

Abraham Project Intern Packet Costa Rica 2012

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Introduction

The Abraham Project staff would like to thank you for expressing interest in an internship with us in Costa Rica. Because we desire a team of volunteers who strive for excellence and are hungry to serve the Lord through mission work, we have created an application process to help us determine your acceptance into the program. We pray that the Lord would give you discernment about whether or not this experience is right for you and we trust that He would guide us in deciding who our Intern Team will be for 2011.

It is vitally important that each intern clearly understands all of the specific preparations that need to be made before arriving to Costa Rica. Therefore, we require that you carefully read all the information in this packet and adhere to all prerequisites.

Abraham Project

The Lighthouse Christian Community Church has spearheaded a project called the Abraham Project. Our mission is to reach out to the hurting and lost. This project was initiated with a few Costa Ricans and very little money. It has since grown into a major effort as more people have joined to help complete the task at hand.

The Abraham Project is located in the community of Villas de Ayarco, which is about 25 minutes from the city of San José. We purposefully centered the project in Villas because it is a marginal area known to have a variety of social problems. Many of the families in this area suffer from the extreme effects of poverty. Drugs, alcohol, abuse, domestic violence, gang activity, and crime are some of the issues that the community faces. In fact, statistics reveal that a large population of the street children of San Jose comes from these neighborhoods.

It is important to know that the Abraham Project is a faith-based ministry. One of the ways that we have received funds to build has been by soliciting help from local businesses. They have been gracious to give substantial discounts or even donate materials to the project. Also, many individuals, organizations, and foundations both nationally and internationally have participated in contributing to the project. It is encouraging to witness all of the creative fundraising that the local church has realized and the ways that the body of Christ has worked together to make this vision a reality.

Since starting the construction phase of the Abraham Project in 2002, we have benefited from nearly 150 short-term work teams. Not only have the teams contributed thousands of hours of manual labor to the Abraham Project, but they also have donated needed tools and money for construction materials.

Overview

The Abraham Project, when fully completed and operational, will consist of the following five main areas:

- 1) Multipurpose Building: the church's sanctuary and gymnasium for outreach programs.
- 2) Daycare Center: consists of a cafeteria and classrooms. It is used throughout the week as a daycare and on weekends, as Sunday school rooms. The daycare facilities provide many families a safe, Christian environment to place their children while they work. This is critically important, especially considering the marginal areas where these families live. We can enroll over 150 children and are equipped to supply meals for the daycare children who do not have food to eat in their homes.
- 3) Children's Homes: There are two children's homes used to house "children at risk". These are children who have been or are in the process of being declared abandoned by the government. Each home has a set of house parents that oversee the daily operations. We are believing the Lord to open up five more homes within the next decade.
- 4) Consultation Office: We will have a series of offices where international and local professionals (i.e. doctors, therapists, dentists, engineers) can donate their services to people in the surrounding communities. Because the majority of families in this area are considered below the poverty line, they would not be able to afford these services otherwise.
- 5) Vocational Classes: We provide training to help individuals in the community learn specific skills to find a job or start a small business. Some of the classes that are offered include: English, computer, artisan crafts, manicure/pedicure, driving and sewing.

History

- In October 1997, Pastor Jorge Gómez presented the vision of the Abraham Project to the Lighthouse Christian Community Church in Villas de Ayarco, Costa Rica. At this time the Church consisted of 7 members and the project only had \$20 to start.
- The land for the Abraham Project, which is one hectare (approximately 2.47 acres), was purchased in 1998 for \$150,000 and all of the money was raised within Costa Rica. After 2-3 years of hard work, the architectural drawings and government building permits were secured.
- In October 2001, a local company decided to initiate the donation of scrap wood to the project. This wood comes from crates that were used to import large sheets of glass. The crates are disassembled and then the wood is transported to the project site. There, all staples and nails are removed from the wood. Then each board is prepped and transformed into usable lumber. Because this recycled wood is our main construction material, we have found numerous creative uses for it, thus saving the project tens of thousands of dollars.
- Construction on the project was initiated in February 2002. A crew of local constructors was hired to begin the tedious work of digging footers and pouring foundations. God has provided every step of the way and construction has never come to halt for lack of materials, money, or workers.
- The 1st children's home was completed in May 2003.
- In April 2004, the operational permit for the 1st children's home was awarded and we received our first set of abandoned children. They were Joselyn (4 years old), Georgina (3 years old), Gerald (2 years old), and Yerlin (2 years old).
- In January 2005, the cafeteria at the project was transformed into a church sanctuary and the Lighthouse Christian Community Church relocated to initiate church services at the Abraham Project.
- The 2nd children's home was completed in May 2005.
- Brauny and Ingrid Rojas, the first set of Costa Rican house parents, were hired and began work in May 2005.
- Construction on the daycare center (cafeteria and classrooms) was completed in June 2006.
- The daycare center opened for its first full year of operation in January 2007.
- Construction on the multipurpose building began in March 2007.
- Gerardo and Isela Cascante, the Costa Rican house parents for the second children's home, moved in and began their work in January 2008.
- The 3rd children's home was inaugurated with the Japanese Embassy (they helped fund the construction of the home) on January 23, 2008.
- Since April 1, 2004 we have received 43 children into the Abraham Project children's homes. All of these children were deemed by the child social services in danger because of neglect, physical, sexual, and emotional abuse. They were either given up by their parents or taken from their homes and have passed through our homes where they have been cared for and loved. We currently have 20 children in the Abraham Project homes and can share more with you about their situations when you arrive for your internship.

