



Family Life Missions

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Family Life Missions Handbook for Mission Teams 2023

*Serving vulnerable children and families in Catacamas, Honduras, through
Family Preservation, Foster Care, and
Por Los Niños Residential Homes and Christian Bilingual School*

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Partnering with God to place the lonely in families....Psalm 68:6



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Dear Visiting Team,

Welcome to Family Life Missions! We are excited you are interested in serving vulnerable children and families in Catacamas, Honduras. We serve children and families physically and spiritually through our three programs: Por Los Niños residential homes and PLN Christian Bilingual School, Family Preservation, and Foster Care, with the church leading the way. We appreciate your willingness and desire to serve with us!

This year we are celebrating **30 years of serving the community of Catacamas**. God has continued to show us how to serve more effectively along the way, and our mission teams are an important of how we do that. Whether you come to build a home for a family through our “Building Dreams” program, serve the children in our school or residential home, or plan to work on our campus, we know your giving hearts and hands will bless many. We also know what a great blessing you will receive when you serve our children and families.



While visiting our Por Los Niños campus and working within the Catacamas community, you will serve as an ambassador of Christ and a representative of Family Life Missions, and your home church. This handbook will help you know what to expect on your visit, how to respond to different cultural situations, and understand our policies and procedures. It will also give you insight into the beautiful country of Honduras and the good work we are doing.

Our work at Family Life Missions includes many partnerships in the community. You may be working with some of these organizations and churches to benefit those living in Catacamas, as their work directly affects our children and their families. Our desire is for you to grow spiritually during your visit and become more knowledgeable about our global world as we reach others through the love of Christ.

Thank you for giving your time and resources. Enjoy the beauty of Honduras and pray for the people who live there and daily struggle spiritually, economically, socially, and physically. May we all show the light of Christ in our daily walk!

Grace and Peace,



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What We Do at Family Life Missions

Family Life Missions (FLM) operates three programs in Catacamas, Honduras. Our **Family Preservation Program** supports families in the local community in various ways, including our “Building Dreams” program that helps families reunite through building a house with aid from FLM staff, the local church, the family, and our generous donors. We also provide social support services to families through training and community events, share resources such as our library and **Holistic Care Center** with the larger community, and offer health and nutrition aid. Preserving families helps the children we serve today, and for generations to come.



Our residential homes for vulnerable, abandoned, and orphaned children are located on our beautiful **Por Los Niños (PLN)** campus in Catacamas. Children at PLN live in a family environment with caregivers called tío (uncle) and tía (aunt). Our goal is to place every child in a loving family so that none need to live on our campus. We also operate an award-winning **Christian Bilingual School for Pre-K through 8th grade** that is open to children in the community. Our **Holistic Care Center** provides trauma therapy in various ways to the vulnerable children we serve, including individual, group, and play therapy.



Working in partnership with the government of Honduras, we have implemented a new national **Foster Care Program, one of the first in the country.** We place children with loving, volunteer foster families from local churches in the community who have undergone our intensive training and accreditation program. We offer support to these families, including visits, home improvements, workshops, and spiritual guidance.



All three of our programs work together to reach the mission and vision of Family Life Missions: to partner with God to place the lonely in families and to bring hope, health, and stability to define the community, with the church leading the way.





What You Will Do at Family Life Missions

Each group will have a specific schedule that may include: a service project for the community for families in our Family Preservation and Foster Care programs, a project at PLN (examples include a VBS-style bible class for the children at our bilingual school, soccer time, organizing our warehouse, etc.), possible visits to families from area churches, and a day of being a tourist in Catacamas! The Executive Director will work with your Group Leader to prepare the trip schedule to be shared with the group. Our Building Dreams program is part of Family Preservation. We partner with a family, the local church, a mission team, and our staff to help build a safe and healthy home for a family.

Most importantly, you will be showing the love of Jesus to the Catacamas community through your actions, conduct, and friendly smiles. And you will return home tired but with a more profound respect and knowledge of Honduras and the vulnerable, abandoned, and orphaned children and families we serve.

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“I have always dreamed of having my own family and my own house. Now I will have both.”

