

VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

# IMPACT

missions

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Thank you for allowing your child to participate in this IMPACT experience. We are doing all we can to make this process a blessing to your entire family and community. We want nothing more than to see our students become people who love and serve others with the heart of Jesus. We are committed to our mission of providing students the opportunity to serve within a broad spectrum of intercultural experiences as they develop unique gifts and abilities with the purpose of loving Jesus and others, committed to the Kingdom.

When we think about the goals for this experience, it always comes back to relationships. On these mission trips, we see young people often choose to embrace and include others rather than exclude or reject. They feel convicted to serve others rather than fight for what is best for themselves. They choose to love and show compassion rather than be selfish. This is contrary to the world's logic. This is the way relationships are intended to be. These connections are not a distraction to the mission, but the very essence of it. Students get a glimpse of the joy, freedom, and beauty of how God intended things to be.

We travel to some difficult areas internationally where injustices and poverty have been present for generations. While we cannot fix it all in a week, we can be fully present, love radically, and be willing to learn. We can expose young people to what God is already doing and invite them to be a part of His story.

IMPACT formula:

GO...we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us (2 Cor. 5:20).  
SERVE...humble servant-learners building relationships and realizing our gifts (Eph 2:10).  
be TRANSFORMED...in love, seek and share the Kingdom (Matthew 5-7, Romans 12).

This is an important part of their Valley Christian educational experience. We believe in your children and the mighty ways God plans to use them. Thank you for allowing them to be a part of this learning experience with us.

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IMPACT Missions Team

# IMPACT PURPOSE

We are ambassadors for Christ...

## MISSION

In partnership with committed parent(s)/guardian(s) and missionaries across the world, our purpose is to create a Christ-centered program that provides students the opportunity to serve within a broad spectrum of intercultural experiences. This global perspective will allow them to develop their unique gifts and abilities while being transformed spiritually, relationally, and with a selfless heart so they may be servant learners. We pray students obtain a passion to seek and share the Kingdom as followers of Jesus.

**Prayer:** I hope God changes our sense of identity, our understanding of how we fit in our community and world, and how we live out our calling to love the people of this world just as Jesus has loved us.

**Goals:** *Love well: Learning, Relationships, Encouragement, Long-term Engagement and transformation.*

## IMPACT SERVICE PHILOSOPHY

**We recognize that Jesus is already in the city.** Our job is to help our students discover God's handprint and presence in the city and its people.

**We don't come with the answers but enter with a posture of learning.** We do this best by asking questions. Our human tendency is to want to make things right. Sometimes we may try to fix what isn't broken and in the process cause shame or cycles of dependence.

**Jesus desires transformation, not change.** God brings transformation in our minds, hearts, and lives. Rather than just changing circumstances (which are often symptoms of deeper realities), we long to see how God is working on root issues. Transformation takes more time but is more holistic. How can we help students to partner with God's transformative work in themselves and in communities?

SERVICE	JUSTICE
Service can make us feel like “great saviors” who rescue the broken”.	Justice means God does the rescuing but often works through the united power of a diverse community to do it.
Service often dehumanizes (even if subtly) those who are labeled the “receivers”.	Justice restores human dignity by creating an environment in which all involved “give” and “receive” in a spirit of reciprocal learning and mutual ministry.
Service is something we do <i>for</i> others.	Justice is something we do <i>with</i> others.
Service is an event.	Justice is a lifestyle.
Service expects results immediately.	Justice hopes for results but recognizes that systemic change takes time.
The goal of service is to help others.	The goal of justice is to remove obstacles so others can be empowered to help themselves.
Service focuses on what our own ministry can accomplish.	Justice focuses on how we can work with other ministries to accomplish even more.

### PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S) COVENANT

**We believe IMPACT trips should be a family experience. Our prayer is that the entire process can be experienced together and will lend itself to healthy communication and open dialogue between the whole family. Parents/guardians are much more than a checkbook or a chauffeur. Prayer, communication, and support from you will make a difference in the experience a student has and the lasting impact we pray for.**

- **PRAYER SUPPORT** - committing to pray daily for my student’s justice journey; inviting others to pray on their own or join with me for particular prayers
- **FINANCIAL SUPPORT** - give a certain amount of money before, during, or after my student’s work; or helping your student reach out to your community of friends and family
- **COMMUNICATION SUPPORT** - staying on top of communication from IMPACT; or designating a time each week to talk through the experience; share what you’re learning about the city, culture, or expectations, etc.
- **POST-SERVICE SUPPORT** - helping students figure out how to be involved in justice work at home; engaging in justice work as a family; continued talk and prayer about what God taught them on the trip

# GENERAL RESOURCES

## INTERNATIONAL TRIP

### IMPACT TRIP STUDENT BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES

#### STAYING WITH THE GROUP

- Students should **never** wander off or attempt to “sight-see” individually.
- When split into groups, students must remain in groups **no smaller than four** with their assigned IMPACT leader. Students are allowed to pair up and do periodical checks with the IMPACT leaders during airport layovers.
- Students may not enter any vehicle or form of transportation other than the transportation identified by the IMPACT program leaders.
- All students must be on time to designated meeting times.

#### CURFEW EXPECTATIONS

- Students must follow the “lights out” times set by the IMPACT leader (lights off and quiet).
- Members of the opposite gender are not allowed in each other’s room at any time, unless as an official IMPACT team meeting.
- Students may not leave their room after curfew, unless it is to contact their IMPACT leader about a concerning issue.

#### CULTURAL SENSITIVITY

- Everyone on the trip is choosing to go and represent our faith and our school. This spirit of Christian service should guide all attire, behavior, and speech.
- All students need to continually remember that we are visitors and to be respectful of other cultures and standards while visiting.
- Students are instructed to avoid the appearance of impropriety or doing anything that could be criminal or construed as criminal in nature.
- Students should be very thoughtful before taking pictures of others. Consider, “How would my mom/dad or sister/brother feel if someone took a picture of them if they were in this scenario?”

#### TRIP ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION

- Scheduled activities are not optional. They are the focus of the trip.
- If a student feels unwell or stressed, he/she needs to immediately notify the IMPACT leader.

#### CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES

- We encourage students to not use their phones while on the IMPACT trips, except for necessary parent communication.
- VCHS recommends that students leave expensive electronic devices at home.

## **ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE IMPACT PROGRAM**

The safety of our children is of paramount importance. VCS reserves the right to revoke a student's trip participation if VCS believes there is a risk to the physiological, emotional, or physical health of the student. If VCS feels unable to secure a student's well-being while on the trip, the student will be asked to not attend. VCHS disciplinary records will be considered and a student may not be able to participate on the trip.

## **CHOOSING TO LEAVE A TRIP EARLY**

If a student or the parent(s)/guardian(s) want the student to return home before the scheduled time, the parent should contact the IMPACT trip leader and explain the reason and the level of urgency. The IMPACT trip leader will then notify the trip's VCS campus administrator, who will work with the parent(s)/guardian(s) to decide the timing of the return, collectively weighing the family's needs with the overall trip team's needs. The family is financially responsible for all actions needed to return the student home.

## **PERSONAL PROPERTY**

VCS is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Students should not bring any valuable or sentimental items. Students should immediately notify their IMPACT leader if an item appears to be lost. The IMPACT trip leader will work with the student and take appropriate actions to attempt to locate the missing property.

## **VCS CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY**

The IMPACT trip leaders have complete authority over students on the trip. Students are expected to be cooperative, courteous, orderly, and to respond properly to correction (Hebrews 13:17). There are different levels of correction used to help students develop their own personal self-discipline and responsible behavior.

