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Dear Family and Friends, (You can remove Friends & Family in put their name here)

Can you believe it! I am going on a short term mission trip with my church, [insert your church/group name here], June 19-25, 2017. We will be working in inner city Columbus, Ohio with a ministry called "Columbus Dream Center", which ministers to the street people and the families who live in "The Hood". After praying and considering this opportunity, I believe it is God's will for me. However, I realize this cannot be done without enlisting Partners like you!

We are working with a U.S. missions agency, Churches In Missions, that has come alongside of us to help facilitate this trip. These people of Columbus are hungry for the truth and a message of hope. We are able to bring that to them as we share the Good News from the Bible and live it out in front of them.

The people, though poor, are open to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We will be working with the children of the community and doing special events for them. We will also help serve dinner to the street people 4 evenings during the week. In addition we will work on a project in the community where these ministries take place and will assist with the people who come to the Mobile Medical Unit. I earnestly pray we will be used mightily by God to be a blessing and that many will come to Jesus Christ.

Obviously, we cannot do this alone; we need Partners like you to assist us. We need prayer partners first and then financial partners to come alongside of us in this awesome opportunity. The total cost of the trip is \$800.00 per person and the deadline for raising the funds is May  $15^{th}$ . (First 1/2 of the funds are due April  $15^{th}$ )

Please earnestly pray about becoming a Partner with me and please let me know by returning your response in the enclosed envelope. All checks are to be made to (insert your church/group name here) and your gift is tax deductible. Be assured of my prayers and anticipation that God will use us together in this ministry to Columbus.

Sincerely,
Your name
Your address
Your phone number
Your Email

P.S. I will write again in 30 days to update you on how God is answering our prayers.



Dear Family and Friends,

God is calling His people to GO and I said "YES"! I am going on a short term mission trip with my church, Riverside Community Church, October 24th-November 2nd, 2013. We will be working in Fagundes, Brazil and the surrounding area. After praying and considering this opportunity, I believe it is God's will for me to GO. However, I realize this cannot be done without enlisting more of God's people to partner with His calling.

Riverside is so blessed to have the opportunity to partner with a pastor and a church in Brazil who shares our passion for seeing the Good News of Jesus Christ proclaimed through the planting of new churches. After hearing the amazing stories and seeing the incredible fruit of the ministry that was done by our church on the trip to Brazil in 2012, I cannot wait to see what God does through this next trip!

The people are genuinely excited that we are coming! Although they are poor they are gracious, loving and anxious to share what little they have. Through a US Missionary agency, Churches In Missions, we will be participating in outreaches, sharing our personal testimonies, singing, and joining the local people in evangelism. We will also be participating in some light construction & work projects as we support this local pastor with a heart for planting new churches. I earnestly pray we will be used mightily by God to be a blessing and that many will come to Jesus Christ as Savior.

Obviously, we cannot do this alone; we need Partners like you to assist us. We need prayer partners first and then financial partners to come alongside in this awesome opportunity. The total cost of the trip is \$2,400.00 per person and the *deadline for raising the first half of our funds is July 1*<sup>st</sup>.

Please earnestly pray about becoming a Partner with me and please let me know by returning your response in the enclosed envelope. All checks are to be made to Riverside Community Church with "Brazil" & my name in the memo line. You can also give online at www.riversideconnect.com by clicking on the Giving tab and entering "Brazil" & my name on the notes line with your donation. Either way, your donation is tax deductible. Be assured of my prayers and anticipation that God will use us together in this ministry to Brazil.

Sincerely, Your name, Your address Your phone number, Your email address [put on church letterhead]

Dear Family and Friends,

As promised, here is my Costa Rica update. I have my passport, have attended many meetings, asked a lot of questions, read a lot about Costa Rica and prayed for His wisdom as we prepare for unforgettable experiences.

Our excitement is rising as we hear more and more about all of the potential ministries in which we will be involved. Someone expressed it this way, "travel to places you've never been, to experience people you will never forget". Truly, we are excited and yet humbled to be used of God to bring eternal blessings to Costa Rica.

Our original letter stated we could not do this	alone, we need Partners, and the
Lord has answered our prayers. We asked for	Prayer and Financial Partners and
the Lord has given both. We need a total of \$	for the trip and thus far
we have received commitments of \$	. I PRAISE THE LORD FOR YOU
and can hardly wait to see how He raises the bo	alance. The total amount is due

We continue to hear that our hosts in San Jose, Costa Rica are excited to have us come alongside to share and live Jesus Christ in their villages. The believers are having prayer meetings, asking that many will be saved and challenged to walk closer to the Lord Jesus Christ. We sincerely need your prayers as we minister. We can not do this on our own as the enemy will attach us with doubt and fear. Remember, your giving gets us to the mission field, but your prayers under gird us to be used in a mighty way.

As the "Call from Costa Rica" gets louder, I realize how blessed I am to have this privilege. In addition, I cannot do it alone. Thanks to all of those who have become Partners and those who will. Enclosed, find an envelope for your response as we join heart and hand in this July 2-10 ministry trip to Costa Rica. All checks are to be made payable to [insert your church name here] and your gift is tax deductible.

Isaiah 6:8, states, ".....I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then I said here am I; send me."

Serving Him with you,

Your name, Your address
Your phone number, Your email address