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**eSwatini 2020 Compassionate Life Swazi Team Trip**

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| Name: | Birthday (if under 18): |
| Address: | Telephone: |
| City/State/Zip: | Email: |
| How long have you attended Church: | Trip year: |

**HEALTH AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

1. In what ways do you volunteer in the community and/or the church?
2. Why do you want to participate on this mission trip?
3. What skills or talents do you have?
4. What contact have you had with racial, ethnic, or cultural groups other than your own?
5. Briefly describe your travel experience outside of North America.
6. Have you been on any previous mission trips? If so, when, where, and with what organization?
7. Are there any medical problems that may hinder your ministry overseas? Please explain.
8. Would you consider yourself to be in [Good, Fair, or Poor] health?
9. If accepted on the team would you be willing to take the recommended medications for overseas travel

 as identified by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or your physician?

1. If accepted on the mission team, would your family be supportive? If not, please explain.
2. Have you been treated or hospitalized for a mental or emotional condition in the last 5 years?
3. Have you ever been in police custody, jail or on probation?
4. Briefly describe your religious beliefs

List one reference from your work or community (not a family member).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If chosen to serve on the eSwatini Mission Team, I agree to attend the training sessions, abide by the rules, participate in the debriefing. Furthermore, I hereby affirm all information contained in the foregoing application is correct under the penalties of perjury for the State of Michigan.

 Sign: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**eSwatini Mission Team Guidelines**

The guidelines listed below are an essential part of being a guest of Compassionate Life, it’s partner inistries and the Free Methodist Church overseas. By complying with these expectations I will help enhance the sense of community that exists and accomplish the mission's purpose most effectively.

I understand eSwatini may not have all the conveniences I am used to at home. For this reason I will strive to be flexible and adjust my personal desires for the sake of the mission.

In signing below I accept the following conditions and agree to:

1. Adopt an attitude that I am on this trip to try to understand the Swazi culture, not to convince them of my own view-point 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.

1. Guard my language, avoid profanity, insensitive humor, and an argumentative spirit as well as abstain from making derogatory comments about my hosts, their country, customs, food, manners or ideas.
2. Accept the authority of the eswatini Mission Team Leadership and Swazi hosts in all decisions. I recognize that they have the team’s best interest at heart and I will abide by their decisions.
3. Recognize that the Swazi people will look at me for an example of how a United States citizen acts, and I will not treat that responsibility lightly.
4. Attend church services and mission meetings as scheduled (verbal participation is voluntary, but bodily presence is required). I will regard different styles of worship with respect. I agree that Sundays will be observed in ways that are acceptable to the Swazi hosts, even if this means no work, no shopping, or tourist activities.
5. Avoid any actions which might be perceived as amorous attentions toward people I meet. I will be careful in all conversations or social contacts with nationals and mission team members of the opposite gender. I agree that romantic advances are prohibited.
6. Refrain from using tobacco or alcoholic beverages while in eSwatini. I will abstain from any illegal drugs or prohibited activity while on this trip.
7. Be guided by the standards of Compassionate Life and it’s partner ministries in eSwatini in relation to clothing.
8. I will not take personal trips for any reason that will deviate from the eSwatini Mission Team’s agenda and schedule. I recognize that the need for personal safety in a foreign country cannot be taken for granted. Therefore, I agree to never go anywhere without the knowledge and approval of the eSwatini Mission Team Leadership first, thus limiting my personal freedoms.
9. Not unduly pressure merchants to sell at prices which do not provide a fair return on their product when bargaining for purchases in the shops and marketplaces.
10. Seek guidance from the eSwatini Mission Team Leadership when I am moved by compassion or kindness to give gifts (whether cash, tools, personal items or things brought from home). I will clear it beforehand with the eSwatini Mission Team Leadership.
11. Understand that repeated, willful neglect of this covenant is considered unsatisfactory since it jeopardizes the ministry of Compassionate Life, it”s partner ministries and Free Methodist Church. If asked to leave because of compromising this covenant, I will return home immediately at my own expense.

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