IMPACT trip participation is a privilege. Failure of the student or parent(s)/guardian(s) to comply with all policies, rules, and regulations of the IMPACT program is grounds for removal from the trip, either prior to the trip's departure or prior to the trip, with no refund of fees. Valley Christian Schools reserves the right to remove any student from the trip for violation of any policy, rule, or regulation by the student or parent or if Valley Christian determines that either the student or parent(s)/guardian(s) is not in agreement with the Philosophies of VCS or the IMPACT purpose.

## **PROFANITY/VULGAR SPEECH**

How we speak influences our entire ministry and impacts everyone around us, which is why inappropriate and vulgar language is not acceptable at Valley Christian Schools or on IMPACT trips. Students should use uplifting language and not bring profane/vulgar music or videos on the IMPACT trip.

## PUBLIC DISPLAYS OF AFFECTION

Public displays of inappropriate affection are not permitted. This includes kissing, lying on each other, prolonged hugs, sitting on laps, and other inappropriate physical contact. Disciplinary action may occur if behavior is deemed inappropriate by the IMPACT trip leader.

## GENERAL PACKING

- Most students choose to bring \$100-150 for souvenirs and meals/snacks in the airports. Your student will need to buy four meals at the airports.
- US Currency, small bills.
- If you don't have clothing that meets the dress code requirements, consider going to Goodwill to pick up some items just for this trip.

Students should be able to manage/carry their own bags:

1 Suitcase

1 Personal Item- Backpack

**Do not bring jewelry, anything flashy or sparkly, laptops, iPads, or any valuable or sentimental items.**

## GENERAL IMPACT ATTIRE INSTRUCTIONS

- Bring your VCHS missions t-shirt! We try to stay branded as often as possible.
- On all of our trips, there will be days of extensive walking and hiking. Bring sneakers or boots—not just flip flops—even if you prefer just flip flops.
- Have a trusted adult check everything before you pack.

## GENERAL IMPACT DRESS CODE

- Remember this is a mission trip. Only bring attire—even for travel—that wouldn't draw attention to you or wouldn't be awkward to move around in while working. Think very conservative.
- We will wear ankle-length long pants/skirts anywhere besides lodging. No shorts should be worn outside of team housing.
- Everyone—guys and girls—must wear crew neck tops (no V-neck, scoop neck) and all shirts must have sleeves (no cap sleeves or tank tops). Make sure they are long enough – no one should see unexpected skin while you are moving around.
- No one—guys or girls—should wear any tight-fitting clothes or anything remotely see-through. CAREFULLY evaluate white clothing or thin cloth.

## GENDER-SPECIFIC DRESS CODE

## GUYS

- Shirts must be worn at all times (with the exception of swimming).
- Pants must be at the waist with no undergarments showing.
- Bring longer swim trunks (closer to the knee).

## GIRLS

- Pack conservative undergarments and wear them.
- Dresses need to have sleeves (short or long) and crew-neck necklines.
- Pack a modest one-piece swimsuit (no high cut legs, two pieces or tankinis).

## GENERAL IMPACT PACKING LIST (INTERNATIONAL)

### **Passport!**

### **Clothes: 10-Day Trip**

Long Pants /Belts

T-Shirts

Socks and Underwear

Shorts only for evenings

Pajamas

Sweatshirt

Hat/Sunglasses

Work Shoes- Sneakers/ Durable Shoes

Travel Shoes

Work Gloves if applicable

Plastic Bag for dirty and wet items

Church Clothes- female bring a long skirt

### **Toiletries/Medicine**

Toothbrush/Toothpaste/Floss

Shampoo/Conditioner (travel size)

Deodorant (travel size)

Body wash/soap (travel size)

Face cleanser (travel size)

Insect repellent

Travel Hand Sanitizer

Lip Balm (optional)

**Water Bottle (mandatory)**

Hair brush/supplies/hair ties

### **Medicine**

(If you need/want to bring your own, fill out a medical release form for each prescription and OTC)

Personal Medication

### **Sleep/Entertainment**

Headphones

Pen/Paper

**Bible, not a phone app**

### **Trip specific:**

- Copy of your passport to be kept in your backpack at all times.

