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**A Ministry of the Evangelical Free Church of America (EFCA)**

**Policy Agreement, Permission, and Release of Liability for a Minor**

* ***Complete the five blanks found below (last one at the bottom of the page), including your full name and the full name of your church or organization (no abbreviations). The last gray blank authorizes the release of your child’s photo.***
* ***After filling in the five blanks, print the completed form before signing, then take before a notary to sign (required).***
* ***Mail your notarized form to the appropriate address at the bottom of this page.***

I/we do hereby grant permission for my son/daughter,       (name), to participate on a short-term mission in       (location), during these dates       , with the EFCA/ReachGlobal team serving there, including but not limited to, foreign and domestic travel, ministry training, construction, outreach ministry, sightseeing, sports, recreation, and debriefing.

I/we agree to abide by the policies and procedures as are deemed necessary, for my son/daughter’s management and safety, by the short-term mission leaders and EFCA/ReachGlobal leadership. I realize that infraction of rules, misconduct, or culturally inappropriate behavior will result in my dismissal from the short-term mission. In the event that my son/daughter is dismissed, I/we agree that my son/daughter will return home immediately, entirely at my/our own expense. I/we understand that there will be no refund of the short-term mission package cost.

I/we, of my/our own free will and under no duress whatsoever, do absolutely and unconditionally release EFCA, ReachGlobal,       (son/daughter’s church), their agents, employees, and volunteers from any liability whatsoever for any damage, loss, accident, hardship, injury, sickness, disease, or death that may be sustained by my son/daughter for any reason during his/her travel and service with ReachGlobal, or from any other cause, event or occurrence, including, but not limited to, natural disasters, animal attack, terrorist acts, war, civil disturbances, and alleged negligence. I/we acknowledge and accept that, in any travel and on any construction site, there is inherent risk, and that my son/daughter/I/we accept(s) that risk, and serve(s) entirely at his/her/my own risk.

I/we fully understand and agree that EFCA/ReachGlobal is opposed to the payment of ransom for the return of its members or their families who have been kidnapped for financial reasons, taken hostage for political reasons, or seized for any other purpose or reason. I/we agree to support the Crisis Management Team (CMT) appointed by ReachGlobal, should such an event occur, and further agree not to interfere with or bypass the crisis management process established by said CMT.

Any claim or dispute arising from or related to this agreement shall be settled by mediation and, if necessary, legally binding arbitration in accordance with the *Rules of Procedure for Christian Conciliation* of the Institute for Christian Conciliation, a division of Peacemaker® Ministries (complete text is available at [www.HisPeace.org](http://www.HisPeace.org)). Judgment upon an arbitration decision may be entered in any court otherwise having jurisdiction. The parties understand that these methods shall be the sole remedy for any controversy or claim arising out of this agreement and expressly waive their right to file a lawsuit in any civil court against one another for such disputes, except to enforce an arbitration decision.

I/we understand that EFCA/ ReachGlobal does not accept responsibility for any lost, damaged, or stolen personal property.

Furthermore, ReachGlobal and its appointed short-term mission leaders, and/or personnel have my/our permission to authorize medical treatment, including administration of medication, anesthesia, emergency surgery, or hospitalization for my son/daughter as is deemed necessary by the aforementioned and the attending physician. I/we agree to assume complete financial responsibility for all medical bills incurred by my son/daughter/me, and agree to reimburse ReachGlobal fully for medical payment made on behalf of my son/daughter. My/our major medical insurance policy covers my son/daughter while he/she is in the United States or abroad, or if not, he/she/I will purchase short-term medical insurance that will cover my son/daughter while serving on this short-term mission.

I/we agree to assume total financial responsibility for my son/daughter to travel home immediately if it is necessary to dismiss my son/daughter from the short-term mission for either disciplinary or medical reasons.

I do willingly affix my/our signature(s) in full and unreserved agreement with all of the aforementioned statements and agreements.

      I do willingly check this box to authorize the EFCA and its employees or agents to use my child’s photo and/or other likeness for publication processes, including electronic, print, digital or publishing via the Internet.

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**Signature of parent or legal guardian (if team member is a minor)** **Date**

**Subscribed and sworn before me on \_\_\_\_day of\_\_\_\_20\_\_\_\_**

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