

TEAM AGREEMENT

Our vision for Blackhawk Ministries trips is that they will be opportunities for people to pursue spiritual growth and healthy relationships through serving. To accomplish this vision, we ask that you agree to the following:

Spiritual Development:

- I commit to discipline myself and to put a priority on growing deeper in my walk with Christ during the preparation process and during the trip itself.
- I support the church Statement of Faith (Attached)

Healthy Relationships:

- I will make it a priority to attend the team meetings and to be an active participant in all team and project activities. I will attend the security and safety briefing.
- I will uphold the standard of behavior my team and I discuss and decide is necessary (e.g., conflict resolution, team correspondence, conduct on the field, etc.).
- I will be sensitive to the culture in my words, actions, and dress.
- I will refrain from any activity or behavior that might be a stumbling block to any team member, our partnership ministry, or the people I am seeking to influence.
- I will refrain from any alcohol use.
- I will refrain from a romantic relationship with a national, or any team member who is not my spouse, throughout the entire trip process. If traveling with my spouse, I will refrain from public displays of affection.
- I will submit to the authority of the team leader. I realize I may be asked not to go or sent home by the team leader at my own expense if I do not adhere to the team agreement. I will develop an attitude of service and flexibility. I commit to serve the team, the team leader, the nationals, and the overseas workers in the field. I will bring a spirit of flexibility to the project, assuming that plans often change.
- I will not give cash or personal gifts of any kind to a national while on my trip without prior approval of the Blackhawk Ministries Global Mission Team and Blackhawk Staff. I understand that doing so may create an unhealthy dependency and sense of entitlement. I agree to adhere to this policy no matter the circumstances in order to protect the health of the relationships between my team and the people we are serving, as well as Blackhawk Ministries and our partners.

Participant Name (Printed)

Signature

Date

Additionally, if participant is a minor:

Parent or Guardian Name (Printed)

Signature

Date

Blackhawk Ministries Statement of Faith

Our Statement of Faith is a summary of key biblical truths that unify us in our beliefs concerning our faith in Jesus Christ. At Blackhawk Ministries, believers align with these essentials to be members of our church family. We hold to these essentials out of commitment to the glory of God, our love for Jesus, and an earnest desire to be driven by the Gospel in all we do. Scripture displays frequency and harmony on each of these truths; this document includes several Scripture references to assist in exploring these core essentials of faith.

The Authority of Scripture: We believe that the Bible is the inspired, inerrant, complete, authoritative, Word of God. It is totally true and trustworthy and therefore our lives are to be governed by its contents.

Scripture References: 2 Timothy 3:16-17; John 1:1-4; Deuteronomy 4:1-2; Psalm 19:7-10; Matt. 5:17-19; Luke 6:46-49; Hebrews 4:12; 2 Peter 1:19-21; Rev. 22:18-19

The Deity of Christ: We believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal God who entered humanity through the virgin birth and lived a sinless life. He died to pay the price for the sins of the world and rose from the dead to conquer death.

Scripture References: John 3:16-18; Phil. 2:5-11; Matt. 1:18,23-25; Romans 5:8-9; 1 Corinth. 15:3-4,13-21; 1 Peter 1:18-21; 1 John 1:7-3:5; Mark 10:45

The Sinfulness of Humanity: We believe that although lovingly created by God in His image, all people sin and fall short of God's holy standard. Left to ourselves, we are destined to eternal separation from God.

Scripture References: Romans 3:23; Acts 17:24-31; Gen. 1:26-30; Psalm 1:1-6; Isaiah 59:2; Jer. 17:5,9; Romans 1:19-32; 3:10-18; John 3: 19-21; 1 John 1:7-9; Jude 4

Salvation by Grace through Faith in Christ: We believe salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Trusting in Jesus' death and resurrection is the only way we can be forgiven of our sin and live in a right relationship with God.

Scripture References: Eph. 2:8-10; John 14:6; Matt. 7:24-27; John 10:27-30; Romans 10:9, 12:1-2; Gal. 2:20-21; 1 John 5:11-13

The Role of the Holy Spirit: We believe that the Holy Spirit of God shows us our need for repentance and upon salvation, indwells and equips us with spiritual gifts and the power to follow Jesus, grow as God's children, and make disciples.

Scripture References: Romans 8:9-38; John 16:7-15; Gal. 5:16-25; Acts 1:8; Eph. 1: 13-14; 1 Corinth. 12:4-11; 2 Corinth. 3:18; 1 John 4:13

The Nature of God – The Trinity: We believe that there is one God who exists in three eternal persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. He is the Creator, Sustainer, Redeemer, and Ruler of the universe and all it contains.

Scripture References: Romans 15:15-16; John 17:1-8; Gen. 1:1-4; Psalm 19:1-3; Isaiah 45:18; Matt. 28:19; John 1:1-5; 2 Corinth. 13:14; 2 Thes. 2:13-14

The Resurrection of Christ: We believe the literal, bodily resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of our faith. Following His resurrection, Jesus ascended to Heaven and will return someday to make all things new.

Scripture References: Luke 24:1-7; John 11:25-26; Acts 1:8-11; Romans 6:8-12; 1 Corinth. 15:3-8, 1 Corinth. 15:13-21; 1 Thes. 4:13-14; Rev. 21:1-5

The Church: We believe that the Church is the body of Christ comprised of all believers worldwide, bound together by common faith in Christ alone for salvation.

1. We believe that following salvation, we are called to demonstrate our identity in Christ through baptism by immersion and our remembrance of Christ through participation in communion.
2. We believe the Church is called to make disciples through relational community until Jesus returns to receive His Church, both living and dead, to be with Him as He reigns for all eternity.

Scripture References: Eph. 4:11-16; Matt. 28:19-20; Luke 22:7-20; 1 Corinth. 11:17-34