

# Embracing Orphans

## CODE OF CONDUCT

As an *Embracing Orphans team member*, you are expected to conduct yourself according to the highest standards of integrity and morality. Agreeing to serve on an *Embracing Orphans team* means that you are agreeing to adhere and abide by the guidelines, policies, and procedures of Embracing Orphans. Failure to follow these regulations will result in disciplinary action and possibly your dismissal from the location of service.

The following guidelines are meant to further the usefulness and safety of your trip. As an Embracing Orphans team member you are expected to:

1. Go as a servant-disciple of Jesus Christ and will adopt that attitude when dealing with your fellow team members and the people you meet during the trip.
2. Accept and submit to the leadership role and authority of the team leader(s) and promise to abide by his or her decisions as they concern the trip.
3. Refrain from using tobacco, alcoholic beverages, or illegal drugs at any time during the trip.
4. Come home the same way you left. This includes body piercing, tattoos, etc.
5. Abstain from making derogatory comments or getting involved in arguments regarding people, politics, religion, race, or traditions.
6. Attend all team meetings, both prior to departure and during the mission trip.
7. Refrain from meddling, complaining, and using obscene or insensitive humor.
8. Adhere to the dress code established for your trip.
9. Make sure the group leader(s) know where you are at all times. You should never wander off alone while on the trip.
10. Understand that the trip can be difficult, and promise to adopt a flexible attitude, as plans may need to be changed.
11. Interact with all members of your team, not just those members that you knew before your trip.
12. Fast from dating for the duration of the trip. Do not seek out romantic relationships with a team member, team leader, overseas worker, or national you might meet on your trip.
13. Refrain from giving gifts, such as money, clothes, etc. Although the intent of the giver is good, the result after you leave can cause problems, such as jealousy or fighting among locals. If you feel compelled to give a gift to someone you have met, consult first with the team leader before you promise or give the gift. The team leader makes the final decision on the matter.
14. Act as a servant toward the director, administration, or employees of the facility that you are a guest in. Respect the advice you are given concerning attire, eating, and drinking, and other such traditions that will help you assimilate into the local community.
15. Refrain from any other behavior or activity that would hinder your ministry or the ministry of your team during the term of your service.

I have read and understand and agree to the above standards for conduct. I understand and agree that in the event that my conduct is considered so unsatisfactory that it jeopardizes the success of the trip, and the mediation during the trip has failed to correct my behavior, that my services with the trip shall end and I shall return home immediately at my own expense.

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Date

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Print name of participant

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Signature of participant

If the participant is a minor (under the age of 18):

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Date

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Print name of participant

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Signature of LEGAL GUARDIAN