



Mission Trip Team Covenant

We, the members of the Providence Baptist Church Student Ministry Slovakia Mission Team, believing that God has called us together to serve, agree together concerning the following:

I. Our Vision

We will strive to fulfill Providence Baptist's 2025 Strategic Plan (Providence Will...) through Sending Apostles and sharing the Good News through mission trips.

We desire to be a team of people characterized by Christ-like behavior exhibited through unconditional love; unselfish, joyful service, and unified teamwork. As a team, we will share the grace, peace, joy, and love of God in all things we do and to all people we interact with.

II. Our Team Objectives and Structure

We believe that we can fulfill our vision objectives through the following commitments and structured elements.

Team Meetings/Events/Retreat: Before, during, and after the trip, our team meetings and events will be crucial for the success of this trip. These team meetings shall include team devotions, team prayer, time for communication of details and plans, and time for individual relational development.

**Planning Retreat – March 1-2, 2019 - Providence Baptist Church*

**Team Planning Meetings (at least four) - February 10th, March 31st, April 24th, May 19th, June 17th - Providence Baptist Church*

**Various Fundraisers leading up to the trip. - Various dates/times.*

Prayer/Personal Quiet Times: We will attempt to be faithful in our daily times with God because we believe that growing individually is essential to growing as a team. We commit ourselves to daily prayer, every day up to and including our time on the trip, for the individuals on our team, the others we will serve with, and the hosts who will be serving us.

Ministry Opportunities: We will seek to be a witness of the love of Jesus to the people we encounter throughout our trip, remembering that we are not experts. Instead, we will go as learners and humble servants, open to other cultures and methods, as well as being open to what God might want to teach us. We will not have an attitude that suggests that we or our ways are superior. We will acclimate to the host culture, as well as the language as best as possible. We will respect the host's cultural view of Christianity recognizing that Christian worship throughout the world is practiced in various cultural forms. We may also have to eat food that is unfamiliar or participate in foreign customs. We will also follow the dress code guidelines and dress appropriately. We may have to abide by certain cultural guidelines and restrictions regarding appearance and clothing.

Work: We recognize that, if our objectives are to be completed, we must all commit ourselves to work to the best of his/her God-given ability every day of the project. We will carry out our tasks in a responsible and timely manner. We will handle all ministry equipment and assignments as tools and gifts which God

has entrusted to us. We will be flexible. We know that travel can present numerous unexpected and undesired circumstances, but the rewards of overcoming such circumstances are innumerable. Instead of whining and complaining, We'll be creative and supportive and adopt the attitude: *"We don't have problems- we have opportunities."*

Leadership: Dane Jackson will serve as team leader for this trip. In situations of team concerns, the team leader will be the team guide. We also recognize that working with the team is an opportunity for us all to develop God-given leadership ability, and we commit ourselves to that end through the pursuing of individual growth opportunities that may arise. The Team Leader and the hosts are the recognized authorities on the trip. We will respect these authorities and his or her decisions, being supportive and trusting positive intentions. Any defiance toward the team leader or hosts is unacceptable.

Lifestyle: We will strive to be representatives of Christ as well as Providence Baptist Church. We will model Jesus in our conduct, speech, and attitude. We will be positive and encouraging, refraining from complaining, negative talk, or gossip. We will also act in a manner appropriate and respectful to the host culture, doing all things with a joyful heart.

Team Unity/Safety: We will follow the trip schedule and participate in all group functions. We know that permission to deviate from scheduled activities or separate from the group for any reason must be obtained from the trip leader. I understand that tobacco products, illegal drugs, or alcohol are not to be taken, obtained, or used while on this trip. Fireworks of any kind are not allowed to be taken or purchased while on this trip. If any of the above mentioned items are found in my possession, I understand that my parents will be notified and I will be sent home.

IV. Evaluation/Accountability

I understand that I can be sent home at my own expense if I do not adhere to this covenant or if my Team Leader believes it is in my best interest or in the best interest of the team. I have read the Mission Trip Covenant above and agree to abide by the trip guidelines and expectations within.

We will meet after our return home to "debrief" as a team.

We will personally thank in writing all financial donors who contribute to my trip, including the Providence Baptist Church Missions Committee.

I, _____, as a member of Providence Baptist Church's Slovakia Mission Trip Team commit myself to abide by this covenant to the best of my God-given ability.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