- Belkis

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“Siempre he soñado con tener mi propia familia y mi propia casa. Ahora tendré los dos”.

- Belkis



Belkis lived on our Por Los Niños campus for 11 years. Last year she and her husband and daughter were beneficiaries of a secure and healthy home built with the help of two U.S. church mission teams through our Building Dreams (Construyendo Sueños) program.

Family Life Missions Visitor's Policy

Family Life Missions seeks to provide a safe family environment where vulnerable children and families can learn who God is and form a strong attachment to Him. Every child and family are spiritually, physically, emotionally, socially, and psychologically supported.

The following are visitor guidelines based upon what we believe is best for the children in our care in our PLN residential homes and school, along with a code of conduct concerning those visiting our campus. National and foreign visitors must follow this policy while serving at FLM in the Catacamas community.

Guidelines for Volunteers Visiting FLM

1. Groups from the U.S. wishing to visit our Family Life Missions campus must contact the Executive Director three months before their proposed trip. The Executive Director will work through a timeline and offer various forms of service for the group.
2. Group members must be 16 years or older with at least two adult volunteers. The size of the group is at the discretion of the Executive Director.
3. Visiting groups will be under the direct supervision of the National Director in Honduras.
4. Groups will participate in any or all of the following service activities: one or two service projects in the community that directly benefit a family from FLM; supervised playtime (soccer or another athletic event) with the children on the PLN (Por Los Niños) campus; provide a bible drama/skit for PLN school students, lead a devotional for the PLN school children; attend a church service with PLN children and staff on a given Sunday.
5. Groups will have the opportunity to tour several areas of Catacamas and enjoy local scenery, foods, and culture with an FLM guide. When interacting with the children on our campus, all visitors must always remain in a group. No one-on-one visits are ever allowed with the children. Visitors may interact with the children in a kind and civil manner. For example, acknowledging the children, smiling, or giving a quick high-five is an acceptable and standard way to interact with them. A question about school or a comment about a child's beautiful drawing is also normal and acceptable. Children should be treated with the exact boundaries that you would typically use to





interact with a child in your church whom you do not know well. You can chat casually and kindly with that child, but a certain respectful distance is maintained.

6. Inappropriate interactions with the children include, but are not limited to, the following: kisses, overuse of close hugs, saying “I love you” or anything similar, spending an extended period with any one child or group of children, or singling out a child or group of children for special attention. These interactions may lead a vulnerable child to misunderstand your relationship with them and confuse the child.
7. Volunteers are expected to show modesty in their dress while wearing pants, skirts at or below the knee, longer shorts (such as Bermuda length), Capri pants, and shirts that are not revealing. Shirts should not cover shorts. Please do not wear any images or phrases on t-shirts that are inappropriate to our Christian values.
8. Consumption of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco is not permitted at any time during your visit to Honduras.
9. **Drink only bottled water and do not drink ice while in Honduras.** If in doubt—do not eat or drink it!
10. Do not walk alone in Catacamas or Tegucigalpa. Only go out with permission from your group leader.
11. Do not go out after dark unless you are with your group and adult leaders.
12. Keep a copy of your passport in a safe place.
13. Report any injuries or illnesses to your leader.
14. When taking photos at PLN, only take group pictures that include two or more children. Before posting any photos to social media, obtain permission from the Executive Director or the National Director as some photos of children cannot be posted.
15. Each team member over 18 years of age must have a recent background check completed and submitted before traveling to Honduras. When working with vulnerable children, we are responsible for assuring that volunteers serving with the children are safe and not causing any danger. The Executive Director will contact the group leader to make arrangements.



