

## Volunteers for Christ's Short Term Missions Unity Covenant

In order to be effective in our short term mission trips, Volunteers for Christ sends TEAMS, not individuals. For us to accomplish the things God has put on our hearts, we need the synergy and momentum God produces when a group of people come together as a TEAM. Jesus prayed for us, as His followers, that we would be one in Christ, so the world may believe Jesus is the Son of God and Savior of the world (John 17:20-21).

In order for us to accomplish the ministry God has set before us on this trip and so the people we travel to serve may believe Jesus is the Son of God and Savior of the world, each team member must covenant with God and the members of the TEAM to be unified in the following areas.

### **Unity of Doctrine**

Because this is a Volunteers for Christ mission trip, the doctrinal basis for all teaching and other ministry is the Volunteers for Christ Doctrinal Statement. The basics of this Doctrinal Statement are provided to you in the pre-trip training sessions. A copy of the Volunteers for Christ Doctrinal Statement is also available upon request, as well as the Volunteers for Christ's website ([www.vfcbrazil.org](http://www.vfcbrazil.org)).

### **Unity of Purpose**

Your TEAM has a very specific purpose. The purpose for your trip has been established by Volunteers for Christ's missions leadership and your TEAM leaders. The purpose for your trip will be clearly communicated to you in your pre-trip training sessions.

### **Unity of Strategy**

Your TEAM also has a pre-determined strategy for fulfilling its purpose. This strategy has been established by your TEAM leaders, as well as the leaders of the ministry you are ministering to and alongside. The strategy for achieving the team's purpose and your particular role in that strategy will be clearly communicated to you in your pre-trip training sessions.

I affirm my desire and willingness to participate as a TEAM member on a Volunteers for Christ short term mission trip. I covenant to minister in submission to the doctrinal statement of Volunteers for Christ; I covenant to embrace the leadership's purpose statement for this trip; and, I covenant to fully participate with the TEAM in executing the leadership's strategy for achieving our purpose.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_