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SUSIE Magazine "Never the Same" missions trip embodies the following beliefs:

Statement of Faith:

To cooperate with the Holy Spirit in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with as many people as possible through print media, verbal messages, Bible studies, books, magazines, mission trips and other avenues that will promote biblical truths worldwide.

We believe in a *personal relationship with Jesus Christ*: God has called each disciple to share His good news of salvation. We believe salvation comes by faith in Jesus Christ as God's Son through the repentance of our sins. We believe the Holy Spirit wants to empower each disciple to live a holy life pleasing to God. We believe that those who do not accept Christ as their personal Savior will be eternally separated from God.

We believe in the *sanctity of human life*: Each individual is valued and important to God, and parents are accountable to Him for shaping and preparing them for Christ.

We believe in the *permanence of marriage*: Marriage is between one man and one woman. We want to defend and protect marriage as we see it as a sacred covenant designed by God to model the love of Christ for His people.

We believe in *social responsibility*: As Christians, we are called to help meet the needs of the poor and oppressed.

We also believe in the *value of male and female*: God created humans in His image, intentionally male and female, each bringing unique and complementary qualities to sexuality and relationships. Sexuality is a glorious gift from God to be offered back to Him either in marriage for procreation, union and mutual delight or in celibacy for undivided devotion to Christ. Christians are called to proclaim the truth and beauty of God's design and the redemption of sexual brokenness in our lives and culture through Jesus Christ.

Acceptance of participants: All students or adults who apply must give personal account of their testimony to salvation and have a pastor's recommendation that can speak to the individual's spiritual growth.

Denomination: Because our participants are from a variety of Christian denominations, IF specific questions regarding doctrine or theology arise during the trip, our leaders are trained to respond to the student with, "This is something you need to discuss with your own pastor and your parents."

It's our goal to focus on evangelism and discipleship during the trip rather than be divisive about specific denominational issues.

New Christians: Our group works closely with local churches in the area in which we're ministering. When someone accepts Christ as savior, his name and contact information is recorded and given to local pastors in the area, so they can follow up with discipleship and church involvement.

SUSIE Magazine works with Big World Ventures, Tulsa, Okla., to provide the best experience possible for participants. Big World Ventures specializes in customizing trips for a variety of church groups around the nation. Susie Shellenberger selected Big World Ventures because of their integrity, their commitment to excellence, their passion to bring salvation to the lost and their commitment to safety. Susie has worked closely with Big World Ventures for 13 years. If you'd like more information on their ministry, you may contact President, Steve Goley at: steve@bigworld.org.