- Hand sanitizer

- Bug Spray

- High SPF Sunscreen

- snacks (power bars, granola bars, crackers, beef jerky, etc.)

### **Faculty Leaders Carry...**

Allergy Medicine (Benadryl), Ibuprofen, Pepto Bismol, Imodium AD, Nausea Medicine, other OTC meds, First Aid Kit

## MISSIONS TRIP SUPPORT LETTER

We believe that raising resources for the experience is just another opportunity for God to use this trip in a meaningful way. We encourage all students to write a letter to distribute to friends and family, even if you decide as a family to pay for the trip and you only ask for prayer. We view raising support as yet another ministry opportunity and usually ends up being a blessing to all involved. Those that give become a support network for all the students, allowing them to share in the blessings of the trip. Students then are able to share their experience and all that God has done with this extended community. For your letter to be effective, it should be exciting and engaging. Here are some ways to improve your support letter.

### BE BRIEF AND TO THE POINT

If your support letter looks like an English 101 term paper, you may want to consider condensing it. It may be tempting to share everything that's going on in your life with your recipient. However, if it's going to take them 30 minutes to read, they probably won't read it right away (if ever). You want to grab your recipient's attention right away, and you don't want to bore them. We suggest keeping your letter to 1 page in length. Answering the following questions will help you keep your letter brief and to the point:

- What mission trip are you going on?
- What will you be doing while you're there?
- How can your recipient participate (usually financial, relational, & spiritual support)?
- How will their participation impact you and the people you plan to serve?

### MAKE IT EASY TO RESPOND AND GIVE

If your recipient has to jump through a bunch of hoops to support you, they will be less likely to participate. IMPACT has made connecting extremely easy with the link we provide. We recommend sending a personal email rather than a letter. The link will be at the bottom of the email. When they receive your email, they can just click on the link to make a donation specifically for you.

### IMPACT FEES AS CHARITABLE DONATIONS

All fees for mission's trips qualify as tax deductible charitable donations. VCHS will collect and track all missions-related fees through our *Extend the Gift* program, which will generate receipts for everyone who donates to track their deductible contributions. Payment link is provided in the email. When donating online, please be sure to indicate the student name and trip location. If a check is easier, please make it to "Valley Christian Schools" with the name of the student and trip location in the memo.



## REQUIRED MATERIALS

REQUIRED MATERIALS THAT NEED TO BE SIGNED AND SUBMITTED ON MOODLE: IN ORDER BELOW

If the below items are not submitted by the trip deadlines, the student's place on the trip may be forfeited for another student on the waitlist.

1. IMPACT Parent Letter Acknowledgement
2. International Overnight Travel: Activity Permission Sheet Release & Waiver of Liability
3. IMPACT Financial Agreement & Associated Payments
4. Medical Consent Form - if applicable

REQUIRED DOCUMENT TO BE SIGNED (1 of 4)

IMPACT Parent Letter Acknowledgement

## IMPACT PARENT LETTER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s):

As you know, the Valley Christian Schools has been provided an incredible opportunity to travel domestically and internationally through our IMPACT | Missions Program. While Valley Christian Schools (hereafter the "School") is excited about this incredible opportunity for the students to minister to and experience other cities and cultures, the School remains concerned about possible safety issues and wants to advise parent(s)/guardian(s) of its general concerns as well as notify parent(s)/guardian(s) of the precautions which the school is taking to try to address those concerns.