Current Status

We are in the construction phase of the multipurpose building and consultation offices (where professionals will donate their services to the community).

We currently are at maximum capacity with 20 children in the homes and will share more with you about their situations when you arrive for your internship.

Requirements for Interns

As the project grows, it becomes increasingly important to have standard requirements that each prospective intern must fulfill. Our desire is for every intern to have a valuable experience while here. Likewise, it is also important that you are a benefit to the project. The opportunity to intern with the Abraham Project is meant to be a chance for you to serve in God's Kingdom work. If you are not coming with the attitude to serve as your number one goal, then we recommend that you not enroll in the program. Our maximum number of interns that we can accept per month is 6. This is so that we can ensure a quality experience for each intern that comes.

Time

To be an intern with the Abraham Project you must commit to a minimum one-month stay in Costa Rica. This provides sufficient time for you to adjust to a different style of living and a different culture, thus allowing you to become a productive, contributing member of our team.

***It is important to note that Costa Rican visas expire after 90 days. Therefore, if your stay in Costa Rica exceeds 90 days, you will have to leave the country for 72 hours in order to renew it.**

Please remember when you purchase plane tickets that your flight arrival to Costa Rica must be on the 1st of the month that you are enrolled in the program.

If you desire to intern for more than **6 months**, we require that you take a scouting trip before you come for a longer period of time. This trip is intended to serve as a means for you to see the Abraham Project, meet the people you will be working with, get to know some potential host families, and learn about the volunteer positions that we have available. Hopefully this would eliminate many doubts and be a way to address the questions you may have about our operation. Please plan on spending **4 days** here at the project. After completion of the scouting trip, we will determine your long-term participation in the internship program.

Fundraiser

Before embarking on your journey to Costa Rica, we require you to do a fundraising event. This means you must plan and execute the fundraiser. We encourage you to set high goals for your fundraiser so that you demonstrate to us your commitment to the internship. All proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to help cover the costs of the daily operating expenses of the children's homes. Please contact the intern coordinator with instructions on what to do with the proceeds.

Expectations & Rules

1. Each intern must consent and pay for a required criminal background check to initiate the application process. Failure to consent will automatically disqualify you from the program. (\$50 non-refundable deposit check) **See step #3 in Steps for Completing the Intern Application Review Process section.**

2. We require all interns to be at least 17 years old.

3. We require all interns to follow the rules of their Costa Rican family and adhere to the direction and instruction of the local pastor Jorge Gomez, Steve and Georgiana Thomas, and Jonathan and Amy Griffith.

4. No dates to the movies, dinner, etc. or excursions "alone" with the opposite sex. You are allowed to go out in groups of 3 or more.

5. We require that all interns have an adequate medical insurance that offers coverage in Costa Rica. The insurance must provide for emergency medical evacuations if needed for extreme circumstances. Many stateside insurance (family) plans will not cover incidences overseas. A viable option to consider would be through Missionary Insurance Group. The contact person is Tom Whitten and the coverage information can be found online at www.migi.net.

6. We require all interns to advise us when they plan to travel, either alone or with their Costa Rican family. It is important for us to know this information so we can contact you in case of an emergency.

7. We require that the interns treat the visiting teams with respect. The intern must demonstrate a servant's heart at all times and represent the AP well.

8. We require all interns to adhere to the statements that they sign on the **Covenant Form** including **abstaining from any drugs, alcohol, and tobacco products** during their entire stay in Costa Rica.

