



Youth With A Mission Santa Cruz

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STATEMENT OF BURIAL

We at Youth With A Mission Santa Cruz, encourage each YWAM staff, prospective student, and volunteer to seriously consider some possible consequences of mission work and training. Although death is extremely rare in service with Youth With A Mission internationally, it is nevertheless an experience that awaits each one of us eventually. It is important that we all prepare for such possibilities and have a clear plan of action should such instances arise during time of study or service within Youth With A Mission.

Youth With A Mission Santa Cruz does everything possible to protect staff and students while on the field. However, during extensive travel in less developed countries, diseases are more prevalent, and fatal accidents, sickness and mishaps can occur. In these countries burial is often a real problem. We strongly encourage burial on the field, as decay can start very quickly. Shipping a body home can cost several thousand dollars. Some countries require by law a special, expensive coffin and/or having a designated individual accompany the coffin on the return journey.

We endeavor to maintain a Christian view of death—it is not the final step but just a passage; the person is not in the coffin, just his/her earthly shell. Therefore the priority for limited resources on outreach must be for living.

In case of death, Youth With A Mission Santa Cruz cannot commit to cover the expenses of burial or transport home from the country of death (developed or non-developed countries alike). If the family desires to see a body transported back home, the family must incur the entire cost. Any burial costs incurred while on outreach (i.e. the country in which the death and burial occurs) are the responsibility of the deceased's family as well.

Note: It is the responsibility of each individual or family (staff or volunteer) to have the Field Burial or Death Related Remains Transport Insurance, not Youth With A Mission Santa Cruz. I agree that in the case of my death while on outreach in conjunction with Youth With A Mission Honolulu, my immediate family will be notified and their wishes will be honored. If my family desires to see the body shipped home, they will agree to cover all expenses incurred. If my family does not desire to have the body shipped home or they do not make their wishes known, the burial may be carried out in the location of the deceased. I hereby absolve Youth With A Mission Honolulu, its staff and associates, from any responsibility for burial costs.

I have read and understood the above statement and agree to comply with it's terms.

Applicants Name (print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

*If applicant is under 18 years of age, the signature of parent or legal guardian is required

Name (print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____