

Dear Friends and Family:

This has been an exciting year for me as I have grown in my faith and learned to serve the way Christ served and gave his life for others. I am overwhelmed by God's generosity and love for me, and I feel compelled to share that love with others and do more for the world around me.

I want to share with you a challenging ministry opportunity that God has presented to me. From (date leaving) through (date returning) God has offered me the chance to go to (city, country) with my church, Dallas Baptist Church. During this (#)-day missions trip we will be (purpose of trip) while also learning more about the people there and their culture.

Because God has opened up a door for me to develop a greater heart of compassion for people around the world, I would like to extend to you the opportunity to share in this compassion in one or more ways. First, you can help pray for me and others on my trip. We will need prayers that God will prepare us for our visit and bless our efforts as we minister to the people of (country). We will also need prayers that our financial needs will be met. Our trip costs (\$\$) per person, and that is quite a challenge!

I covet your prayers more than anything, but if God is laying it on your heart to give also, I would welcome your financial contribution to my mission trip. Contributions may be given directly to Dallas Baptist Church (P.O. Box 5 Dallas, PA 18612) in my honor. Please make any checks payable to Dallas Baptist Church with the designation of (NICARAGUA: my name) in the memo line. [Optional: I have included a pre-addressed mailing envelope for your convenience.] I will need to raise all my funds by (financial deadlines listed) in order to pay for airline tickets and other items. (If you are purchasing your own ticket, be sure to include that amount in your deadline)

Whether you feel led to contribute financially, through prayer, or both, all of your support is appreciated. [Optional: In fact, I would like to invite you to a reception after my mission trip to thank those who have supported me through prayer or donations. On (date) at (time), I invite you to (your address or other location) to hear stories and see pictures from my trip and to share all that God has done in me and through me on this mission trip.] I look forward to doing God's work in (country) and letting you know all about how God has worked through this team when I return in (month returning).

Thank you,

(Your Name)