

Application for:

Date of Birth: / /

(Please list date of trip)

Applicants under 18 require special approval



# Sweet Sleep™

## Volunteer Application

Please return completed application and covenants to Sweet Sleep via:

**Email:** stuart@sweetsleep.org      **Fax:** 615.750.2789      **Phone:** (for questions) 615.730.7671

**Mail:** Sweet Sleep, Attn: Stuart McAlister, PO Box 40486, Nashville, TN 37204-9998

### I. Contact Information

<b>Name as appears on Passport</b>	
Preferred Name	
Street Address	
City ST ZIP Code	
Mailing Address (if different)	
Home Phone	
Work Phone	
Cell Phone	
E-Mail Address	

### II. Spiritual Background

Name of Church	
Member? YES NO	
Church activities you are involved in (including small groups):	
The nature of Sweet Sleep's work is evangelical in nature. Please share a brief summary of your beliefs:	

## II. Spiritual Background (cont'd)

Please tell us about how and when you came to know Christ and how you see Christ working in your life (include attachment if necessary):

## III. Personal Information

Often a team member's job skills or work experiences enable us to teach in specific areas.

Job Title	
Skills or concepts we might be able to use to teach those we are ministering to	

## IV. Special Skills or Qualifications

Summarize skills and qualifications you have acquired from employment, previous volunteer work, or through other activities, including hobbies or sports:

## V. Expectations

Please list any expectations you may have for this trip:

Please share why you feel led to be a part of this team:

## VI. T-Shirts

Please list your T-Shirt size and the sizes of any additional T-shirts you'd like to purchase for friends, family members and prayer partners at \$15 each.

	My T-shirt Size: <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> XXL
	Number of additional T-shirts: (\$15 each) <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> XXL

## VII. Preparation Opportunities

All team members will be involved in all aspects of our on-the-field ministry. In preparation for our trip, we need help planning various aspects of ministry. Which areas you are interested in using your gifts to help coordinate the trip? (Select as many as you'd like.)

- Spiritual (prayer, devotions, scripture memory for team preparation)
- Worship Planning (speaking, drama, music, teaching, hands-on-experiences)
- Teacher/Staff Ministry (activities to refresh and encourage teachers and orphanage staff)
- Supplies (develop master list, manage collection and distribute and organize after arrival)
- Teaching (English, trafficking awareness and prevention, Other \_\_\_\_\_)
- Meeting Organizer (team building, agenda planning, team contact person)
- Communications (pre-trip communications, blogging, collect trip evaluations and summaries)
- Finance (maintain team expenses and balances)
- Hospitality (coordinate meeting refreshments, teacher luncheon, gifts for translators and host)
- Construction (designing plans, developing supply list, organizing workers, desire to be a laborer)
- Team Building (encouraging team members before, during and after the trip)
- Post-Mission Journey Report Team (gathering testimonies, recruiting people to share about their experience, and planning/hosting a post-journey report event)

## VIII. Person to Notify in Case of Emergency

Name/Relationship	
Street Address	
City ST ZIP Code	
Home Phone/Cell Phone	
Work Phone	
E-Mail Address	

## IX. Medical Information

Health Insurance Company	
Name of Insured / Name of Insurance Beneficiary	
Policy Number	
Insurance Company Phone	
Primary Care Physician/ Phone No.	
Known Allergies	
Medications You Take (please attach separate sheet if you prefer) ** will be kept confidential **	
Physical Restrictions	
Date of last Tetanus (must be within 7 years)	

## X. Covenant Submissions (Please sign and date each line)

With the submission of this application, I acknowledge I have read and agreed to the following covenants. I understand if I am accepted as a team member and do not honor these covenants I will be removed from the team or sent home from the trip.

Belief Covenant	
Code of Conduct	
Attendance Covenant	
Payment Covenant	

## XI. Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand if I am accepted as a volunteer, any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in my immediate dismissal. I commit to taking part in this Sweet Sleep mission journey and agree to all covenants as outlined in the application. I understand that my application will not be considered to be complete until I have submitted my deposit.

