



Christian
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Mission

CHRISTIAN VETERINARY MISSION SHORT-TERM TEAM MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT

SHORT TERM TEAM MINISTRY OBJECTIVE:

The objective of CVM Short-Term Mission teams is to provide opportunities for veterinarians, technicians and vet students to use their skills, faith and abilities in Christian service alongside national leaders and missionaries in ministries with similar values, partnering with them in the long-term goals and vision for their communities.

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As you prepare for your mission trip, please remember that the person best equipped to minister in a cross-cultural setting is the person who is spiritually prepared, so regular time in prayer and Bible reading should be an integral part of your preparation. No matter what task you will be undertaking, the Christ-like attitudes of a learner and a servant are some of the most important assets you can have. This humble attitude will help you to minister and to be ministered to in the name of Christ. It will also help you to be flexible as you face cultural challenges and language barriers. During your mission trip, we challenge you to strive to be an encouragement and a testimony to your fellow team members as well as to the missionaries and nationals with whom you will come in contact.

To further ensure a successful trip that will (1) maintain a God-honoring standard for the team and Christian Veterinary Mission, (2) portray a proper testimony to all people impacted by the team, and (3) have a vital impact on each team member, your senders (CVM and your supporters), and the community in which you minister, Christian Veterinary Mission has established the following guidelines:

Each team member is expected to and must agree to:

Be willing and prepared to exhibit a **servant's attitude** at all times.

Be willing to be **flexible** in all types of circumstances.

Be willing to **fully submit** to team and/or host site leadership, seeking to promote an attitude of unity, cooperation and respect for those in leadership.

Be willing to live, sleep, travel, eat and work **as part of the group**, in conditions that may be less than ideal.

Be willing to **accomplish** whatever task is assigned whether on the job-site, in the kitchen, or while traveling.

Be willing to **dress** by the standards which are appropriate for the culture, seeking to never be a distraction or bring offense by what is worn.

Be willing to **abstain from conduct**, as requested by team and missionary leaders, which might be offensive to others or may be contrary to a clear testimony for Jesus Christ, realizing that customs vary greatly from culture to culture. In particular, team members may be asked to refrain from using tobacco, alcoholic beverages, offensive language or abusive drugs, and must agree to keep interaction with others at the highest standards of respect, modesty and morality and refrain from anything else that would negatively impact the witness of the local host/Christian Community at any time, including while traveling to and from the host site.

Be willing to serve with **your heart fully devoted** to the ministry. Please take the time to understand your host country's cultural interpretation of interpersonal relationships and **refrain from** public displays of affection and pairing off as a couple.

Show respect for those on the team and at the host location who may have doctrinal beliefs and practices different from their own, understanding that the doctrinal beliefs and practices of the host will be what is held as the standard while serving on location.

I have read and agree to abide by what is expected above.

Volunteer signature

Date