Interesting Facts about Honduras

- Population of over 9 million
- The official language is Spanish.
- The capital is Tegucigalpa
- The official currency is the Honduran Lempira (about 24:1 to the U.S. dollar). You will have the opportunity to exchange your U.S. dollars into Lempira when you arrive for snacks and souvenirs.
- Honduras is the second poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, with 66% living below the poverty line, making about \$5.60 a day. Approximately one out of five Hondurans live in extreme poverty in rural areas on less than \$1.90 per day.
- Honduras is the second-largest country in Central America.
- Honduras is the only country that touches three Central American countries: Guatemala, El Salvador, and Nicaragua.
- Soccer is the primary sport in Honduras (called fútbol in Spanish).
- The five stars on the Honduran flag represent the five countries of Central America.
- September 15th is celebrated as Independence Day in Honduras.
- The leading export goods are coffee, bananas, and wood. And the coffee is so good!
- Children's Day in Honduras (Día del Niño) is celebrated every September 10.
- 97% of Hondurans consider themselves Roman Catholic.
- Education is free and compulsory through 6th grade in Honduras; however, families must pay for uniforms, registration fees, supplies, books, and transportation. Many families cannot afford these costs and children often drop out of school before 6th grade.
- Honduras was devastated by Hurricane Mitch in 1998. At least 10,000 people were killed, and millions were left destitute. The damage was estimated at \$3 billion and set development back by decades. Two back-to-back hurricanes hit Honduras in November 2020, causing more families to lose their homes or jobs.
- COVID-19 hit Honduras hard as there was a lack of vaccines and proper medical care for those who contracted the virus.
- The weather in Honduras during the summer is HOT! **Pack sunscreen and a hat!**
- Honduras is in the Central Standard Time zone (CST). It does not have daylight savings time, so it is one hour behind CST during the summer months.

Read about Honduras at these helpful websites:

U.S. State Department: <https://www.state.gov/countries-areas/honduras/>

U.S. Embassy in Honduras: <https://hn.usembassy.gov/>

Wiki Travel-Honduras: <https://wikitravel.org/en/Honduras>

CDC (Center for Disease Control) Health info for Honduras travelers:

https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/honduras?s_cid=nceqid-dgmq-travel-single-001

Online Currency Converter: <https://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/>



Travel Basics for Your Trip

You will arrive at the Palmerola airport in Comayagua. Airlines that currently service Honduras are American, United, and Spirit. The earlier the tickets are purchased, the cheaper the airfare. The group leader is responsible for making airline reservations for the group.

You must have a valid passport to travel to Honduras. **Your passport MUST be valid for six months after your entrance into Honduras.** If you do not have a passport, begin the process immediately. Make copies of your passport so that you can put a copy in your luggage, give a copy to your group leader, and keep an extra copy with your carry-on bag.



If you are not vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine, then you must have a negative COVID test to enter Honduras taken within 72 hours of departure. You will need another test before you can enter the U.S. (test taken in Honduras). Current information on any COVID restrictions will be emailed to the group leader prior to your trip.

Checked Luggage

Luggage is limited depending on your airline. Some allow one bag (50 lb. max), while others charge for the first bag. Your group leader will inform you of your luggage limit. You may be asked to carry some supplies or books for the school.

Label your luggage so that it can be easily identified when you land. Many groups use a color theme and tie ribbons on their luggage to make it easy to find.

Carry-on Luggage

On most airlines you may take one carry-on bag and one personal item (purse, pillow, etc.). Your personal item must be able to fit under the seat in front of you. Check with your airline for specific luggage sizes.

Remember that you may only bring one quart-sized bag with no more than 3 oz. of liquid per container in your carry-on. Any other liquids will be confiscated during your security check-in at



the airport and will not be returned. If you have medical needs that require liquids, please check with the airline as there are exceptions for medicines. **Currently, you are allowed to bring up to 12 oz. of Hand Sanitizer in addition to your quart bag of liquids in your carry-on baggage.**



Packing List

- Clothing for working outdoors and every day (jeans, longer shorts, capris, short-sleeve, and long-sleeve shirts).
- Clothes for Sunday: women need to wear a dress and men khaki pants, and short sleeve collared shirts.
- Rain poncho (weather is unpredictable)
- Shoes: closed-toe sturdy work boots in building a home, sturdy sandals, tennis shoes
- Leather gloves (or very sturdy work gloves) for construction
- Insect repellent (with DEET; mosquitos are a problem); put in checked luggage unless 3 oz. or less or use insect repellent wipes
- Sunscreen (higher the number, the better!)
- Hat or cap for sun protection
- Sunglasses
- Personal hygiene items
- Personal medicines
- Mini first aid kit (include antibacterial gel & put in 311 bag)
- Empty water bottle (to be filled with bottled water at the worksite and on campus)
- Flashlight with batteries
- Bible and journal
- Snacks (stay away from chocolate or anything that will melt!)
- Money for personal use
- Hand sanitizer
- Do not wear any camo clothing or army fatigues. It is not culturally appropriate.