Name (printed)	
Signature and Date	

## XII. Our Policy

It is the policy of this organization to provide equal opportunities without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability. Applications will be reviewed by the Sweet Sleep Staff and Board of Directors. Each applicant will be notified by email.

Thank you for completing this application form and for your interest in serving with us.



## Mission Journey Team Member

### BELIEF COVENANT and DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

#### **Resurrection**

We believe that Jesus Christ died a physical death on the cross and that he rose from the dead. His resurrection is the central point of our faith. It provides salvation (Romans 10:9-10) and ensures the resurrection of believers. (I Corinthians 15:20-28; II Corinthians 4:13 - 15; I Thessalonians 4:14)

The eternal God reveals himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence or being:

#### **God the Son**

Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God. He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born to a virgin. He was wholly man and wholly God. Jesus perfectly revealed and did the will of God. He died as the atonement for all of mankind's sins; so that man could be reconciled to God through belief in Christ. He was raised from the dead, ascended into heaven and rules forever with God. (Matthew 1:18-23; Matthew Chapters 26-28; John 1:1, 14)

#### **God the Father**

God as Father reigns with providential care over His universe, His creatures and the flow of human history according to the purposes of His grace. He is all powerful, all loving and all wise. (Genesis 1:1; 2:7; Deuteronomy 6:4; John 1:1; I Timothy 1:17)

#### **God the Holy Spirit**

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God. He inspired the writing of the Scriptures; He enables man to understand the truth. He exalts Christ. He convicts of sin. His presence in the Christians life is the assurance of God to bring the believer to fullness in Christ. He enlightens and empowers the believer and the church in worship, evangelism and service. (Genesis 1:2; Matthew 28:19; Luke 24:49)

#### **Scriptures**

The Bible or Scriptures were written by men divinely inspired by the Holy Spirit. In the scriptures God completely reveals himself to man. The Bible is perfect and true, without any error. It reveals the principles by which God judges us and is the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and religious opinions should be tested. The criterion by which the Bible is to be interpreted is revealed in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. (Deuteronomy 4:1-2; Matthew 5:17-18; II Timothy 3:15-17)

#### **Baptism and the Lord's Supper**

These are the two ordinances or observances that Christ instructed the church to practice. (Matthew 28:18-20; Matthew 26:26-30; I Corinthians 11:23-29)

## **Humanity**

Humans were created by the special act of God, in His own image and are the crowning work of His creation. Man was created innocent of sin, but by his own choice he sinned against God. From that time on mankind has been born with a natural inclination to sin which they can not control. As soon as we are able we all choose to sin and consequently are under the condemnation of sin. Only the grace of God, manifested in the death, burial and resurrection of Christ can reconcile sinful people to God. (Genesis Chapters 1-3; Romans 3:23)

## **Salvation**

Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man and is offered freely to all who by faith accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Salvation is the ultimate sign of God's grace to mankind. Our just reward for sinful living is eternal separation from God. Christ's death on the cross and His blood serve as the atoning sacrifice that allows sinful mankind to be reconciled to a Holy and Righteous God. This reconciliation is available to anyone who repents of their sin and through faith accepts Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. (Genesis 3:15; John 3:3-21; Romans 6:23, Ephesians 2:8-22; Revelation 3:20)

## **The Church**

The New Testament speaks of the church as the body of Christ which includes all of the redeemed of all the ages. The church is also spoken of in the New Testament as a local body of baptized believers who are associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel. The church is committed to the teachings of Christ, the spreading of the gospel to the ends of the earth, exercising the ministry of believers to one another through the use of the spiritual gifts given to believers by the Holy Spirit and the observance of the sacraments (Lord's Supper and Baptism). (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:41-42, 47)

## **Eternity**

God, in His own time and in His own way, will bring the world to its appropriate end. According to His promise, Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly in glory to the earth; the dead will be raised and Christ will judge all men in righteousness. Those who have not accepted Christ as savior will be consigned to Hell, the place of everlasting punishment. Those who have accepted Christ as savior in their resurrected and glorified bodies will receive their reward and will dwell forever in Heaven with the Lord.

