

NPMB SHORT TERM MISSIONS TEAM

CRISIS GUIDELINES

I. Crisis Management

In the event a North Peace Mennonite Brethren Short Term Missions Team is threatened by a significant crisis, a Crisis Management Team from NPMB will be formed to handle the crisis through resolution and follow-up. If the crisis is sudden and communication unreliable, the Team co-leaders will do what they can to resolve the crisis until the Crisis Management Team can assist.

II. Ransom and Extortion

Payment for ransom or other extortion should not be paid by the North Peace Mennonite Brethren Church. If at all possible, alternative resolutions that do not involve payment of ransom or extortion should be sought during negotiations. The final decision on the payment of ransom or extortion, or the concession to other demands issued through hostage taking or extortion shall be made by the Crisis Management Team.

III. Evacuation

If the occasion arises, the decision to evacuate a particular area shall be made by the NPMB Short Term Missions Trip team co-leaders in conjunction with the local missionary and their organization if they feel that it would be unsafe to remain.

IV. Post-crisis Counseling

It is recommended that those personnel who have been directly involved in a crisis receive an opportunity to debrief with the Crisis Management Team, or other designated counseling staff. If necessary, they will be encouraged to undergo an evaluation from a qualified mental health professional. Any further professional treatment recommended may be pursued at the cost of the individual seeking counseling.

I have read the above statements. I understand and accept these statements of North Peace Mennonite Brethren Missions Ministry Team for an operational approach to crisis management for Short Term Mission Trip Team Members.

I further give permission to NPMB Short Term Team co-leaders and/or the Crisis Management Team to handle all negotiations on my behalf in the event that I am involved in a crisis situation, and to make any necessary decisions to insure the well being of myself and/or my family.

Signed

Date: _____

Print Name