

Sample 1
Short-Term Mission Trip Risk Acknowledgement and Release Form*
Trip Information

(To be completed by the trip sponsor)

Sponsoring organization (Trip Sponsor):
Location of mission trip: Dates:
Nature of mission trip:
Name of trip sponsor's coordinator: Telephone:
E-mail:

Participant Information

(To be completed by participant or authorized guardian)

Name of participant:
Address: Telephone:
Name of emergency contact:
Daytime telephone: Evening telephone:
List any current allergies, illnesses, physical conditions, or medications:
Is sponsor authorized to approve medical treatment? Yes No
Is participant covered by personal/family medical insurance? Yes No
If yes, name of insurer:
Policy or group number:

Participant Agreement

(To be completed by participant or by parents or guardians if Participant is a minor)

I acknowledge that participation in the above trip involves risk to the Participant (and to Participant's parents or guardians, if Participant is a minor), and may result in various types of injury including, but not limited to the following: sickness, bodily injury, death, emotional injury, personal injury, property damage and financial damage.

In consideration for the opportunity to participate in the above trip, the Participant (or parent/guardian if Participant is a minor) acknowledges and accepts the risks of injury associated with participation in the trip. The Participant (or parent/guardian) accepts personal financial responsibility for any injury sustained during the trip. Further, the Participant (or parent/guardian) promises to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Trip Sponsor and its agents, employees, volunteers, or any other representatives (collectively included hereinafter in the term "Trip Sponsor") for any injury related directly or indirectly out of the above trip, whether such injury arises out of the negligence of the Trip Sponsor or otherwise.

If a dispute over this agreement or any claim for damages arises, the Participant (or parent/guardian) agrees to resolve the matter through a mutually acceptable alternative dispute resolution process. If the Participant (or parent/guardian) and the Trip Sponsor cannot agree upon such a process, the dispute will be submitted to a three-member arbitration panel of the American Arbitration Association for final resolution. [You may want to substitute this language for the language contained in the Alternative Dispute Resolution sample at

[Click here](#)

Signature:

Date:

Signature:

Date:

Participant or parent/guardian if participant is a minor

Parent/guardian if participant is a minor

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*Sample form from Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company, retrieved 4/27/07 at
http://www.brotherhoodmutual.com/pdf/M106short-term_agreement.pdf

Sample 2

Participant Release Form (Form Revised July, 2005)

Short Term Mission Trip – Grace Fellowship Church

Grace Fellowship Short Term Mission trips are not designed as “typical tourist vacations”. Most trip sites require travel to remote areas of the world where logistical requirements for volunteers may involve unconventional modes of transportation and/or accommodations. In addition, Grace Fellowship Short Term Mission trips may contain the full range of risks and inconveniences resulting from both travel and volunteer service: physical labor, timing delays, frustrations, surprises, etc. Because of the circumstances involved with these trips, we want to make certain you understand that the circumstances mentioned above are a part of this type of experience.

As a necessary precaution, Grace Fellowship Church requires that each program participant understand and execute the following release and agreement.

Participant Information

Personal Profile

Full Name

Preferred Name

Address _____

City

State

Zip Code

Phone Numbers: Home ()

Work ()

Emerg Contact Name:

Phone #:

Emerg Contact E-mail address

Male

Female

Occupation

Single

Married

Name of Spouse

Past World Missions Experience

Medical Information:

Known Allergies:

Handicaps or health restrictions:

Prescriptions or medication presently being taken:

Are you currently under a physician's care? If so, condition?

Can you swim? Yes No

At its discretion, Grace Fellowship Church may use the above information to plan the Grace Fellowship Short Term Mission trip. It will not use the information to determine your physical or emotional readiness to serve. You and your personal physician must determine your readiness and make arrangements for your health and physical requirements without relying on any action before, during, or after the trip by Grace Fellowship Church or other participants.

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Application and Release

I, _____, apply to Grace Fellowship Church to participate in the mission trip to be conducted in _____, scheduled for the dates from _____ to _____, regarding which Grace Fellowship Church has and will provide consulting services regarding selection, planning, and coordination. In consideration of the mission opportunities provided to me by the sponsoring church, and through the consulting services provided by Grace Fellowship Church, which I agree are adequate consideration, I agree to what follows.

Acknowledgment of Risks. I understand and acknowledge that due to the nature of the trip, preparing for it, traveling to and from it, and actually participating in it, involves

RISKS OF DAMAGE TO OR LOSS OF PROPERTY, HARM TO MY BODY, MENTAL FACULTIES, OR EMOTIONS, OR THOSE OF MY FAMILY, AND EVEN DEATH; and I ASSUME THOSE RISKS. Sources of damage, loss, harm or death may include, but are not limited to, (1) harmful acts or failures to act in harmony with employees, agents and volunteers of Grace Fellowship Church and other trip participants, who have varying levels of knowledge, experience, and judgment; (2) a remote, primitive, unsanitary, dangerous and at times inaccessible site; and (3) dangerous construction work. I acknowledge that Grace Fellowship Church is taking responsibility to assess or approve the fitness of the Grace Fellowship Short Term Mission trip participants. I understand and acknowledge that Grace Fellowship Church will act according to recognized mission agency procedures in the unlikely even of a kidnapping or hostage situation: and will attempt to negotiate the release of a trip participant, but will not encourage the future abduction of missionaries by paying a ransom of any kind.