By signing this covenant I acknowledge I have read the Covenant of Beliefs and Doctoral Statement. I understand that each Sweet Sleep mission trip adheres to the truths addressed in this covenant and I agree to work with the evangelical efforts of Sweet Sleep even if my own personal beliefs are not in line with the statements made within this covenant.

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Signature

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Date



**Mission Journey Team Member**

**CODE OF CONDUCT COVENANT**

Team members who participate in Sweet Sleep mission journeys are reminded that they are ambassadors of Jesus Christ (2 Cor 5:20). As you go on your mission journey, you represent Jesus Christ, Sweet Sleep, your church and the United States (if traveling overseas). This is a tremendous responsibility. For this reason, we ask that each team member seek to be above reproach in his/her actions and attitudes.

- Submit to the team leader's authority.
- Abstain from the consumption of alcoholic beverages or any use of tobacco or illegal drugs while on the trip.
- Be careful in all areas of dress. What may be acceptable in our community may not be acceptable in the community you are visiting. Please see your team leader for guidelines.
- No PDA (Public Display of Affection) between unmarried couples.
- Please do not pursue dating anyone in the community where we are ministering.
- Respect the decisions made for the benefit of the whole team and the ministry effort.

If a team member's behavior is destructive to the team, the ministry or the host community; the team leader reserves the right to ask the team member to return home. Any additional cost incurred as a result of this action will be at the team member's expense.

I have read this covenant and understand the guidelines set out above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## Mission Journey Team Member

### ATTENDANCE COVENANT

As you might imagine, there is a great deal of preparation and training ahead of the team. For this reason, all accepted members are expected to attend and be engaged in our preparation meetings.

Team preparation meetings will generally be held on Sunday afternoons, however we will always look to hold our meetings at a time when it is convenient for the majority of the team. You must personally attend the team meetings. If you believe you are going to miss a significant number of meetings, please evaluate your commitment to the team. You are encouraged to share your thoughts on this with the team. Planned absences should be communicated, in advance, directly to the team leader.

Additionally, the team may desire to create smaller, more specific planning groups. It is understood these additional meetings will also be set for the convenience of the planning group so that all may be able to attend.

Exceptions will be made for those not living in the team's area, but it is then the responsibility of the applicant to make arrangements with the team leader for how the applicant will contribute to the trip planning process.

**This covenant is for the trip to:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dates:** \_\_\_\_\_

Each trip has different meeting requirements, depending on the specific goals of the trip and time prior to the trip departure.

The expected number of meetings for this trip is: 6 of which 1 absence(s) is/are allowable.

*I commit to attend all meetings and contribute my gifts to the trip planning process. I understand my lack of attendance may lead to removal from the team. I agree to let my team leader know in advance if I am unable to attend any meetings.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



Mission Journey Team Member

**PAYMENT COVENANT**

Planning and organizing a mission trip to a Third World country is a logistically complicated and expensive process. Many expenses associated with the trip must be paid by Sweet Sleep weeks or even months in advance of the departure date. It is therefore important that team members make all installment payments by the specified dates. Payments are typically broken down into a \$500 deposit due with the trip application, three \$500 installments spread over a period of five to six weeks, and then a final balance payment due approximately one week prior to departure.

**Team Member Cancellation And Additional Funds Raised**

In the event that a team member must cancel their participation in the mission trip after having submitted an application and deposit, no portion of the deposit shall be refunded. Additionally, if the cancellation occurs after airline tickets have been purchased, the team member will be responsible for paying Sweet Sleep for any portion of the ticket that is non-refundable from the airline. To ensure that the entire team can travel into and out of the destination country together, airline tickets are purchased at the earliest possible opportunity after the team roster has been finalized. This typically occurs within two weeks of the application deadline.

Many Sweet Sleep mission journey team members raise donations from friends and family to offset the cost of Sweet Sleep taking volunteers on mission journeys. Any funds raised in excess of the individual team member's trip costs will not be refunded. Additionally, if the team member pays a portion of the trip cost personally and then raises fund in excess of the remaining balance, no refunds will be made to the team member. All excess funds will be applied to in-country ministry opportunities for your team.