### TRIP RISKS

As with any form of travel there are always associated risks. The School wants to advise parent(s)/guardian(s) that it makes no representation or warranties regarding the safety of your child and cannot guarantee the safety of any child participating in this trip. The School specifically warns parent(s)/guardian(s) that there is a risk of permanent injury, disability, death, terrorist activity, kidnapping, arrest, plane and car accidents, separation from the group, disease, sickness, and other similar dangers which could result in a child failing to return from the activity or trip as well as permanent injury and death.

### STUDENT SAFETY

In an attempt to address these possible concerns, the School has formulated some general recommendations and procedures in an attempt, to the extent possible, to facilitate a safe and enjoyable travel experience. These are provided for informational purposes only and should not be construed as a guarantee, representation, warranty, or contract. We hope that the following recommendations and procedures will assist to facilitate that everyone will have a pleasant, safe experience:

- Valley Christian Schools intends to have an adult to student ratio of no less than 1 adult for every 12 students.
- The School, before taking students to any local areas, will check with partner missionaries and others about safety of the area and areas where students may safely be permitted.
- At each destination, students will be provided a cellular phone contact for an adult or adults on the trip in the event of separation from the group.
- The School will plan time in the schedule periodically in the morning or evening for briefing on trip issues, plans, and other concerns which may arise that day or the following day.

### STUDENT SUPERVISION

- Valley Christian Schools intends to have adult supervision while conducting activities. If the team breaks into groups, an adult will be assigned to each group. Students are allowed to pair off when inside the security of airports during extended layovers.
- If students are permitted to break up into their defined groups to do work, adults will also be monitoring the defined areas.

## STUDENTS BEHAVIOR

- The School asks parent(s)/guardian(s) to reinforce with their children that we are visitors and to be respectful of other cultures and standards while visiting.
- Additionally, parent(s)/guardian(s) are asked to remind their children of the importance of adhering to expected standards of conduct and behavior.
- Students will be instructed not to, under any circumstances, wander off individually or to attempt to “sight-see” individually.
- Students will be instructed that they must remain in a specific defined area and will have periodic check in times with their assigned adult.
- IMPACT leaders review the IMPACT student behavior expectations prior to the trip.
- Failure to adhere to defined parameters of student behavior and trip expectations will result in loss of future privileges and/or requirement to return home at the expense of the parent.

## MEDICATION

- All medication must have the Medical Consent Form filled out with appropriate signatures for over the counter and prescription medication, and be turned into the IMPACT trip leader at the start of the trip with medication in the original bottle or prescription bottle.
- No student is allowed to carry their medication unless they are traveling by air or crossing the border, at which time they may have to carry it.
- Leaders, when appropriate, will provide over-the counter medications unless specifically asked not to do so.

## DOCUMENT SECURITY

- A copy of the student emergency information will be with the IMPACT trip leader at all times.

## CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES

- VCHS recommends that students leave expensive electronic devices at home.

## COMMUNICATION WHILE ON THE TRIP

- One trip leader is in charge of parent communication. An email update will be sent out by the IMPACT trip leader each day.
- We encourage students to not use their phones while on the IMPACT trips, except for necessary parent communication.

In order to participate in the IMPACT Missions program, students must adhere to existing VCHS policies. Disciplinary records will be considered and a student may not be able to participate on the trip if disciplinary issues exist or occur. Also, if VCS feels unable to secure a student's well-being while on the trip, the student will be asked to not attend.

The School wanted to follow up with parent(s)/guardian(s) in writing, regarding the potential dangers created and the efforts taken by the School to address those concerns. Any information provided herein is provided merely for informational purposes only. The School strongly encourages parent(s)/guardian(s) to address the potential dangers with their children and to instruct their children of the necessity to remain in groups, avoid wandering off from the group, and obeying the parameters of those in charge on the trip.

We would ask parent(s)/guardian(s) to be prayerful for the trip and experience of the entire group. If for some reason, parent(s)/guardian(s) have further concerns regarding the above information, please contact your IMPACT trip leader.

## IMPACT PARENT/GUARDIAN LETTER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I have been advised of the potential dangers and agree that any information provided herein is for informational purposes only and that nothing contained herein constitutes a contract, warranty, or representation by or on behalf of Valley Christian Schools.

I understand the expectations (materials to be submitted and behavioral standards) to be allowed to participate on an IMPACT trip.

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Student Printed Name

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Parent/Guardian Printed Name

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

REQUIRED DOCUMENT TO BE SIGNED (2 of 4)

Letter to Parents about International Trips



*"Do it heartily as to the Lord." Col. 3:23*

Dear Parents,

As you know, the Valley Christian Schools IMPACT Missions (Group Name) has been provided an incredible opportunity to travel internationally to \_\_\_\_\_ (Country Name). While Valley Christian Schools (hereafter the "School") is excited about this incredible opportunity for the students to minister to and experience other cultures, the School remains concerned about possible safety issues and wants to advise parents of its general concerns as well as notify parents of the precautions which the school is taking to try to address those concerns. The School also asks parents to reinforce with their children that we are visitors and to be respectful of other cultures and standards while visiting. Additionally, parents are asked to remind their children of the importance of adhering to expected standards of conduct and behavior.

As with any form of travel, there are always associated risks. These risks are magnified when travel is outside the United States, particularly given the current political climate. The School wants to advise parents that it makes no representation or warranties regarding the safety of your child and cannot guarantee the safety of any child participating in this trip. The School specifically warns parents that there is a risk of permanent injury, disability, death, terrorist activity, kidnapping, arrest, plane and car accidents, separation from the group, disease, sickness, lack of adequate medical care or treatment, and other similar dangers which could result in a child failing to return from the activity or trip as well as permanent injury and death.

In an attempt to address these possible concerns, the School has formulated some general recommendations and procedures in an attempt, to the extent possible, to facilitate a safe and enjoyable travel experience. These are provided for informational purposes only and should not be construed as a guarantee, representation, warranty or contract. We hope that the following recommendations and procedures will assist to facilitate that everyone will have a pleasant, safe experience:

- Valley Christian Schools intends to have an adult to student ratio of less than 1 adult for every 10 students;
- Valley Christian Schools will meet with students and families to review the safety issues and dangers posed by the trip and the general expectations on the trip;
- Valley Christian Schools will be in contact with the U. S. State Department (insert agencies which school has been in contact - such as U.S. State Department, U.S. Embassies,) for suggestions for traveling in this region and assistance with addressing potential dangers and is incorporating their suggestions and recommendations;
- Each adult attending the trip and monitoring students on behalf of Valley Christian Schools will be provided a cellular phone capable of working internationally and of communication with \_\_\_\_\_ (Leader's Name), the IMPACT Missions (Group Name)'s administrator, and with other supervising adults;
- Students will be instructed not to, under any circumstances, wander off individually or to attempt to sight-see individually. Where, on occasion, opportunities for breaking up in smaller groups are provided, students will be instructed to remain in groups no smaller than four;
- Students, if they are permitted to break up into their defined groups, will be instructed that they must remain in a specific defined area and will have periodic check-in times with their assigned adult. Failure to adhere to defined parameters will result in loss of future privileges and/or requirement to return home:



*"Do it heartily as to the Lord." Col. 3:23*

- If students are permitted to break up into their defined groups, adults will also be monitoring the defined areas;
- Each group of student activities are planned with the provision that every student can personally contact their supervising adult within ten minutes;
- The School, before permitting students to break up into any possible groups, will check with Hotel staff and others about safety of the area and areas where students may safely be permitted limited time to sight-see in groups;
- At each destination, students will be provided a contact information sheet with the contact information for the Hotel, a cellular phone contact for an adult or adults on the trip, and information for the U.S. Embassy in the event of separation from the group;
- The School will plan time in the schedule periodically in the morning or evening for briefing on trip issues, plans, and other concerns which may arise that day or the following day;
- The School intends to collect all passports of students not accompanied by a parent at each destination and keep them in a secure location. Students will be instructed to keep copies of the passports on their person at all times;
- Students are instructed to avoid the appearance of impropriety or doing anything that could be criminal or construed as criminal in nature; and Parents are advised that many U.S. cellular phones do not work internationally. As a result, parents who want their child to have their own cellular phone access are encouraged to check with their cellular service provider regarding international coverage and take appropriate action.

The School wants to follow up with parents, in writing, regarding the potential dangers created and the efforts taken by the School to address those concerns. Any information provided herein is provided merely for informational purposes only. The School strongly encourages parents to address the potential dangers with their children and to instruct their children of the necessity to remain in groups, avoid wandering off from the group, and obeying the parameters of those in charge on the trip.

We would ask parents to be prayerful for the trip and experience of the entire group. If, for some reason, parents have further concerns regarding the above information, please contact \_\_\_\_\_(Name) at \_\_\_\_\_.

**I have been advised of the potential dangers and agree that any information provided herein is for informational purposes only and that nothing contained herein constitutes a contract, warranty, or representation by or on behalf of Valley Christian Schools.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## REQUIRED DOCUMENT TO BE SIGNED (3 of 4)

International Overnight Travel:  
Activity Permission Sheet Release & Waiver



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**International Overnight Travel  
Activity Permission Sheet and Release and Waiver of Liability**

I give my permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the following Valley Christian Schools' activity and in consideration for my child being permitted to participate in the program, trip activity or activities, hereby agree to the following:

Details of Activity: IMPACT Missions Trip

Acknowledgement of risks: I acknowledge that I have been advised and understand the risks and dangers associated with international travel, which include, but are not limited to, personal injury, death, permanent disability, disfigurement, terrorist activity, kidnapping, arrest, plane and car accidents, separation from the group, disease, sickness, lack of adequate medical care or treatment, and other similar dangers which could result in my child failing to return from the activity or trip as well as permanent injury and death.

I agree that Valley Christian Schools is not the guarantor of my child's safety, cannot guarantee my child's safety while on the trip, and has made no representation or warranty to me regarding the safety of my child. I agree on my behalf and on behalf of my child to assume the risk of any damage, injury, or death which I or my child may sustain arising in any way from my child's participation in this program, activity, or trip and its related activities.

**Release and Waiver of Liability:** I hereby agree, both on my behalf individually as a parent and on behalf of my child, to hereby release and to identify and hold harmless Valley Christian Schools, its agents, officers, directors, and employees, and any other organization co-sponsoring the program, trip, or activities, from and against any and all Injuries or damages which I or my child may suffer for any claims of negligence or alleged negligent act(s) or omission(s) arising out of or in any way connected with my or my child's travel or participation in the program, trip, event(s) or any activities related thereto. **I have read this paragraph and understand and agree that this is a Release and Waiver of claims both on behalf of myself and my child, and that I am relinquishing rights by signing this agreement and have done so voluntarily.**

I agree that if my child disregards the rules and regulations put forth by the directors and staff, he/she may be sent home prior to the planned conclusion of the trip. The cost of the early return will be paid by me, and I also understand I will not be refunded any money for the balance of the trip.

Any dispute between the parties arising out of this agreement shall be submitted to binding arbitration before a retired Judge in Santa Clara County under the arbitration provisions of the California Code of Civil Procedure. This arbitrator shall be selected by mutual agreement, or if that is not possible, shall select this arbitrator by the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court. Each party shall bear their own costs and expenses of the arbitration and an equal share of the arbitrator's fees. Any arbitration shall be subject to the same statutes of limitations as would apply in the absence of an arbitration provision. **THE PARTIES IRREVOCABLY WAIVE THE RIGHT TO A COURT OR JURY TRIAL.**

**I have read, understand, and agree to the above provisions and sign this form individually and on behalf of my child.**

Parent Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (Parent/Guardian Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

REQUIRED DOCUMENT TO BE SIGNED (4 of 4)

IMPACT Financial Agreement

# IMPACT FINANCIAL AGREEMENT

## INITIAL TRIP DEPOSIT

All IMPACT trips have high demand and in order to secure a spot and make a commitment to the trip, each participant must make their deposit on time.

