

**Permission to Participate in Missionary Service and Agreement to  
Voluntarily Assume Costs and Risks of Missionary Service**

In grateful consideration for the opportunity provided by Bethesda Baptist Church (BBC) to my/our minor child to serve as a volunteer on a short-term missions trip in aid of field strategies and operations to share the gospel, I/we hereby agree to the following:

I/ we grant my/our minor child permission to apply and serve as a volunteer with BBC. I/we do so in obedience to God’s command that His church should be involved in spreading the gospel to all nations and in pursuit of what I/we believe is a specific call from God for my/our child to undertake this voluntary service. Consistent with my/our beliefs, I/we trust God and His provision for my/our child’s ultimate security, safety, and well-being during his/her time of missions service.

I/we acknowledge that BBC has advised me/us that there are risks inherent in my/our child’s mission service, including but not limited to disease, illness, injury, death, political or social unrest, hostility to Americans, or hostility to Christians sharing the gospel. In addition, I/we have had the opportunity to undertake independent investigation of the risks in the region in which my/our child will be volunteering, including Department of State travel advisories. Being fully aware of the risks to my/our child, I/we hereby waive on behalf of my/our child, myself/ourselves, my/our family, and my/our estate, to the full extent permitted by law, any claims against BBC or its personnel arising out of my/our child’s mission service. On behalf of my/our child, I/we elect to voluntarily assume all risks that are inherent in his/her mission service. Furthermore, as a follower of Jesus Christ, it would violate my/our beliefs for me/us (or my/our family or my/our estate) to bring a claim in any court against BBC or its personnel based upon any injuries, illness, or death arising out of my/our child’s voluntary mission service. If any such claim were brought, it is my/our wish that it be dismissed, consistent with my/our religious beliefs and this agreement.

I/we acknowledge that my/our child will be serving under the policies of BBC and its designated supervisor and agree that he/she will follow those policies and the directives of his/her supervisor. My/our child agrees to abstain from the use of tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, and any other behavior that would hinder Christian ministry. I/we understand that if my/our child violates this agreement then BBC may dismiss him/her from service and require him/her to return home at my/our own expense.

I/we acknowledge that because my/our child is a volunteer involved in BBC missions, I/we are responsible for all costs directly attributable to his/her service, including costs of medical insurance and such costs for medical care and evacuation that are not covered by the insurance I/we choose to have for his/her mission service.

I/we have carefully reviewed this agreement and am/are not relying on anyone with BBC, for legal advice concerning this agreement or any other matter related to my child’s volunteer mission service with BBC.

Printed Name of minor child participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Project location:     Oaxaca, Mexico          Dates of service:     July 6-13, 2024    

Printed Name of parent: \_\_\_\_\_      Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of parent: \_\_\_\_\_      Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_      NOTARY: