

Dress Code for Short-Term Team Members in Nicaragua

Overview/Purpose

The culture surrounding personal appearance and dress in Nicaragua is important and something that we as North American guests should value. Our Nicaraguan friends show respect for themselves and others by taking pride in their appearance. One of the ways we can show them respect while we are in-country is presenting ourselves the best we can. This Dress Code is not overly restrictive and will show respect for those we have come to serve and in turn, gain their respect and be a positive witness for the Body of Christ.

Travel Days

- **No shorts**
- **Everyone encouraged to wear the BMDMI t-shirt for that year**
- **Approved apparel is the same as for While in Village**

While in Village

- **Men & Boys**
 - Jeans, Slacks or Khakis (No holes or worn out looking jeans)
 - T-shirts are fine, though anyone preaching at a church service should wear a shirt with a collar at that time
 - All clothing should be modest and free of any questionable designs, which would include slogans, advertising, or photos
- **Ladies & Girls**
 - Skirts/Dresses (knee length) for ALL Church Services
 - Pants (khakis)
 - Jeans (loose fitting - nothing tight & no holes or worn out looking jeans)
 - Capris
 - No yoga pants or leggings
 - Tops (sleeveless permitted, no “spaghetti straps,” no low-cut or crop tops with stomach showing)
- **To and From Showers**

Modest, knee-length shorts are allowed when walking to and from the showers or in sleeping areas
- **Scrubs**
 - Scrubs allowed only for medical professionals to avoid confusing those who are being served
 - Scrubs are allowed in a church service when the medical professional does not have time to change prior to the service

- **Shoes & Outerwear**

- Choose shoes for comfort and walking on rough terrain; consider bringing two pairs in case one pair gets wet, as well as extra socks
- Sweater or light jacket is recommended for cool nights

Mission Home

- **Men & Boys**

- Modest, KNEE LENGTH shorts permitted during leisure time on property

- **Women & Girls**

- Modest, KNEE LENGTH shorts permitted during leisure time on property; no cheer or spandex shorts.

Enforcement of the Dress Code

- Team Captains should distribute copies to all team members and review the dress code with team members prior to travel day.
- Team Captains are responsible to enforce the dress code while in-country.
- If necessary, the Missionary in Charge will take responsibility for enforcement.
- Team members are responsible to abide by this Dress Code at all times, and will forfeit their right to serve if not dressed accordingly