## TRIP DEPOSIT DEADLINES & PAPERWORK DEADLINES

Payment Schedule	IMPACT trip	Total Cost
● \$300 Deposit	Already paid	
● \$500 (\$800 total)	Due Dec 12	
● \$500 (\$1300 total)	Due January 10	
● \$500 (\$1800 total)	Due January 31	
● \$500 (\$2300 total)	Due February 28	
● Remainder Due	Due March	
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Both Winter and Spring trips are on the same payment schedule. Summer trip payment plans will be sent separately.

Please read and understand the benefit of financial aid and apply if needed.

## IMPACT REFUND POLICY

The initial deposit of \$300 is non-refundable after November 30. Once the deposit payment has been received, VCS purchases a non-refundable trip on behalf of the student. If a family desires to be removed from the trip after November 30<sup>th</sup>, the IMPACT Program will seek to replace the student with someone on the waitlist. If a substitute student is identified, the original family still must pay the airline change fees (approximately \$200). If a replacement student cannot be found, the parent/guardian is responsible for the entire cost of the trip.

## IMPACT FEES AS CHARITABLE DONATIONS

All fees for mission's trips qualify as tax deductible charitable donations. VCHS will collect and track all missions-related fees through our *Extend the Gift* program, which will generate receipts for parents to use to track their deductible contributions.

## FUNDRAISING

We believe that raising resources for the experience is just another opportunity for God to use this trip in a meaningful way. We encourage all students to write a letter to distribute to friends and family, even if you decide as a family to pay for the trip and you only ask for prayer. We view raising support as yet another ministry opportunity and usually ends up being a blessing to all involved. This network of people may become support for the students, being allowed to share in the blessings of the trip. Students then are able to share their experience and all that God has done with this extended community.

I understand the IMPACT financial responsibilities and policies:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Parent Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

REQUIRED DOCUMENT TO BE SIGNED (5 of 5)

Medical Consent (if Applicable)

## Medication Consent Form

☐ High School    ☐ Jr. High School    ☐ Elementary School

### Prescription or Non-Prescription

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of medication \_\_\_\_\_ Purpose of medication \_\_\_\_\_  
Date to begin medication \_\_\_\_\_ Date to end medication \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount to be given \_\_\_\_\_ Times to be given \_\_\_\_\_ Times per day \_\_\_\_\_  
Possible adverse reactions \_\_\_\_\_  
Special instructions for storage of medication \_\_\_\_\_  
Special instructions for administration of medication \_\_\_\_\_  
Physician's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Physician's Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Administrative Statement

Any pupil who is required to take, during the regular school day, medication prescribed for him by a physician, may be assisted by the school nurse or other designated school personnel if the school district receives (1) a written statement from such physician detailing the method, amount, and time schedules by which such medication is to be taken and (2) a written statement from the parent or guardian of the pupil indicating the desire that the school district assist the pupil in the matters set forth in the physician's statement.

The student is to bring the medication to school and must be delivered to the school office first thing in the morning in the **original container**. **All medication must have the student's name clearly marked on the container. This form must be completed before medication will be administered.**

### Parental Consent for Administering Medication

I give Valley Christian Schools personnel the permission to give my child, \_\_\_\_\_  
(print first and last name)  
the medication (listed above). As the parent or legal guardian, I hereby agree to release Valley Christian Schools from all liability, claims, damages, harmful effects, or expenses arising out of the administration of the medication and/or for any adverse effects or reactions attendant to the administration of the medication to the aforementioned student.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone/Work Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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