

**JOINT FIELD OF SERVICE
AND
HOME COUNTRY
CONTINGENT TEMPORARY GUARDIANSHIP
For Couples With Minor Children
INSTRUCTIONS**

This document is provided to missionary candidates with minor children. The document “CONTINGENT TEMPORARY GUARDIANSHIP” has been prepared with the guidance of legal counsel with the hope that it will be used to expedite the care and oversight of your minor children should a crisis result. The Mission believes the form will be helpful under the limited conditions it attempts to address.

We encourage you to take the initiative in seeing that this complies with any special requirements that may exist within your host country.

You have the freedom to name whomever you desire as temporary guardian and in addition, your leadership or any person or agent designated by them may accept, for the specific and limited responsibility of temporary legal guardian of the person(s) of your minor children for the time and conditions stated in the “CONTINGENT TEMPORARY GUARDIANSHIP” document.

This information and assistance is provided for the benefit of Mission field workers and not for the benefit of the Mission. Although the Mission greatly cares for your welfare, and desires to provide all practicable assistance; the Mission cannot engage in rendering legal counsel, and assumes no liability either for the effectiveness of these documents in accomplishing your purposes, or any court’s interpretation and application thereof at home or overseas.

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PURPOSE

We, the undersigned head of household and spouse, missionaries serving with _____ (Organization) in the country of _____, being aware of the potential dangers involved in this ministry, do hereby appoint: _____ and/or any persons or agents designated by them, as the temporary legal guardian of the person(s) of our minor children in the event we should ever be simultaneously taken hostage or otherwise be unable, through any crisis event, to provide our normal care of our minor children:

The purpose of this Contingent Temporary Guardianship shall be limited to assuring the well-being and safety of our minor children and for the successful implementation of my organization's Contingency Policies until our children can be placed in the care of our named guardians in our home or passport country.

CHILD #1 _____

CHILD #2 _____

CHILD #3 _____

CHILD #4 _____

CHILD #5 _____

CHILD #6 _____

AND ALL OTHER MINOR CHILDREN, BORN TO OR ADOPTED BY US AFTER THE DATE OF EXECUTION OF THIS CONTINGENT TEMPORARY GUARDIANSHIP.

TERM AND DURATION

This guardianship shall become effective on the date (if any) when we are both prevented by some crisis event or taken hostage and held in such a manner as to prevent our giving the care and guidance to our children as we would normally provide. This guardianship shall terminate on the date of resolution of the crisis event or the release of either spouse, or upon the date said children are placed into the care of their permanent guardian or relatives in their home country.

This CONTINGENT TEMPORARY GUARDIANSHIP effectively cancels and abrogates any and all previous guardianship agreements that may have been entered into between ourselves, except those enumerated in any Last Will and Testament that we may have executed.

POWERS OF TEMPORARY GUARDIAN

The above named individual (temporary guardian) shall have the power to do all lawful and proper things reasonably required for the well-being and safety of our minor children or for the successful implementation of the organization's Contingency Policies, during our forced absence, including but not limited to, the following powers:

1. The power to arrange and provide for the transportation at our expense, of our minor children, not taken hostage, to their home country of: _____ as soon as arrangements can be made for their safe reception and care in their home country, and,
2. The power to seek appropriate medical treatment or attention on behalf of said minor children, at our expense, as may be required by the circumstances, including but not limited to, medical doctor and/or hospital visits, and,
3. The power to authorize medical treatment or medical procedures for said children, in an emergency situation, at our expense, and,
4. The power to make appropriate decisions regarding clothing, bodily nourishment, and shelter for said children, at our expense, and,
5. The power to make arrangements, in fellowship with the persons named in item 7 below, if time allows, as to funeral and burial arrangements, at our expense, for ourselves or our children, should the Lord allow such to become necessary. We understand that the Leadership's decision will be final, if in their best belief it is not possible to effect the arrangements requested by said persons in the home country, and,
6. The power to fully implement, regarding ourselves and our minor children, my agency Contingency Policy, a copy of which we have read and signed, indicating thereby our full support of each of the conditions set forth therein. A copy of said Contingency Policy is attached and hereby made a part of this Temporary Contingent Guardianship, as if fully set forth herein verbatim.

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HOME COUNTRY PERMANENT GUARDIANS OR RELATIVES

We the undersigned, head of household and spouse, do hereby appoint:

_____ and/or any persons or agents designated by them as the permanent legal guardian of the person(s) of our minor children in the event we should ever be simultaneously taken hostage or otherwise removed by force or crisis event from our normal care of our minor children.

The above named individual shall have the power to do all lawful and proper things reasonably required for the well-being and safety of our minor children during our forced absence, including but not limited to, the following powers:

1. The power to arrange and provide, at our expense, for the transportation of our minor children, not taken hostage, to their home country of: _____ as soon as arrangements can be made for their safe reception and care in their home country, and,
2. The power to seek appropriate medical treatment or attention on behalf of said minor children, at our expense, as may be required by the circumstances, including but not limited to, medical doctor and/or hospital visits, and,
3. The power to authorize medical treatment or medical procedures for said children, in an emergency situation, at our expense, and,
4. The power to make appropriate decisions regarding clothing, bodily nourishment, and shelter for said children, at our expense, and,
5. The power to make arrangements, in fellowship with family members as to funeral and burial arrangements, at our expense, for ourselves or our children, should the Lord allow such to become necessary.
6. The power to fully implement any and all things necessary for the care, custody or control of our minor children.

The names, addresses, and phone numbers of the persons in our home country, to whom said children, are to be sent, are:

(Person(s) to whom minor children are to be sent)

(Address, country, phone numbers, etc., details may be added on reverse)

(Alternate person(s) to whom minor children are to be sent)

(Address, country, phone numbers, etc., details may be added on reverse)

Signed at _____ on this _____ day of _____, 20____:

Head of Household

Spouse

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

Personally appeared before me, a notary public, the persons known by me to be _____ and _____, the above head of household and his spouse, who signed the above Contingent Temporary Guardianship as their own free act.

Notary Public
My commission expires: _____