

***New Life Advance International***

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**Release of Liability**

I, the undersigned individual, am making a missions trip under the auspices of the ministry of New Life Advance International. As such they have and will give direction and guidance in my personal safety. They have informed me of any potential risks associated with all International travel as well as specific travel to my ultimate destination.

New Life Advance International, by and through its representatives, has informed me concerning the possibilities of problems and dangers which could occur during my trip should I venture or depart on my own or with others to engage in activities which are neither planned or sanctioned by New Life Advance International. I am an adult/minor fully conscious of what could happen should I undertake such an excursion and fully assume any and all risks incident to such excursion(s). I release New Life Advance International from any and all responsibilities should something happen during such a venture or departure and will in no event attempt to hold New Life Advance International responsible.

In addition, I hereby release New Life Advance International and/or its President, David Depew, and/or its appointed agents, employees, or volunteer assistants from any liability whatsoever arising out of any accident, sickness, death, damage or loss which may be sustained by said person during the course of/or involvement with New Life Advance International.

**Authorization for Medical Treatment**

In the event of illness or injury while on this trip, I agree to the performance of such treatment, anesthesia, and operation, which in the opinion of the attending physician is deemed necessary. I hereby accept full responsibility for any and all expenses for medical treatment and medicines that may incur during this mission trip.

Additionally, I accept full responsibility for any expenses related to an illness or injury resulting from my time on this mission trip which might become evident after my return home.

Signed by me this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature

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

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Signature of Parent/Guardian (if under 21)

Witness:

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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

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Printed Name

**Accountability Guidelines**  
**Mission Teams, Interns, Summer Missionaries**

New Life Children's Home  
Villa Nueva, Guatemala  
(updated 2/6/04)

The following guidelines are designed to: (1) protect the children and young adults living at New Life Children's Home (NLCH) from various forms of abuse, (2) establish a degree of accountability and protection for volunteer work team members, and (3) encourage interns and short term team members to model behavior and appearance which honors God during their visit to NLCH. In order to serve on a short term team or as an intern at NLCH, you must agree to the guidelines below:

1. **Accountability Partners:** When interacting in any way with the children or young people at NLCH, you must be accompanied by at least one other team member or intern who can serve as an "accountability partner," and any interaction should always be in one of the "neutral" areas of NLCH. You should never enter the rooms of any of the children or staff of NLCH or invite any of the children or staff of NLCH into the guest dormitory. If you are serving as an intern alone at NLCH, and there is no other intern or short-term team member here to serve as an accountability partner, you must only interact with the children in neutral, predescribed areas of NLCH, and never alone with only one child.
2. **Physical Appearance:** Be appropriate and modest. Female team members should be especially careful not to sexually challenge adolescent boys by their physical appearance; for example, halter tops, tank tops, other tight-fitting clothes, and short shorts should be avoided. Male team members should also avoid short shorts and should wear shirts even when working or playing sports.
3. **Earrings, Other Jewelry and Hair:** We discourage males from wearing any earrings or pony tails. It is requested that males and females not wear any kind of body piercing jewelry. Be modest in the display of jewelry. Be modest in hair coloring. If you do color your hair, it should be a natural hair color.
3. **Romantic Activity:** Dating or other romantic activity among unmarried work team members should not be a part of your visit to NLCH. Since romantic activity among the children at NLCH is not permitted, modeling this behavior in front of them may provoke needless challenges. Of course, absolutely no romantic activity of any kind is allowed between work team members and the young people at NLCH; this includes (1) inappropriate physical touch and (2) romantic or sexually suggestive communication whether verbal, written, through body language, or even through inappropriate eye contact. We ask that married couples be modest in any display of affection in public. Short hugs and kisses are permissible when done in good taste.
4. **Physical Contact:** Team members should be very cautious and discerning when making any physical contact with the children at NLCH. Male work team members should avoid hugging adolescent females from NLCH and female work team members should avoid hugging adolescent males from NLCH; the only possible exception would be very short "congratulatory" or "greeting" hugs. Regarding perceived disciplinary problems involving children or young people at NLCH, simply report your concern to an NLCH staff member; never administer any kind of discipline yourself.
5. **Language:** Glorify God in what you say to the children and young people at NLCH. Obscene or sexually oriented language, whether in English or Spanish, is not permitted at any time.
6. **Alcohol, Drugs, Tobacco:** Alcohol, illegal drugs, and tobacco products are not allowed at NLCH.
7. **Consequences:** Failure to follow these guidelines may result in a work team member being sent back home at his or her expense, depending on the offense. Any type of sexual or physical abuse will be treated as a violation of the law.

I have read and understand the above guidelines and agree to follow them during my visit to NLCH.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Statement of Faith**

We believe: in One God who is the maker and ruler of all things; in Jesus Christ, His Son who is God manifest in flesh and Savior of the Word; and in the Holy Spirit, God present with us, who renews our hearts and guides, comforts and empowers us for proclamation and ministry.

We believe: in the forgiveness of sins through Christ's atoning sacrifice for all mankind and in salvation by faith in Christ alone; in the Bible, God's inspired Word which is the only infallible rule of both faith and practice; in the Church, the body of Christ, which is a worshipping community, and is God's instrument to minister to the needs of its members, to make disciples of all nations, to work for social justice, and to relieve human suffering.

We believe: in the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ who will raise the dead, judge all people according to deeds done in the body, and establish His glorious Kingdom.