

Samples

1925 SE Rose Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50320
July 1, 2003

6265 NE Rising Sun Drive
Pleasant Hill, IA 50327
October 16, 2000

EXAMPLE ONLY

Dear Friends and Family,

The Lord moves in mysterious ways. One week ago I had no idea what a medical missionary did, now I am one. A missionary team from First Assembly of God in Des Moines was preparing to send a medical team, including doctors, nurses, physician assistants and interpreters to Monterey, Mexico. They had everything they needed but a pharmacist. I happened to call a friend of mine, a member of that church, on an unrelated matter and she shared with me their problem. Janelle had served as their pharmacist in the past but was unable to help them out this time, so she asked me if I could go in her place.

I was both surprised and intrigued and decided to check into this further. The staff at my store was supportive so I called the pastor at the sponsoring church to get more information. I found out he had to submit the names of his missionaries to the airline that same afternoon, leaving me with two hours to make a decision! Val and I discussed this and decided it was the Lord's will, so here I am...

To make a long story short, I will be leaving November 3rd to spend a week in an area of the city known as Colonia Guadalupe. It is a very poor area where a local congregation would like to start a second church. We will set up a temporary clinic to provide for the medical needs of their bodies while the pastors and support staff will be ministering to their souls. Every one attending this free clinic will hear the Good News, the Gospel of Jesus Christ and be shown the path for salvation. What an exciting time.

So I am writing you to inform you of what is happening and ask for your help. Here is what you can do. Pray! Pray for the safety of the mission team and the openness of the residents of Colonia Guadalupe to hear the Word. Pray for the Holy Spirit to fill us and guide us. Pray the Lord's will be done. Give! The gifts of your prayers are enough, but if you are so inclined, gifts of money are appreciated. Contributions are tax deductible. If you can help in either way please fill out the enclosed card and mail it back to me in the envelope provided before October 26th. If you have any questions, give me a call at 266-4925. Thank you for your support.

Yours in Christ,

Ned J. Looney

Dear Friends and Family:

This fall I have an incredible opportunity to be a part of a mission team that will travel to Monterrey Mexico, November 16-22, 2003. I will have the privilege of serving our team and God by assisting in the establishment of a medical clinic in the outskirts of the city. Through the door opener of modern medicine, we will be able to provide temporary healing to those patients we see while introducing them to eternal healing through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Now I know what you are thinking: Paul, if you are the one providing the medical help, this trip is destined to failure. Well, how right you are! I have discovered in recent years that my spiritual talents lie in the areas of administration. As a result, I will be the on-site manager for the entire group and will further facilitate the logistics of a trip of this magnitude prior to leaving.

As a team member, I am required to raise the necessary funds to cover my portion of the trip including airfare, accommodations, food, plus a portion of the medical costs necessary to run the clinic for the week we are in Mexico. My share of those costs total \$1500 and I need your help.

Here is what you can do to help.

1. Pray—begin praying for the health and safety of our team and the open door of ministry in the Monterrey area.
2. Give—if you are able to contribute financially to this mission, I would appreciate your help. Lutheran Church of the Cross (my personal congregation) is accepting donations on our behalf. These donations are tax deductible.

If you are able and willing to help me, please fill out the enclosed card and return it to Lutheran Church of the Cross, 1701 8th Street SW, Altoona, IA 50009. I appreciate your help and covet your prayers during this event. I truly believe God has great things in store for us and look forward to seeing His hand bless our endeavors.

Yours in Christ,

Paul A. Smith

EL SALVADOR YOUTH MISSION TRIP
SAMPLE SUPPORT LETTER

May 11, 2003

JoJo and FloFlo Smythe
1234 Rock Lane
Coralhead, Mars 56789

Dear JoJo and FloFlo Smythe:

This summer I have an incredible opportunity to be a part of a mission team that will travel to El Salvador in Central America. I will have the privilege of serving our team and God by working with youth in El Salvador and communicating God's love through street crusades and school assemblies, utilizing songs with movements, dramas, and comical skits. We will be sending the simple message that 'Jesus saves and is coming soon.'

God has prepared me and called me to serve Him in a way I have never completely experienced before. I know God is going to move, but he is not limited to move only on the people we meet in El Salvador. I look forward to seeing God move in my own heart. I do know though that this trip is going to be bigger than me. Fortunately, we serve a God who says in Jeremiah 29:11; "I know the plans I have for you." I feel at peace knowing my future is in His hands.

God is going to move and I am waiting in great expectation. There is nothing that would help me to feel encouraged than to know I will have you supporting me and holding me up in your prayers.

Another way you could support me is financially. This trip will cost \$1300. I know God has called me and will provide what I need, but if you feel you would like to help, I thank you. But more importantly than any financial consideration, I covet your prayers and thoughts as I approach and prepare for this trip and see it to its completion.

Respectfully,

April May Jones

6265 NE Rising Sun Drive
Pleasant Hill, IA 50327
June 22, 2001

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Dear Friends and Family,

For those of you who helped support the medical mission to Monterrey Mexico last fall, thank you! It was a great success as over 600 patients were seen and the Word of Christ proclaimed! Your prayers and generous support provided medication, bandages, doctors, pharmacist, nurses and translators for this trip. All your support was very much appreciated.

This year we are going to El Paui near Caracas, Venezuela. You may recall that in December of 1999 this region was decimated by mudslides taking the lives of over 100,000 people and leaving many thousands more homeless. While international aid was provided at the time, no medical teams have traveled back to these remote barrios since then. It is our plan to bring a team of 30 medical professionals, translators and support people to this region, to provide medical care and to witness to the glory of our Lord. My daughter Alison will be a translator for this mission, I will be their pharmacist and we need your help...

Here is what you can do to help.

1. Pray - Begin by praying for the health and safety of our team and the open door of ministry to the community of El Paui.
2. Give - The cost of the trip, providing supplies, transportation, drugs, personnel and equipment comes to \$1200 per person. Each missionary is asked to solicit and raise his or her own funds; your contribution will be much appreciated.

Your support of this mission allows us to plan and prepare for future missions. We know we can't do this alone but the Lord does provide and raises up other believers to support His work. I hope and pray you can be one of them.

Lutheran Church of the Cross (our family's home congregation) is supporting this effort by receiving funds on our behalf. I have enclosed a response card and return envelope for your convenience. Even a gift of \$10.00 can go a long way to accomplish our goal. You will receive a tax deduction for your gift as allowed by law. Please mail the card to reach us by August 1, 2001.

We thank you in advance for your support of this awesome endeavor.

Ned Looney

Alison Looney