

# ***Agreement of Love and Support for Furtherance of God's Kingdom Between IVCF and STEM***

**INTRODUCTION:** To give God more glory by introducing more people to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ by way of a mutually-beneficial partnership between **InterVarsity Christian Fellowship Missions** (herein, "IVCF") and **STEM Int'l d/b/a STEM Ministries and STEM Share** (herein "STEM"), both IVCF and STEM agree to work together in a process that glorifies God, with outcomes that glorify God, by using each others' competencies in a manner that helps produce "Global Student Transformation" by sending more IVCF campus-based "1- to 2-week Plunge Global Projects" short-term mission groups via STEM.

## **1. Summarized Intent.**

IVCF will help promote and direct toward STEM, any potential 1- to 2-week short-term mission Teams from IVCF's North American campus Chapters. Then for any short-term mission Team which results due to IVCF's efforts, STEM will coordinate pre-field preparation (training, administration of paperwork and budget, and coordination with the field), on-field logistics (leadership, daily scheduling, 3-fold ministry opportunities, and on-field support logistics), and post-field follow-up with IVCF students. STEM will coordinate its pre-field, on-field, and post-field responsibilities in a manner that supports: (a) the applicable stated "Guidelines" and "Values" of IVCF Global Projects; (b) the applicable "Possible Modification" provisions of Paragraph #8 below; and (c) IVCF's desire that this partnership's STEM Team experiences helps prepare IVCF's students for eventual work on multi-national teams.

## **2. Immediate Goals.**

During the on-field portion of the STEM Team outreach, both IVCF and STEM expect to see lasting on-site Kingdom-fruit in the lives of the national people being ministered to as a result of STEM-coordinated student efforts of 3-fold ministry (evangelism, construction work, and mercy/service/creative ministries). As an immediate post-field result back on campus, both IVCF and STEM expect to see a higher percentage of students demonstrating a Kingdom-positive growing worldview change.

## **3. Longer-Term Goals.**

As a longer-term post-field result back on campus and at home, both IVCF and STEM expect to see a higher percentage of students considering IVCF 4- to 8-week Projects, and eventually IVCF's 2-yr mission opportunities.

## **4. Non-exclusivity.**

This agreement will not prevent either party from pursuing other similar partnerships.

## **5. Continuation, Modification, and Termination.**

This partnership may be continued, modified, or terminated at any time when leadership of both IVCF and STEM agree that such action is in the best interest of the Kingdom of God and of both parties.

## **6. Settling Disagreements.**

Both IVCF and STEM waive their rights to sue and litigate each other, and instead agree to resolve any differences via the Biblical process of Matthew Chapter 18. If necessary, both parties agree to Christian-based mediation and binding arbitration.

## **7. Specific Plans for Years 2001 and 2002.**

*(this section no longer applicable)*

## **8. The Partnership's Possible Modifications to the Existing STEM Team Structure**

*(a) ON-FIELD LEADERSHIP*

On-field STEM Team Leadership may (or may not) need to be equally shared with IVCF as mutually determined on a

Team-by-Team basis.

*(b) STIM TRAINING (in addition to STEM Training)*

Some IVCF's "STIM" (Student Training in Mission) training may need to be incorporated into certain STEM Teams.

*(c) CURRENT STUDENT ISSUES*

Justice, love, mercy, partnership without paternalism, and the important of various ethnic identities may need additional within certain STEM Teams' on-field 3-fold ministry.

*(d) HONORING CURRENT IVCF PARTNERS*

In certain on-field nations, the STEM Team may need to work with, within, or at least with the "blessing" of applicable existing IVCF partners in that given nation (normally an IFES affiliate).

*(e) ROMAN CATHOLIC PARTICIPANTS*

Some STEM fields may need to prepare not to "talk down" Catholicism if the Team contains students who are members of a Roman Catholic Church.

*(f) EXPOSURE TO NATIONAL TEACHING*

STEM will seek out National teaching wherever possible during its on-field portion of the Team.

## **9. Post-field Follow-up**

IVCF will provide STEM with a simple brochure (or written copy we can insert) which describes possible "next steps" an IVCF student should consider within IVCF at-large, after having returned back to campus from the STEM Team. This brochure will include an IVCF contact name and address for the student to use if so interested. STEM will include this IVCF-supplied brochure in a direct mailing at STEM's expense to each student within one month after having returned back to campus (the format will be STEM's current "WH" system which also includes other follow-up options to consider). Within six weeks of returning back to campus, IVCF will also make direct contact with each student, using the Alumni list (Paragraph #7(e) above).

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