Health Info

Check the list for suggested immunizations. There are no vaccines required (although those who have the COVID vaccine do not have to have a COVID test to enter Honduras or the USA); however, there are recommended immunizations and medicines you can check out on the CDC website.

Not required, but it is prudent to make sure your Tetanus vaccine is up-to-date.

It is advisable to bring OTC medicines such as **Pepto-Bismol tablets** (2 every morning coats your stomach!) and **Imodium** (for diarrhea).

Medicines you may want to bring that require a prescription:

- Cipro antibiotic
- Lomotil (for heavy diarrhea)
- Phenergan or other medicine for nausea.

FLM Quick List (or all the misc. info you need to know!)

- Print or take a picture of the FLM Contact Information Sheet in this packet. Keep it with you and leave a copy at home with your family.
- When you leave the airport in Comayagua, you may be asked where you will be spending most of your time. Your answer is Family Life Missions, Catacamas, Olancho. Your contact is José Francisco Chinchilla Zelaya. The customs officers have the right to open your bags.
- **Keep your baggage claim tickets until you have exited the airport.** It is very important to have them readily available as a person will match the number on your luggage to the number on our ticket. **You may not be allowed to leave the airport with your luggage if you do not have your claim ticket!**
- **Do not drink the water!** The water is not purified, so you must only drink bottled water. This includes using only bottled water when brushing your teeth and rinsing your toothbrush. Do not open your mouth in the shower!



- Eat only food cooked and served hot or fruit that you have removed the peel (not someone else as they may have rinsed the food in water). Do not eat lettuce (this includes a hamburger at McDonald's). Lettuce is tough to clean, even in purified water.
- **Do not flush your toilet paper in the toilet.** Use the waste can next to the toilet. Paper clogs the drainage systems and causes major problems in Honduras.
- Electricity voltage is the same in Honduras as in the U.S. You do not need a converter.
- Cell phones work well in Honduras. Check with your carrier before you if you want an international plan. Hotels provide free Wi-Fi and it is provided free on our campus.



- You can download the **free app WhatsApp** and send free text messages via Wi-Fi anywhere in the world. A videophone is available on this app.
- If you become ill or begin feeling sick or get injured, tell your group leader immediately. We have access to Predisan Clinic in Catacamas with an excellent medical staff if needed.
- Remember—do not go out at night unless you are with the entire group.
- Do not bring anything with you that cannot be replaced.
- Show respect for the culture and country you are visiting. Remember that English is not their language; however, many Hondurans speak English, so do not assume they cannot understand what you say.
- Know a little Spanish? Use it! Your effort will be appreciated, and you may learn some new words!
- Time in Honduras does not have the same cultural value as in the U.S. Be flexible, and you won't be frustrated!
- Avoid attitudes or actions that give the impression that you are here just to “help out these poor people.” Treat everyone with respect in a Christ-like manner.
- Avoid giving candy to children.
- Watch for cars and motorcycles! They do not slow down, and pedestrians do not have the right-of-way as in the U.S.
- Always keep your passport in a secure place (with your group leader, on your person, or locked in a hotel safe). Make an extra copy and give it to your group leader.
- Be discreet when exchanging currency in public or when making purchases.
- As cute as cats and dogs are, do not pet them! They may bite you. If you do touch an animal, wash your hands well.
- Ask permission before you take someone's photo.

For Group Leaders

Thank you for giving your time to lead a group to Catacamas and serve the children and families of Family Life Missions. You are making a difference in Honduras and the lives of those in your group. May God bless you and your group in your service to others!

