal drugs or prohibited activity while on this trip.
- Remember we are Christians from another part of the world and will be watched very closely. I will not take lightly this important responsibility of setting an example. I agree not to use inappropriate language and not to promote views inconsistent with the SP Statement of Faith.
- Accept that contact with friends and family at home may be limited to emergency situations only. The Samaritan's Purse Canada team leader will have the means to contact the Samaritan's Purse Canada office in the event of an emergency and vice versa. Contact home may be limited to these means only.
- Refrain from giving gifts, such as money, clothes, jewellery, electronics, etc. Although the intent of the giver is good, the result after we leave can cause problems for our host, and jealousy and bitterness amongst those who received no such charity. If I feel compelled to give a gift to someone I have met, I will consult first with the team leader before I promise or give the gift, and I will let him or her make the final decision on this matter. This covenant does not apply to the small fellowship tokens we will discuss and have approved before leaving home.
- Follow dress/attire guidelines in the countries where Samaritan's Purse Canada leads short-term mission trips, recognizing that my physical appearance is very important to the local church. While I am in the country, I will not wear earrings (men only), I will not wear halter tops, tank tops, tube tops, crop tops, muscle shirts, low-cut shirts, shorts above mid-thigh, or skirts above the knee.
- Comply with the team leader's directives. Where my conduct is considered so unsatisfactory that it jeopardizes the success of the trip, and that mediation during the trip has failed to correct my behaviour, that my services in connection with this mission shall end and I shall return home immediately at my own expense. If such behaviour is deemed unacceptable by the Team Leader I understand that the following process will be adhered to: 1) Verbal warning from Team Leader. If behaviour continues: 2) SP Team's Manager will be alerted by the Team Leader from the field. If behaviour still is not changed: 3) Team member will be asked to leave the field at their own expense. Transportation will be provided to nearest airport and travel arrangements will be made by SP Team's Manager. Team member will be invoiced for ticket change fee.
- I, \_\_\_\_\_, as the trip participant, accept the invitation to join Samaritan's Purse Canada (SPC) carry out its charitable activities via an excursion to \_\_\_\_\_, which will occur between the dates of \_\_\_\_\_. I understand that SPC is a non-profit charitable organization and that the costs of this ministry are covered by donations from its constituents. I also understand that SPC may only be able to undertake this mission trip if sufficient funds are raised. The cost of this mission trip to SPC is \$\_\_\_\_\_, and I pledge to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help cover these costs. Finally, I understand that tax receipts will be issued for all gifts to the fullest extent allowed by the law. Once receipted, all gifts are non-refundable.
- In signing below, I represent that I am 18 years of age or older, or my parent/guardian will sign also, accepting the above conditions on my behalf.

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

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

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