AO TRIP WAIVERS AND POLICIES

Background Check Policy and Waiver

☐ To help protect our teams and the communities we serve, Amazon Outreach requires a background check for all trip participants 18 and older. By checking this box, you acknowledge that you have read and agree to the following 5 points:

- **Email Notification:** Immediately after submitting this application, ***you will receive an email from our background check provider, Checkr,*** at the email address listed on your Managed Missions account. Please verify that your email address in Managed Missions is current before submitting this application.
- **Time Limit:** You must complete the background check within 7 days of receiving the email, or the link will expire.
- **What You Need:** The background check takes approximately 5 minutes. You will need your basic personal information and Social Security number. Please have these ready before you begin.
- **Approval Process:** Your trip application will be approved once your background check is completed and clear. If a background check returns an issue, Amazon Outreach will consult with your trip leader to review the results and determine approval. Amazon Outreach reserves the right to deny participation to anyone on any team.
- **Support:** If you do not receive the email (please check your spam and junk folders) or if your link expires, contact your trip leader for assistance or a new link.

☐ **AO Statement of Faith Policy and Waiver**

Amazon Outreach's Statement of Faith aligns with the theology of our Brazilian and US church partners. I have read and agree to support these statements. In the event these statements do not align with your personal beliefs, you agree not to promote contrary doctrines in any context on your trip.

Statement of Faith

These statements do not encompass the entirety of our religious beliefs. In summary, we believe...

- The Bible is the uniquely inspired revelation of God and the sole infallible authority regarding Christian faith and practice. As such, it serves as the standard upon which all Christian beliefs, lifestyles, and behavior should be based and evaluated (2 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Psalm 119:9-11, 105; 1 Thessalonians 2:13).
- The only true God, the sovereign Creator and Sustainer of all things, exists eternally as one God in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Deuteronomy 6: 4-5; Acts 17:24-28; 2 Corinthians 13:14).

- Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man. He lived a sinless life and surrendered it as an atonement for the sins of the world at the cross. He was physically raised from the dead and ascended as both Lord and Savior. He will return in power and glory in the fullness of time to judge the living and the dead, to consummate history and the eternal plan of God (John 1:1, 14; Colossians 2:9; Hebrews 4:15; Isaiah 53:3-6; Acts 4:10-12; Matthew 26:63-64; 2 Timothy 4:1).
- We believe the Holy Spirit is equally God and serves as the divine helper, assistant, counselor, and instructor. His work is to reveal Christ, convict of sin, lead to repentance, guide believers, comfort, strengthen, and sanctify the soul (John 16:7; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Galatians 5:22-23).
- The value and dignity of all humankind: created in God's image to live in love and holiness, but who became alienated from God and each other because of sin and guilt, and who are justly subject to the judgment of God (Genesis 1:26-27; Colossians 1:21; John 12:47-48).
- Salvation is solely by God's grace available to all who repent and put their faith in Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:8-10; John 3:16-17; Romans 4:4-5).
- The spiritual unity of all true believers in our Lord Jesus Christ (John 17:20-23; Revelation 5:9).
- Missions are vital because Jesus is returning to judge the world, but salvation is available through His gospel now. All that call upon Him in repentance and faith will be saved and spend eternity with Him in the new heaven. All that reject him will be eternally lost in hell (Mt 28:19-20, Jn 3:16-18, Rm 2:4-8, Rev. 20:11-15)
- God's justifying grace must not be separated from His sanctifying power and purpose. God commands us to love Him supremely and others as ourselves as we live out our faith in pursuit of personal holiness (Mt 22:36-40, Eph 2:10, I Jn 5:1-5

☐ **Visa and Passport Policy and Waiver**

By checking this box, I acknowledge and agree to the terms of this requirement.

1. As a US citizen, I understand that I will be responsible for securing a valid passport and a Brazilian visa as soon as possible.
2. During travel, I agree to carry one digital and two printed copies of my eVisa.
3. I will also keep one digital and printed copy of my passport.
4. I will keep one copy of my eVisa in my passport.
5. I'll keep the other copy of the eVisa and passport in a different location.

Also, be aware that minors 17 and under will require extra documentation. Details will be covered during team training or on the "Resources" tab at the AO website.

