

## **RELEASE OF CLAIMS**

For the purposes of this RELEASE form, the words GLOBAL MINISTRIES, shall refer to and include the Global Ministries Commission of the Evangelical Congregational Church, the National Conference, and all of their subsidiaries and churches operating under their jurisdictions and all of their officers, directors, agents, servants, employees, volunteers and other participants, and any other missionary agencies, organizations or groups through which the Global Ministries Commission of the Evangelical Congregational Church works and supplies missionaries, its and their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.

The word PARTICIPANT herein shall refer to the undersigned PARTICIPANT who actually will be traveling and engaging in missionary activities or otherwise acting on behalf of or in an activity or program sponsored by Global Ministries Commission, all of which are herein referred to as ACTIVITY or ACTIVITIES. The word PARTICIPANT shall include the Parents or Guardian signatory hereto and any person or institution who may make a claim on behalf of the PARTICIPANT.

The GLOBAL MINISTRIES COMMISSION sponsors short-term missions work projects as a method to improve the mission interest of the PARTICIPANTS and to increase the involvement of the local churches in the Global Ministries' impact on missions.

The GLOBAL MINISTRIES COMMISSION receives no remuneration or direct benefit from this activity. It looks on it as a learning experience for the benefit of the PARTICIPANT. PARTICIPANT is not an agent or employee of the Global Ministries Commission.

It is understood that the ACTIVITIES may include travel and living outside of the continental United States and into other countries where PARTICIPANT may be required to live in primitive conditions with primitive toilet facilities and to eat native goods and drink untreated water, all of which may put PARTICIPANT at high risk of contracting illness, disease, accident and injury in areas where medical attention maybe lacking or substandard.

The undersigned designated PARTICIPANT has agreed to become a part of this ACTIVITY, recognizes the nature of the ACTIVITY as recited above and is willing to sign this RELEASE to relieve the GLOBAL MINISTRIES COMMISSION from any legal liability arising out of the undersigned PARTICIPANT'S participation in these ACTIVITIES with the intent of precluding the PARTICIPANT and anyone on the PARTICIPANT'S behalf from asserting legal rights which may accrue to the PARTICIPANT against GLOBAL MINISTRIES COMMISSION.

In consideration of GLOBAL MINISTRIES permitting the undersigned PARTICIPANT to engage in ACTIVITIES, PARTICIPANT hereby releases, remises and forever discharges GLOBAL MINISTRIES from any and all claims, demands, damages, actions, causes of action, costs, costs of services, expenses and compensation on account of or in any way growing

out of any losses or injuries or harm to the PARTICIPANT which PARTICIPANT ever had or may at any time her after have against GLOBAL MINISTRIES which may arise from or occur as a result of the ACTIVITIES of the PARTICIPANT, whether or not such are the result of action or inactions or alleged actions or inactions of the GLOBAL MINISTRIES COMMISSION or of any third party and whether or not caused by the negligence of GLOBAL MINISTRIES COMMISSION.

Further, for the same consideration, PARTICIPANT hereby agrees to indemnify GLOBAL MINISTRIES and hold it harmless from any and all claims, demands, damages, causes of action, cost loss of service, expenses and compensation arising out of the participation of the PARTICIPANT in ACTIVITIES.

The undersigned Parents and Guardian hereby give permission to the individual PARTICIPANT to fully participate in the ACTIVITY hereunder.

The PARTICIPANT hereby further places within the GLOBAL MINISTRIES COMMISSION the ability and power to authorize all medical care and treatment it reasonably believes necessary for the PARTICIPANT during the PARTICIPANT'S involvement in ACTIVITIES, including but not limited to emergency surgery and/or hospitalization. The PARTICIPANT agrees to assume all responsibility for medical expenses which may be incurred by or on behalf of the PARTICIPANT or reimburse the GLOBAL MINISTRIES COMMISSION for all sums so expended.

We have read and understand and by affixing our signatures hereto, this

\_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_, signify our express agreement to each and every provision of this RELEASE and intend to be legally bound hereby.

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Individual Participant

If under 18 years of age

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Parent or Guardian

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