

FINANCIAL AGREEMENT

At NEXT Worldwide we believe God has entrusted us with His resources and challenged us to be good stewards. These guidelines are designed to ensure good stewardship and help provide each participant with the best overall experience possible.

- **All Donations are Non-Refundable:** As a 501c3 non-profit organization, all funds obtained for NEXT Worldwide mission trips are considered unrestricted charitable contributions receiving a tax deduction and therefore, the property of NEXT Worldwide for federal income tax purposes.
- **Initial Trip Deposit:** Your trip deposit is non-refundable. Deposits may be transferred to another participant until the Travel Cost Deadline. After this date, the deposit becomes non-transferrable.
- **Payment Deadlines Must be Met:** If payment deadlines are not met, the participant may be subject to an increase in trip cost or a trip cancellation.
- **Trip Cost:** The cost of each trip includes airfare, lodging, in-country food and transportation, translators, evangelism and leadership materials, funds for the new church-plant, funds for the church-planting partner, church-planting resources and trip costs for two NEXT staff members.
- **Airline Tickets:** Once an airline ticket has been purchased, the cost to cover the designated ticket is non-refundable and non-transferrable.
- **Factors Beyond our Control:** Certain elements like the cost of airline tickets, fuel surcharges, country taxes and fluctuations in the value of the US dollar, etc. are beyond our control. We strive to provide the most accurate and cost efficient trip price, but fluctuating costs may cause trip prices to change. While rare, NEXT Worldwide also reserves the right to adjust prices, change the location of or cancel a trip when warranted by circumstances beyond the control of the organization.

CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY

If a participant is not able to go on the trip, the following policy will be in effect:

- A NEXT Worldwide trip participant may be allowed to use his/her account balance, (minus deposit and airfare charged to that

point) towards another NEXT Worldwide trip in the following calendar year.

- Once an airline ticket has been purchased, the cost to If the participant is unable to go on another trip in the next year, the participant may designate the transfer of funds (minus deposit and airfare charged up to that point) to another trip participant on that same trip or the participant's account balance will go to further the mission of NEXT Worldwide.
- If funds are transferred to a new person after the Travel Cost Due Date, that trip's deposit amount will be required by the new person before the departure date.
- NEXT reserves the right to change the location of or cancel a trip when deemed necessary by the NEXT Worldwide leadership.

MEDIATION

- I agree not to hold NEXT Worldwide, its leaders, employees and volunteer staff liable for any damages, losses, diseases or injuries incurred as a result of my participation on a trip or campaign and I expressly waive any claims of negligence against NEXT Worldwide and its employees, agents and volunteers.
- I agree with NEXT Worldwide, that any claim or dispute covered by, arising from or related to this RELEASE will be settled by biblically based mediation and, if necessary, legally binding arbitration in accordance with the *Rules of Procedure for Christian Conciliation* of the Institute for Christian Conciliation (www.peacemaker.net/site/c.nuIWL7MOJtE/b.5394441/k.BD56/Home.htm).
- All such mediation and arbitration shall take place in Dallas, Texas. Judgment upon an arbitration award may be entered in any court otherwise having jurisdiction.
- I agree with NEXT Worldwide, that such mediation and arbitration will be the sole means available to us for resolving any controversy or claim covered by, arising from or related to this RELEASE.
- I expressly waive my rights to file a lawsuit in any civil court against one another for such disputes, except to enforce an arbitration decision. Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent NEXT Worldwide from asserting or pleading this RELEASE as a defense in any action or proceeding brought against NEXT Worldwide.