9. We require all interns to attend and participate in weekly Bible studies, prayer meetings, church services, and youth group.

10. Interns may not use the internet while working at the Abraham Project. (*Leave your computers, smart phones, etc. at your host home*)

11. We require all interns to complete required readings and be prepared to discuss with staff and other interns.

11. We require all interns to adhere to the dress code. ****Ladies are NOT allowed to wear shorts** except for in their bedrooms and while on excursions.

13. We do not permit interns whose internship is less than 6 months to receive visitors (family or friends) for longer than 24 hours until the termination of their internship. Those interning for 6 months or more, may receive visitors for longer than 24 hours at the end of their first 6 months. Please note that the Abraham Project staff are not able to host or provide transport for interns' guests, nor are they able to plan interns' guests' trips (travel, accommodations, etc.) If you would like to receive a visitor at the appropriate time of your internship, you must notify the intern coordinators. It is prohibited for interns to house guests at their host home without permission from the intern coordinators.

14. Interns participating in a study abroad program must complete their study abroad term before their internship at the Abraham Project begins. If this is not possible, it is important to note that interns that study abroad **after** their internship at the Abraham Project are **not** allowed to return to the Abraham Project or host family's home. The student is also responsible for arranging his or her own transport (ie. bus or taxi).

15. All required paperwork and forms must be completed, sent, and received by the intern coordinator no less than 6 weeks before your flight. If your forms are not received in time, you will be disqualified from the program.

Required Forms & Paperwork

There are five forms included in this packet that need to be signed and returned as indicated below. This information will help us in our planning and be used to determine whether or not you will be accepted as an intern. **Once the forms are completed, please scan and email them to casajg@gmail.com.**

- i. **Pastoral Reference Form (You must send us your pastor or youth pastor's contact information and we will email or fax him/her the form directly. This form is not in this packet)**
- ii. **Criminal Background Check Consent Form**
- iii. **Internship Application: Filled out only**
- iv. **Medical & Liability Release Form: Signed and notarized**
- v. **Personal Information Form: Filled out only**
- vi. **Covenant: Signed only**

In addition to emailing the forms, the **original forms should also be sent to us by mail** as soon as possible to this address:

Stephen & Georgiana Thomas
SJO-2326
P.O. Box 025216
Miami, FL 33102

Basic Information

The following section will provide you with some very helpful information as you plan your trip to Costa Rica. Please let us know if you have any questions about the information.

Lodging, Costs, and House Rules

We require all short-term interns to live with a Tico (Costa Rican) family. These families are chosen from our local church congregation. Living with a family serves to enrich your personal experience and provides you with an opportunity to really immerse yourself in a new culture. It may seem intimidating at first, especially if you lack Spanish language skills, but you will eventually find the experience with your family one of the highlights of your trip.

Each host family will have a set of rules, which we ask every intern to respect. You will learn very quickly that these new parents will care for you as if you were their own son or daughter. This means you need to be flexible and willing to adjust to your new surroundings.

The cost for living with a host family is \$350 per month. You will pay your host family directly upon arrival and at the beginning of each month. The amount includes lodging, all meals, and laundry.

You should bring cash to pay for your airport transport and your lodging the day that you arrive.

You should also be prepared to cover other incidentals such as:

Deposit Check Made Out to Stephen Thomas \$50 which covers your Criminal Background Check

Airport transportation \$110

Airport exit tax \$26

Phone card to make local and international calls \$10 per card

Culture Shock! Costa Rica by Claire Wallerstein, Required Reading Material (buy and read it before you come, and bring it with you) *Available at Amazon.com for approximately \$12 + tax and shipping.*

Local transportation (amount varies)

Fun activities while here (amount varies)

Personal expenses (amount varies)

If you plan on using your ATM card while you are in Costa Rica, be sure you alert your bank in the U.S. and let them know that you are traveling and will use your card overseas. Otherwise your bank may put a hold on your card when you try to use it here and your card will be denied.

