



LIA SUMMER INTERNSHIP: COVENANT

On behalf of the Life in Abundance family, we are honored that you would sacrifice your time and resources to engage with us as a summer intern. Anytime we enter into a different cultural context, it is important to be mindful that we are guests in a country where the people have different norms and values and where situations and circumstances can be very different from those at home. In an effort to fully honor the culture, the people, and the local church in the communities in which LIA works, please submit to local leadership and allow yourself to be aware of the areas where you can be “culturally sensitive”. There will be many things that we do not understand — it is best to watch, listen, and learn. We are not there to advocate or introduce Western values or methods, therefore we must do everything we can to respect and help preserve their traditions and culture. In doing so please adhere to the following guidelines:

1. I will keep my character above reproach in conduct and courtesy to maintain credibility of my Christian witness and to bring glory and honor to Christ in all that I do and say.
2. I will be an encouragement to my brothers and sisters in Christ both within the team and/or with those on the field.
3. I agree that, unless specifically instructed otherwise, no community and/or field engagement will be done alone but with fellow team members and at least one LIA staff member.
4. I will submit to those who have been given authority over me at all times and understand that if I act in a way that is dishonoring to the name of Jesus and/or to the leadership I am under, I could be dismissed from the internship.
5. I agree to have a servant’s attitude at all times, regarding the needs and priorities of others as more important than my own.
6. I will refrain from any consumption or abuse of alcohol, prescription drugs, illegal substances or tobacco products.
7. I will commit to having a flexible, teachable and humble spirit throughout the trip in effort to grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ and bring glory to His name.
8. I will continue to have a consistent time with the Lord while on the field that will allow for my spiritual growth and a deeper relationship with Him.
9. I will commit to exercising self-control in my use of the internet, social media, phone, text messaging, etc. that I may be fully present during the course of the trip.
10. I will refrain from being alone with the opposite gender at all times.
11. I agree to exercise wisdom and resist any activities, interactions, and relationships that could take my focus from the intent of the trip.

I understand that if my decisions or conduct are misaligned with the above that I will be approached by LIA leadership and based on circumstance, handled accordingly.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name (Printed): _____