Facts About Me. I am _____ years old. I am in good health and sound mind, and able to understand this Instrument. I have or will discuss my participation in the trip with my physician, have or will receive any vaccination he or she deems necessary, and will participate in the trip only if I have received his or her approval and believe that I am able to endure the strain that may be associated with such participation. I understand that my participation in the trip is contingent upon agreement by Grace Fellowship Church, but that Grace Fellowship Church is not taking the responsibility to assess and approve my fitness for participation in the trip or my signing of this Instrument.

Covenant Not to Sue, Release, and Indemnity. I promise the following: (a) I WILL NEVER SUE GRACE FELLOWSHIP FOR DAMAGES, INCLUDING DAMAGES RESULTING FROM GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH'S NEGLIGENCE (BUT NOT ITS WILLFUL AND WANTON MISCONDUCT.) That means that I hereby agree and covenant not to institute and suit or action at law or at equity against Grace Fellowship Church. I intend this Instrument to be defense to any such suit or action, and a complete bar to the commencement and prosecution of any such suit or action. (b) I RELEASE AND DISCHARGE GRACE FELLOWSHIP FROM, AND WAIVE, ANY AND ALL LIABILITIES. (c) I WILL INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS, AND DEFEND GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITIES, INCLUDING LIABILITIES ARISING FROM ITS NEGLIGENCE, (BUT NOT ITS WILLFUL AND WANTON MISCONDUCT), AND INCLUDING LIABILITIES ARISING FROM MY ACTIONS.

Definitions. When I use the following words, I mean the following: (a) "DAMAGES" means any damage of every kind and nature, including damage or loss to property, financial loss, harm to body, mental faculties or emotions, or death, resulting from, in

connection with, or in any way related to the trip weather caused by Grace Fellowship Church's negligence (but not is willful and wanton misconduct), or any other cause. "DAMAGES" includes, but is not limited to, damage that occurs or is caused during the planning of, preparation for, travel to or from the site of, and actual conduct of, the trip. (b) "I" means myself, my spouse, and my insurers, heirs, estate, legal representative, executor, administrators, successors, and assigns.

(c) "LIABILITIES" means any liability of every kind and nature in connection with my participation in the trip, including any and all causes of action, actions, suits, claims, demands, rights, damages, judgments, executions, court costs, attorney's and other legal fees, and including such liabilities that arise from claims for contribution by others that I have sued or from whom I have received compensation for DAMAGES. (d) Grace Fellowship Church means its directors, officers, employees, agents, volunteers, affiliates, associates, sponsoring churches, and cooperation institutions, and the spouse, insurers, heirs, estates, legal representatives, executors, administrators, successors, estates, and assigns of the foregoing.

Governing Law and Disputes. I agree that the laws of the State of Georgia only will govern every aspect of this Instrument, and my rights and responsibilities in connection with the trip. I intend this Instrument to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Georgia. I may sue only in state or federal court in Fulton County (Atlanta), Georgia.

Complete Reading and Understanding. I HAVE COMPLETELY AND CAREFULLY READ THE FOREGOING, UNDERSTAND IT, AND UNDERSTAND ALSO THAT I AM WAIVING LEGAL RIGHTS THAT I MAY HAVE IN THE EVENT THAT I SUFFER DAMAGE, LOSS, HARM, OR DEATH. GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH and I may amend this Instrument only in writing signed by all the undersigned.

Applicant Signature

Witness/Date

Applicant accepted for participation by Grace Fellowship Church by:

Signature

Title

Date

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Parental Consent

Parental Consent form must be completed if participant is under the age of 18 at the time this Instrument is signed.

I, _____, a custodial parent or guardian of the child identified above give consent for that child to participate in the trip (as defined above), and agree to the following, in consideration of the mission opportunities and consulting services provided by GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH. I also give permission for Grace Fellowship Church or a participant in the trip designated by one of them to take or authorize any action it, he, or she deems necessary or appropriate, including emergency anesthesia or surgery, in the event of a personal injury to my child.

I hereby acknowledge the risks to my child and myself identified above in the section captioned "Acknowledgment of Risks". I represent that my child is in good health. I have or will discuss my child's participation in the trip with his or her physician, have or will assure that my child has received any vaccination the physician deems necessary, and will allow my child to participate in the trip only if I have received the physician's approval and believe that my child is able to endure the strain that may be associated with such participation. I understand that my child's participation in the project is contingent upon agreement by Grace Fellowship Church, but that Grace Fellowship Church is not taking the responsibility to assess and approve my child's fitness for participation. My child and I apply for him or her to participate in the trip as my child's

and my own free act. No employer or other person, and no circumstance, has placed my child or me under any economic, physical, or other force or duress to compel his or her participation in the trip, or my child's or my signing of this Instrument. I also make the promises identified in the section captioned "Covenant Not to Sure, Release, and Indemnification" above, and agree to the provisions in the section captioned "Governing Law and Disputes above, on behalf of my child and ON BEHALF OF MYSELF.

I HAVE COMPLETELY READ THIS INSTRUMENT, UNDERSTAND IT, AND UNDERSTAND ALSO THAT I AM WAIVING LEGAL RIGHTS THAT MY CHILD OR I MAY HAVE IN THE EVENT THAT MY CHILD OR I SUFFER DAMAGE, LOSS, HARM, OR DEATH. GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH and I may amend this Instrument only in writing signed by all of us.

Parent Signature

Witness/Date

Applicant accepted for participation by Grace Fellowship Church by:

Signature

Title

Date

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