Below is a list of things to do as the leader of your mission group:

- Schedule team meetings and discuss the information in this handbook. More information will be sent to you concerning your activities in Catacamas as they are planned.
- You are the communication connection between your group and FLM. You will have direct contact with the FLM Executive Director and National Director as you make plans.
- Book the airline flights for your group—the sooner, the cheaper!
- Send a list of team members along with any requests to Karla@familylifemissions.org.
- Register each member of your group on the form provided on the site of the U.S. State Department





at <https://step.state.gov/STEP/Pages/Common/Citizenship.aspx>. Enrolling in the program allows the State Department to contact you with safety conditions. It also enables them to contact you in the event of an emergency, natural disaster, civil unrest, or family emergency. It also helps family and friends get in touch with you in an emergency. A bonus is that you will have a spreadsheet of everyone's travel information!

- **Make sure that every team member has a valid passport that will not expire until six months after the end of your trip.** Every passport must also have at least one blank page in it.
- Set a transportation plan for when everyone should arrive at the airport for departure. *All transportation needs in Honduras will be taken care of by the Honduras National Director and FLM staff.
- Make sure that every team member fills out a medical release form and any other documents needed. **Please send an electronic copy of these forms to karla@familylifemissions.org at least two weeks before your visit.**
- Encourage your team to learn basic phrases in Spanish! **Duolingo** is a great app to use and is free!
- Prepare a First Aid Kit (see below).

First Aid Kit List

Below is a list of items that you may need as your team works in the community (or has stomach issues). Some of these items will be available on our campus.

- Band-Aids
- Rubbing alcohol in packets
- Butterfly closures
- Neosporin
- Hand wipes and waterless hand sanitizer
- Tape
- Soap
- Sunblock
- Moleskin (for blisters)
- Ibuprofen
- Tylenol
- Imodium
- Pepto Bismol tablets (good idea for everyone to bring their own and take two tablets every morning—it helps!)
- Eye flush
- Benadryl
- Small scissors

This kit needs to be packed in a checked bag.

Trip Costs

ITEM	COST
Airline ticket	\$650-\$1,000
Food & Lodging	\$500 (includes all meals, transportation, and hotel costs)
Team t-shirt	\$15
TOTAL	\$1165-\$1515 per person

- Airline tickets will cost between \$600-\$1,000 per ticket, depending on the time of year, your departure location, and your departure date.
- Lodging and food costs include all meals, hotel costs, and ground transportation.
- Groups will stay on campus in a secure dorm-style home. Lodging in Tegucigalpa (the night before departure) will be at a safe and secure condominium reserved by FLM. Meals will be provided by our FLM cooking staff or at select restaurants.
- If building a house for a family, generally churches provide one-half of the cost (\$5,000). Any supplies or equipment needed for your project in the community will be discussed with the National Director before your visit, and arrangements will be made for purchase and delivery.
- Each team member is responsible for their own souvenirs, snacks, and airport food.





Family Life Missions Adult Medical Release

For completion by all participants 18 or older

Full Name on Passport _____

Passport Number _____ Preferred first name/nickname _____

Emergency Contact Information

Emergency Contact _____ Relationship _____

Daytime phone number with area code: _____

Evening phone number with area code: _____ Cell phone _____

Medical Information

List all prescription medication you will bring on your trip _____

What conditions do these medications treat? _____

List any physical disabilities or limitations _____

List any known allergies _____

List any major illnesses this past year _____

Medical Release

In case of unconsciousness, or inability to release myself for medical treatment resulting from illness, injury, or an accident that requires medical attention, I (print your name), _____, give my permission to Family Life Missions, its representatives, and all attending health care professionals (defined as but not limited to doctors and nurses) to administer medical treatment, to hospitalize, anesthetize, or perform surgery on me as is required. I, _____, the undersigned do release, acquit, and covenant to hold harmless Family Life Missions and its representatives from all actions, damages, or liabilities arising out of their treatment of any illness, injury, or accident incurred during my participation with them. The intention of this release is that the above Family Life Missions and its representatives incur no liability whatsoever while attempting to meet all the medical needs that I may require during my participation with Family Life Missions.