What to Bring

Passport and copy of Passport ****The passport expiration date should be at least 6 months later than your return date to your home country.**

Other form of ID (license, student ID--may be used for additional discounts)

ATM card

Credit card for emergencies

Cash

Bible

Small dictionary (Spanish, English)

Umbrella

Rain gear

Warm jacket (sometimes it gets cool at night)

Closed toed work shoes

Walking shoes

Flip-flops, sandals

Long pants (for the work site and for going out)

Work clothes (we work with wood stain and paint)
Black socks (white socks get stained very easily so many people work in black socks)
Some nicer clothes for church (no shorts in church)
Regular clothes to wear when not working construction
Bathing suit (no bikini)
Sunglasses
Earplugs
Hat for sun protection
Sun block
Bug repellent
Alarm clock
Camera
Mesh sack for dirty clothes
Back Pack (good for fieldtrips or overnight stays with a mission team)

Dress Code

If you have ever traveled outside of your home country you have had a cross-cultural experience. That doesn't just stop at food, language, or physical appearance. Welcome to the dress code! The code that we have put together may annoy, anger, frustrate, or confuse you, but we have our reasons. Here we go:

1. Everyone must wear close-toed shoes on the worksite. No sandals, flip flops, etc. *Why?* It's a construction site not the beach.
2. Girls may not wear shorts above the knee outside of their bedroom (except on excursions). *Why?* *Guys here really like to whistle and yell at girls. Some people in our church think that ladies shouldn't wear shorts. Our role is to bring peace and unity, not division or to offend.*
3. No shorts, sleeveless shirts, work clothes, or caps in church services. *Why?* *It's cultural.*
4. No bikinis. *Why?* *Every guy in the world struggles with lust. Don't add to the problem.*
5. If you are wearing something that we feel is inappropriate we will ask you to change.

Common Questions Asked by Interns

- 1) Do the interns get to choose whether they want to work in the children's home, daycare, or other aspects of the ministry?
The majority, if not all of our short-term interns, will be assigned to assist the short-term team coordinators with the missions teams that come to help at the Abraham Project. In the case of longer-term work (4 months or more), we try to pair the interns according to their likes/dislikes, but we also have to consider where they are needed most. This can be discussed further with longer-term interns.
- 2) How much free time do interns have?
We try to give our interns the weekends free. However, sometimes we need interns' help on the weekends. You are guaranteed at least one day off per week and there will be time built in for you to pray, read, and reflect on your time in Costa Rica.
- 3) Are there any opportunities to do odd jobs or work to make extra money while at the Abraham Project?
No, as an intern you are not allowed to work a formal job and we don't have any odd jobs for pay.
- 4) Does each intern stay in separate host homes?
It depends on the situation and how many interns we have at the moment. There are times when an intern may stay alone with a host family. It is also possible to be paired with another intern(s).
- 5) Does an intern have to pay for transportation every day, or are the usual activities within walking distance?
We try to find homes for the interns in the immediate vicinity of the project (within walking distance). However, airport transportation and extra activities (movies, mall, out to eat, etc.) would require money.

Job Description

When the Abraham Project is hosting short-term missions teams, the interns are expected to help the Team Coordinators facilitate the teams. This includes working construction, translating, doing errands, making sure team members have what they need to work, etc. The schedule is Monday through Friday (full days) at the project work site. Teams also have activities some nights and on weekends. We like our interns to have as much interaction with the teams as possible, so therefore they are expected to be available according to the team's schedule. When there is a lull in teams the interns fill in at the Abraham Project in positions such as construction, help in the children's homes and daycare, help with the life-skills classes, Bible studies, and full integration into the church and youth activities.

For longer-term interns (4 months or more), there may be other work options available in addition to the one listed in the above paragraph. These can be discussed with us directly. Please notify us if you are interested.

Steps for Completing the Intern Application Review Process

Here is a summarized list of actions that you must take to finalize the application review process:

- 1) Carefully read the Abraham Project Intern Packet and note that your deposit check is to be sent to a different address than your paperwork.
- 2) Send an email to Jonathan and Amy Griffith at casajg@gmail.com, stating that you agree with our guidelines and rules.
- 3) **Give written consent** (Fill out and scan and email to us casajg@gmail.com the Consent Form and **pay for Criminal Background Check**). This money is **non-refundable**, and does not determine your acceptance into program. **\$50** (Check Made Out To: **Elizabeth Sedgwick**, In Memo: **AP Intern Deposit**)
Send Check To: Elizabeth Sedgwick
1253 Buckhead Circle
Birmingham, AL 35216
- 4) Fill out all required forms: Internship Application, Medical & Liability Release Form, Personal Information Form, Pastoral Reference Form, and Covenant Form.
- 5) **Scan and email all forms to casajg@gmail.com**
- 6) Send all original forms to the following address:
Stephen Thomas
SJO-2326
P.O. Box 025216
Miami, FL 33102
- 7) Wait for notification of formal acceptance by Jonathan and Amy Griffith into the intern program.
- 8) Secure Passport. *****The passport expiration date should be at least 6 months later than your return date to your home country.***
- 9) Raise funds to cover your mission expenses.
- 10) Complete the required fundraiser for the daily operating expenses of the children's homes and turn in proceeds according to instructions given by Jonathan and Amy Griffith.
- 11) Read Culture Shock! Costa Rica by Claire Wallerstein (don't forget to bring it with you)
- 12) Prepare yourself spiritually for your time in Costa Rica....Pray, Pray, Pray!