☐ **Financial Policy and Waiver**

By checking this box, I acknowledge and agree to the terms of this requirement.

1. All financial support towards my trip is a non-refundable and tax-deductible donation to the Amazon Outreach ministry and is not contingent upon my participation in the trip.
2. In the event my trip is postponed or I must drop the trip, donations on my behalf will be held as a trip credit for no less than two years (minus any applicable airfare penalty)
3. After two years, unused Amazon Outreach trip credit balances become donations to Amazon Outreach's charitable purposes.

4. If airline tickets are canceled, the airline will own the credit (minus cancellation and reissue fees), and travel must be completed within one year of the purchase date through HighPoint Travel.
5. In some cases, airline credits that are about to expire can be utilized by Amazon Outreach through a name change fee, and the remaining credit value can be added to the participant's AO credit.

☐ **Code of Conduct Policy and Waiver**

Our mission is to support the Brazilian church and not create obstacles that conflict with their conservative values, as well as those of our US church partners. I agree to abide by these codes of conduct…

1. During my travel time starting at the airport, I will abstain from alcohol, tobacco, and vaping.
2. The pursuit of romantic relationships or public displays of affection between singles during the trip is prohibited due to the potential distractions it may cause
3. Only one person at a time is allowed in hammocks, bathrooms, or showers
4. Profanity or offensive music is not allowed
5. Clothing that abides by AO's dress code is required

☐ **Alligator (Jacare) Spotting Policy and Waiver**

For the past two decades, AO has offered the opportunity for teams to go in small groups on a boat to jacare (alligator) "hunt" without serious injury or death. I have read and accepted this policy and waiver…

1. You will be spotting wild animals, and there are inherent risks that you are assuming by going on a hunt.
2. You agree to wear a life jacket at all times.
3. If handling the jacare (mouth is secured), you will not kiss it, place it on anyone else, and you will wash your hands thoroughly after handling.
4. You also agree not to hold Amazon Outreach liable in the case of injury or death due to an accident involving this voluntary excursion.

☐ **Swimming Policy and Waiver**

For the past two decades, AO has provided teams with the opportunity to swim in the Amazon without any serious injuries or deaths. However, there are inherent risks in swimming. Therefore, I agree to…

1. Swim at my own risk
2. Only swim in areas approved by the captain
3. Only jump in the water from the first deck and never dive headfirst
4. Never dunk others
5. Do not stand on the river bottom barefoot, and always be aware that there may be potential hazards such as stumps, rocks, glass, metals, and wildlife beneath the water.
6. Always wear a life jacket if you are not a strong swimmer.
7. You also agree not to hold Amazon Outreach liable in the case of injury or death due to an accident involving this voluntary excursion.

☐ **General Trip Policy and Waiver**

I accept full responsibility and will not hold AO or any of my team members responsible in the case of serious injury, sickness, or death before, during, or after my trip. With full awareness and appreciation of the risks involved, I, for myself and on behalf of my family, spouse, estate, heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns. Personal representatives, hereby forever release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue AO, its board members, officers, agents, servants, independent contractors, affiliates, employees, volunteers, team members, successors, and assigns (collectively the “Released Parties”) from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, and causes of action whatsoever, directly or indirectly arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury, including death, that may be sustained by me while participating in any AO activity.

I agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Released Parties from and against any and all costs, expenses, damages, claims, lawsuits, judgments, losses, and/or liabilities (including attorney fees) arising directly or indirectly from or related to any and all claims made by or against any of the Released Parties due to bodily injury, death, loss of use, monetary loss, or any other injury from or related to my involvement in any AO activity related to AO.

By checking this box, I acknowledge and represent that I have read this entire agreement, understand it, and signed it voluntarily as my own free act and deed. I am sufficiently informed about the risks involved in participating in an AO mission trip to decide whether to sign this document. No oral representations, statements, or inducements apart from the foregoing written agreement have been made. I agree that this waiver shall be governed by and construed in accordance with Texas law and that if any of the provisions hereof are found to be unenforceable, the remainder shall be enforced as fully as possible and the unenforceable provision(s) shall be deemed modified to the limited extent required to permit enforcement of this agreement as a whole.

Signature _____ Date _____