Participant Signature _____ Date _____



Family Life Missions Adult Liability Release

For completion by all participants 18 or older

I, _____, in consideration of my acceptance as a participant on a mission trip to Honduras through Family Life Missions, Inc. in Catacamas, Honduras, hereafter referred to as FLM, represent and agree that:

1. I am aware of the potential hazards and risks to my person and property associated with serving in a mission capacity, such hazards and risks including, but not limited to illness, injury, or death by accident, disease weather conditions, inadequate medical services and supplies, criminal activities, and random acts of violence, and I will participate with full awareness of these risks. Concerning, FLM and its representatives, I voluntarily assume all risks of illness, injury, death, and any damage to my personal property, and I release FLM and its representatives from any liability that I may suffer as a result of my participation with them. I further recognize that such risks have always been associated with missionary service. (2 Corinthians 11:23-28).
2. I am aware of the hazards and risks to my person associated with participation in a mission trip, as described above. I further understand that FLM does not have insurance coverage that would apply in the event of my illness, injury, death, or damage to my property that may occur during my participation on the trip. I have been instructed that I may choose, if I desire, to secure insurance coverage for myself. I understand I am responsible for the costs and arrangements for such insurance.
3. I expressly agree that this assumption of risk agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by law. I further state that I have carefully read the foregoing assumption of risk and understand its contents, and I voluntarily sign this release as my own free act. This is a legal document.

Participant signature _____ Date _____

Family Life Missions Media Release

For completion by all participants 18 or older

I, _____, the undersigned, do hereby grant permission to Family Life Missions, Inc. to use my image, in print, video, and digital media. I agree that these images may be used for a variety of purposes and that these images may be used without further notifying me. Such use includes the display, distribution, publication, transmission, or otherwise use of photographs, images, and/or video taken for use in materials that include, but may not be limited to, printed materials such as brochures and newsletters, videos, and digital images such as those on web sites, Facebook, and Instagram.

Participant Signature _____ Date _____



Family Life Missions Medical Release for Minor

For completion by Parent/Guardian for all participants 18 years or younger

Full Name on Passport _____

Passport Number _____ Preferred first name/nickname _____

Emergency Contact Information

Emergency Contact _____ Relationship _____

Their Daytime phone number with area code: _____

Their Evening phone number with area code: _____

Their Cell phone number with area code: _____

Medical Information

Personal Physician _____ Telephone _____

List all prescription medication you will bring on your trip _____

What conditions do these medications treat? _____

List any physical disabilities or limitations _____

List any known allergies _____

List any major illnesses this past year _____



Medical Release for Minor

For completion by Parent/Guardian for all participants 18 years or younger

In the event my son(s), daughter(s), ward(s) minor(s) are unconscious, or are in need of medical treatment resulting from illness, injury, or an accident which requires medical attention, I (Print your name), _____,

(Relationship to Minor) _____ give my permission to Family Life

Missions, Inc. its representatives, and all attending health care professionals (defined as but not limited to doctors and nurses) to administer medical treatment, to hospitalize, anesthetize, or perform surgery on my son(s), daughter(s), ward(s), minor(s)'s as is required in a n emergency. The undersigned do release, acquit, and covenant to hold harmless and indemnify Family Life Missions, Inc. and its representatives from all actions, causes of action, damages, or liabilities arising out of their treatment of any illness, injury, or accident incurred during my son(s), daughter(s), ward(s), minor(s)'s participation with them. It is the intention of this release that Family Life Missions, Inc. and its representatives incur no liability whatsoever while attempting to meet all the medical needs that my son(s), daughter(s), ward(s), minor(s)'s may require during their participation with Family Life Missions, Inc.

Parent or Guardian signature: _____

Date _____



Family Life Missions Liability Release for Minor

For completion by Parent/Guardian for all participants 18 years or younger

I, _____, parent or guardian of _____, in consideration of my son(s), daughter(s), ward(s), or minor(s)'s acceptance to participate in a mission trip to Honduras through Family Life Missions, Inc. (FLM) in Catacamas, Honduras, represent and agree that:

1. I am aware of the potential hazards and risks to my son(s), daughter(s), ward(s), or minor(s)'s person and property associated with serving in a mission capacity. Such hazards and risks, including, but not limited to illness, injury, or death by accident, disease, weather conditions, inadequate medical services and supplies (in remote areas), criminal activities, and random acts of violence, are known to me and have been explained to me. I hereby knowingly give my permission for my son(s), daughter(s), ward(s), or minor(s), to participate with full awareness of these risks. With respect to FLM and its representatives, as the parent or guardian of the above-listed son(s), daughter(s), ward(s), or minor(s), I voluntarily and knowingly assume all risks of illness, injury, death, and any damage to my son(s), daughter(s), ward(s), or minor(s) personal property. I do release FLM and its representatives from any liability that my son(s), daughter(s), ward(s), or minor(s)'s may suffer as a result of their participation with them. I further recognize that such risks have always been associated with missionary service. (2 Corinthians 11:23-28).
2. I am aware of the hazards and risks to my son(s), daughter(s), ward(s), or minor(s) person associated with participation in a mission trip, as described above. I further understand that FLM does not have insurance coverage that would apply in the event of my son(s), daughter(s), ward(s), or minor(s)'s illness, injury, death, or damage to their property that may occur during my participation on the trip. I have been instructed that I may choose, if I desire, to secure insurance coverage for my son(s), daughter(s), ward(s), or minor(s)'s. I understand I am responsible for the costs and arrangements for such insurance.
3. I expressly agree that this assumption of risk agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by law. I further state that I have carefully read the foregoing assumption of risk and understand its contents, and I voluntarily sign this release as my own free act and for my son(s), daughter(s), ward(s), or minor(s). This is a legal document.

Participant's Parent or Guardian's Signature _____

Date _____

Family Life Missions Media Release

I, _____,

parent or guardian of _____

do hereby grant permission to Family Life Missions, Inc. to the image, in print, video, and digital media of my son(s), daughter(s), ward(s) or minor(s). I agree that these images may be used for a variety of purposes and that these images may be used without further notifying me. Such use includes the display, distribution, publication, transmission, or otherwise use of photographs, images, and/or video taken for use in materials that include, but may not be limited to, printed materials such as brochures and newsletters, videos, and digital images such as those on web sites, Facebook, and Instagram.

Participant's Parent or Guardian's Signature _____

Date _____



Child Protection Policy

Family Life Missions is committed to protecting children in its care as well as those participating in our programs in Catacamas, Honduras. A child’s well-being and safety are of utmost importance.

Staff, leaders, and volunteers must follow our Child Protection Policy. Not only do these policies protect children, but they also avoid the appearance of abuse and help reduce the risk of adults being falsely accused of improper or unprofessional conduct.

I, _____, agree to the following policies concerning children
print name

associated with Family Life Missions:

- To follow the “two-adult” rule, wherein at least two adults supervise all activities where children are involved.
- To never be alone with a child. Trip participants will not be alone with one or more children who are not part of their immediate or extended family, nor will they take one or more children into a private place out of view of other adults.
- To make sure any physical contact in any form is above reproach. The personal behavior of all participants must foster trust at all times.
- To not force physical contact, touch, or affection on a reluctant child. A child’s preference not to be touched must be respected.
- To not force a child to sit in my lap. No one may have a child over the age of 5 years sitting in their lap. Instead, one can gently redirect and encourage a child to sit next to them.
- To use appropriate ways to touch kids such as: giving a high-five, short congratulatory or greeting hugs, a brief pat on the back or shoulder, or handshakes.
- I understand that many children who have undergone abuse or trauma may struggle with appropriate boundaries and look for a visitor’s attention. Because of this, all visitors to FLM in Honduras are responsible for ensuring all interactions are appropriate and will avoid placing themselves in a compromising or vulnerable position.
- Any inappropriate behavior toward children, including failure to adhere to Family Life Mission’s policies and procedures, is grounds for discipline, up to and including removal of trip participant from any and all ministry activities and return home at the trip participant’s expense.

Signature of Participant

Date _____

Signature of Parent, if the participant is a minor

Date _____



Family Life Missions Contact Information

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Website: www.familylifemissions.org.

Check out Our Team under the About tab. You will meet our all of our staff on your visit!

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Our FLM staff uses this app—just search for our names! This is a great way to stay in touch with the mission group and for the group to stay in touch with each other. Your group leader can easily make a group chat for the trip for all participants.