Conclusion

Thank you for your consideration of mission work with the Abraham Project. We look forward to providing you with this unique and wonderful opportunity. We eagerly await your initial email so that we can start your application process. Our website is www.abrahamproject.org.

Volunteer Authorization for Release of Background Information

In connection with my application for volunteer service with **Abraham Project**, I authorize **Abraham Project** and, or, ACCUFAX Div., Southvest Inc., their agent, to solicit background information relative to my criminal record history. I understand that **Abraham Project** may conduct inquiries into my background that may include criminal records, motor vehicle records, personal references and other public record reports pertaining to me. When requested by an employer motor vehicle records or a driving history may be obtained. American Driving Records will provide motor vehicle records from the state of Louisiana.

I authorize without any reservation, any person, agency, or other entity contacted by Abraham Project or ACCUFAX Div., Southvest Inc., their agent for purposes of obtaining background report information, to furnish the above-mentioned information.

I release **Abraham Project**, their respective employees or ACCUFAX Div., Southvest Inc. their agent and employees and all persons, agencies and entities providing information or reports about me from any and all liability arising out of furnishing any such information or reports.

Requested by: 011-506-2271-0245

PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION BELOW

FULL LEGAL NAME _____ DOB _____

OTHER NAMES USED _____ SS _____

DRIVERS LIC # _____ STATE ISSUED _____

Please note: If your address is a rural route, or post office box, we must have City & County where mail was delivered

Current
Address _____ City _____ Co. _____ St. _____ Zip _____
How long at this address? (Months/Years) _____

Previous
Address _____ City _____ Co. _____ St. _____ Zip _____
How long at this address? (Months/Years) _____

Previous
Address _____ City _____ Co. _____ St. _____ Zip _____
How long at this address? (Months/Years) _____

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

LIST ALL CITY/STATES RESIDED AT SINCE AGE 18 AND HOW LONG IN EACH CITY/STATE:

Internship Application

(Please Print Clearly)

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Home Phone: () - _____ Work Phone: () - _____
Cell Phone: () - _____ Sex: M F Age: _____
Marital Status: _____ Email Address: _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Contact Name: _____ Relationship: _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Home Phone: () - _____ Work Phone: () - _____
Cell Phone: () - _____

Are you a citizen of the United States? Y N Do you have a valid passport? Y N
Passport Expiration Date: _____
Number: _____
List any special skills you have: _____

Do you speak Spanish? Y N How fluent are you? _____
Do you have any foreign mission experience? Y N
If so, when and where? _____
With what organization(s)? _____
Are you a high school graduate? Y N Type of college degree? _____
How many years of college? _____ Graduate School: _____
Date of Last Physical Exam: _____ Blood Type: _____
Doctor's Name: _____
My Health Insurance Company is: _____
Policy Number: _____ Contact Person: _____
Phone Number: () - _____
General Health for the past two years: Excellent Good Fair Poor
Information about any prescriptions or medications being used: _____

I am ALLERGIC to: _____
Special dietary needs: _____

Do you have any history of the following? If yes, explain below.

_____ High Blood Pressure	_____ Heart Trouble	_____ Typhoid Fever
_____ Low Blood Pressure	_____ Tuberculosis	_____ Epilepsy
_____ Diabetes	_____ Leukemia	_____ Cancer
_____ Surgery	_____ Malaria	_____ HIV
_____ Seizures	_____ Asthma	_____ Other

Explanation: _____

Medical & Liability Release Form

(Please Print Clearly)

Medical Section

If a medical emergency should arise regarding me/or my child, I, _____, hereby give permission to a qualified medical physician and/or hospital to provide the appropriate care and to administer any emergency medical treatment, which may be required for me/or, my child _____. I also hereby give such medical personnel and/or hospital my permission to any necessary examination, anesthesia, medical diagnosis, or treatment and/or hospital care to me/or my child.

I understand Asociación Comunidad Cristiana El Faro and any representatives or missionaries cannot assume responsibility for medical expenses for me/or my child and I agree to bear such responsibility and pay any such expenses incurred with respect to such medical emergency.

