



## **EDGE Pledge**



Please read over this pledge with your pastor, and sign at the end.

All EDGE applicants are required to complete this pledge as part of the application process.

### **A Witness for Christ**

You are called to be a living witness for Jesus Christ no matter where you are. You will be immersed into new cultures that have different values than you and there will be a temptation to do things that you normally wouldn't do at home. Remember you are representing Christ and that your life should reflect His character.

### **Respect for Authorities**

You may be taking Bibles into restricted access countries. Sometimes there will be a temptation to consider yourself "above the law" because you are a Bible smuggler. You may not use this activity as an excuse for disrespect or civil disobedience.

### **Correspondence Back Home**

Updates/newsletters that are sent out to your family and friends should be edifying and contain wholesome content. You need to be culturally sensitive and not make fun or belittle local culture. You are traveling as a guest in someone else's country. There are various guidelines regarding email, social media and photographs that will be addressed in orientation.

### **Home Church Accountability**

GTO expects you to be accountable to your home church and maintain your home church policies and standards while serving under GTO. If GTO requirements (shorts/pants, etc.) differ from your church's, GTO does ask that you support and practice GTO's requirements while on EDGE.

### **Personal Accountability**

You will be on active duty for our Lord Jesus Christ in one of Satan's deepest strongholds. There is going to be strong accountability to help maintain moral purity, to give emotional stability, and spiritual growth. Not only will this come from the EDGE Director(s) and your team but could come from other people God brings into your life.

### **Undivided Attention**

You will need to give your undivided heart and focus to the required assignments while on EDGE, and will need to participate wholeheartedly in all team activities. This may mean giving up things that are taking away your focus. For these reasons, there will be no dating or romantically attached relationships during the six-month EDGE term.

## **"I Pledge..."**

1. To provide spiritual leadership to those entrusted in my care.
2. To be a living witness of Jesus Christ in Asia/South America.
3. To obey governing authorities in all areas possible.
4. To show respect to local culture and provide wholesome, edifying news to family and friends.
5. To abide by the standards and policies of my home church.
6. To uphold GTO standards/requirements regarding personal conduct and physical appearance.
7. To accept personal accountability.
8. To give my undivided attention and to uphold GTO's no-dating/romantically attached relationships while on EDGE.

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Applicant's Signature

Date

**I have read and worked through the EDGE Pledge with the applicant.**

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Pastor's Signature

Date