

# Christian Medical & Dental Associations GLOBAL HEALTH OUTREACH

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## SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FOR MINOR CHILDREN

Name of Minor: \_\_\_\_\_ Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Responsible Adult whom the minor will accompany: \_\_\_\_\_

### POLICY ON PARTICIPATION OF MINOR CHILDREN

The participation of family members on mission projects is encouraged because it is a good formative experience, especially for young people. Non-medical/dental spouses and teenagers can make important contributions to our missions, but the key to their success is that they be able and willing to serve. Children should be mature enough to make a meaningful contribution and not distract their parents from their primary purpose and function. Children 14 and over usually fit in with the team by working independently of their parents as general helpers. There are also some mature 12 year olds who have performed well in the past, and we leave the question of 12 and 13 year olds' participation up to the discretion of their parents. In the latter case, the parent should attach a statement to this application which states that the he or she is mature enough to handle responsibility and delineating the tasks that he/she can perform. Everyone who goes on a GHO mission project must fulfill a specific function on the team in order to justify CMDA's provision of a tax deduction for their expenses.

#### AGREEMENT TO HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY

I certify that I am the parent/legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, a minor. Further, in consideration of the fact that the said minor child is being permitted to participate in this out-reach project, I hereby agree that in the event that any claim for damages or injuries to said minor child or his/her property is ever made as a result of this outreach project, I will indemnify and hold harmless and make completely whole, CMDA, GHO, their affiliates, subsidiaries, officers, employees and agents for any and all costs associated with said claim.

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

### POLICY ON MINOR CHILDREN OF NON-PARTICIPANTS

Adults who wish to take minor children who are not their own on a GHO project must be able to prove their right to do so to the authorities in the host country. The responsible adult(s) must have the following in their possession at all times while on the project: 1) a written statement from **BOTH** the minor's parents or legal guardian stating that they place their minor child under the limited temporary custody of a particular adult mission participant (If only one parent signs, the statement must specify that the other parent is either deceased or does not have legal custody of the minor.); 2) a limited power of attorney (or clearly worded statement) authorizing the responsible adult to obtain whatever medical care may be necessary for the well-being of the minor. **BOTH** of these statements **MUST** be notarized and carry the appropriate seal. Failure to show a clear, unambiguous right to at least a limited form of temporary custody of a minor child in developing countries can result in serious legal problems, including the removal of the minor to local "protective" custody. While CMDA would do what it could to help under these circumstances, it cannot be responsible for the consequences. The best insurance against such problems is adequate preparation.