**This covenant is for the trip to:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dates:** \_\_\_\_\_

*I understand I am responsible for making my payments on time so that tickets and resources can be secured for our trip. I also agree to the terms specified by Sweet Sleep regarding trip cancellation fees and excess funds raised.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**Mission Journey Team Member**

**Responsibility Release**

The undersigned, based upon my application for and in contemplation of assignment for volunteer services with Sweet Sleep, do hereby state and agree as follows:

If I accept an assignment for volunteer services, then I wish to make clear my understanding and agreement that Sweet Sleep and each of their officers, directors, employees and agents (collectively referred to herein as "Releases"), do not assume any responsibility for any loss of property, damage to the same, personal harm, illness, loss or injury that I may suffer or endure; and I, for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, distributes, and assigns, in consideration of my admission to volunteer service and other good and valuable considerations, do hereby absolve and release said "Releases", their officers, employees, or directors, agents and/or representatives, and hold them harmless from any claim or demand which I might conceivably assert upon the basis of the foregoing.

Dated this the \_\_\_\_\_ date of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Witnessed By: (this portion must be completed)

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: (City, State, Zip) \_\_\_\_\_

Date Witnessed: \_\_\_\_\_

In the event the above individual has not reached 18 years of ages as of the date hereof, the following parents/guardians of said minor do hereby agree and consent to the terms and provisions hereof individually and as parents/guardians for the minor.

***(Both parents/guardians must sign.)***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Father/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mother/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**Mission Journey Team Member**

**CONSENT FOR CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK  
AUTHORIZATION/WAIVER/INDEMNITY**

Each staff member or volunteer who is to be screened must sign an authorization/waiver/indemnity form, giving approval for the Organization to perform the criminal background & or driving records search.

I HEREBY GIVE PERMISSION FOR SWEET SLEEP TO OBTAIN INFORMATION RELATING TO MY CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD. THE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD & OR DRIVING RECORD, AS RECEIVED FROM THE REPORTING AGENCIES, MAY INCLUDE ARREST AND CONVICTION DATA AS WELL AS PLEA BARGAINS AND DEFERRED ADJUDICATIONS. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS INFORMATION WILL BE USED, IN PART, TO DETERMINE MY ELIGIBILITY FOR AN EMPLOYMENT/VOLUNTEER POSITION WITH THIS ORGANIZATION. I UNDERSTAND THAT AS LONG AS I REMAIN AN EMPLOYEE OR VOLUNTEER HERE, CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS & OR DRIVING RECORDS CHECKS MAY BE REPEATED AT ANY TIME. I UNDERSTAND THAT I WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE DATA COLLECTED A PROCEDURE IS AVAILABLE FOR CLARIFICATION, IF I DISPUTE THE RECORD AS RECEIVED.

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, DO, FOR MYSELF, MY HEIRS, EXECUTORS AND ADMINISTRATORS, HEREBY REMISE, RELEASE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE AND AGREE TO INDEMNIFY SWEET SLEEP, AND EACH OF THEIR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AND AGENTS HARMLESS FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL CAUSES OF ACTIONS, SUITS, LIABILITIES, COSTS, DEBTS AND SUMS OF MONEY, CLAIMS AND DEMANDS WHATSOEVER, AND ANY AND ALL RELATED ATTORNEYS' FEES, COURT COSTS, AND OTHER EXPENSES RESULTING FROM THE INVESTIGATION OF MY BACKGROUND IN CONNECTION WITH MY APPLICATION TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER/STAFF MEMBER.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK [ ]

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State and Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License Number & State: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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



**Mission Journey Team Member**

**CONSENT FOR USE OF PHOTOS AND NAME**

Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name & Relationship to Child: (if participant is under age 18)

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that providing Sweet Sleep with any photographs or images, electronic or otherwise, in my possession constitutes consent for Sweet Sleep or any of Sweet Sleep's ministry partner organizations to use any or all of the photographs/images in our publications, websites, and promotional materials at Sweet Sleep's discretion without payment from Sweet Sleep or any of Sweet Sleep's ministry partners and without the need for Sweet Sleep or any of Sweet Sleep's ministry partners to seek further consent for the use of said photographs/images.

I agree to the publication of name and identity of: \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of person appearing in media publications)

Participant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature (if participant is under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_