Participant's Physician: _____ Phone #: (____) ____ - _____

Allergies and Medications: _____

Health Insurance Company: _____ Policy #: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone #: (____) ____ - _____

Signature of Participant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent of Minor: _____ Date: _____

Liability Section

The undersigned releases and agrees to hold harmless Asociación Comunidad Cristiana El Faro and any representatives or missionaries from any claim/or liability, injury, death, damages, loss accidents, delay, or irregularity related to the undersigned individual's participation or involvement during the short-term mission trip.

This release covers all rights and causes of action of every kind, nature, and description which the undersigned ever had, now has, or but for this release, may have. This release shall be binding upon the undersigned, their spouse, their heirs, legal representatives, and assigns.

Signature of Participant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent of Minor: _____ Date: _____

Notarization of Medical and Liability Release Form:

STATE _____
OF _____
COUNTY _____
OF _____

On this _____ day of _____, 20____, before me personally appeared _____ to me known to be the same person described in and who executed the within instrument, and who acknowledged the same to be the free act and deed thereof.

Notary Public

County

State of _____

My Commission Expires: _____

Personal Information Form

1. Share your personal testimony (Include another page if needed).

2. Have you prayed about working with this ministry and feel God calling you here?

3. How long will you be staying and helping with the Abraham Project? (Give exact dates.)

4. What education, training, or expertise do you have that would be helpful in your volunteering at the Abraham Project?

5. List any previous experience that you have in the area of community service, short-term mission trips, or work in the church:

6. Give a brief definition/description of what you think it means "to serve".

7. Please state what specific expectations you have during your volunteer service at the Abraham Project. What do you see yourself doing?

8. Please explain what you feel your calling is regarding missions. (ie. Do you feel called to long-term or short-term service on the field? Do you feel called to support foreign missions from home? Do you have a heart for a certain people group or geographical location? Etc.)_____

Intern Covenant

I realize the following commitment is crucial to the effectiveness, quality, and positive expression of our mission together. As a participating intern at the Abraham Project, I agree to abide by the following statements:

- √ Share the love of Christ in ways that make a Christian difference.
- √ Lift up Jesus Christ with my thoughts, words, and actions.
- √ Develop and maintain a servant's attitude toward the people I serve, (Costa Ricans, local missionaries, short-term team members, fellow interns).
- √ Pray for and support my leaders and their decisions.
- √ Accept the ministry that is going on in the area where I am serving as well as the native approach to the mission, though it may differ from my personal approach.
- √ Abstain from the use of alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, offensive clothing, and profanity from my departure until I return home.
- √ Refrain from negativity and complaints. Travel and ministry outside my church may present unexpected and even undesired circumstances. However, my support and creativity will enhance the moment while complaining and negativism will destroy the moment.
- √ Refrain from gossip. If it is not true, good, and positive, I will not say it.
- √ Remember the missionary is to learn and serve, not to teach and boss. I will resist the temptation to inform our hosts about how I normally do things.
- √ Remember that I am a servant of Jesus Christ called to be in ministry with the host church.
- √ Serve as best I can so that both the purpose and the task of the mission will be accomplished.
- √ Abide by the rules that are stated in the "EXPECTATIONS & RULES" section of the intern packet. I have read these rules, they are clearly stated, and I have no doubts or questions about any aspect of these expectations.

I understand and agree that in the event that my conduct is considered so unsatisfactory that it jeopardizes the success of the trip and mediation during the trip has failed to correct my behavior, Stephen Thomas, Georgiana Thomas, Jonathan Griffith, or Amy Griffith reserve the right to terminate my services in connection with this mission trip. I will be financially responsible for the extra costs to return home. I will not be reimbursed or refunded for any part of my trip.

I hereby certify with my signature that I have read, fully understand, and agree to adhere to all stipulations and guidelines outlined in the Abraham Project Intern Packet. I also agree to abide by the statements listed on the Covenant Form.

Signature

Date

I hereby certify with my signature that I have read, fully understand, and agree with the stipulations and guidelines outlined for my child in the Abraham Project Intern Packet. I will support the decision if made by Stephen Thomas, Georgiana Thomas, Jonathan Griffith or Amy Griffith to have my child sent home if they deem it necessary to terminate my child's services in connection with this mission trip (for violation of the rules stated in this packet). I also agree with the statements listed on the Covenant Form and accept the full financial responsibility for the extra costs to send my child home, if so necessary. I understand that neither my child nor I will be reimbursed or refunded for any part of my child's trip.

Parent's Signature (for interns under 18 years old)

Date