

June 18, 2012

Dear Friend,

As a church community, we are excited to announce that we are preparing to send a group of our youth on a challenging ministry opportunity to Africa. This ten-day trip will be spent at the 'His Children, His Hope' orphanage. The team will provide additional support to our on-site missionaries there.

In addition to presenting the gospel and ministering to the children and adults at the orphanage, our young people will have a unique opportunity to learn more about the culture and customs of this area.

We are reaching out to our membership and the community to offer you the chance to be a vital part of this mission and to partner with us in this endeavor. First, we covet your prayers for the safety and success of the volunteer group and the mission. Next, we ask that you pray for our financial needs to be met. We need to raise \$10,000 over the next six months to make this dream a reality.

Our young people have been hard at work soliciting donations from friends, family and community members as well as holding special fundraising events such as car washes and bake sales. These intrepid young entrepreneurs have raised \$4,500, and we are incredibly proud of their efforts. However, we need to help them out to raise the remaining \$5,500, so we can begin to make their travel and housing arrangements.

Is there any reason why you couldn't use the enclosed envelope to send us a donation? Any amount that you feel led to contribute will be gratefully accepted. We do realize that in challenging financial times like these, not everyone will be able to make a cash donation. If you are unable to donate financially, we are also in need of some volunteers to help pull the entire project together. Would you prayerfully consider assisting in that way? Be assured that your prayers, volunteer services, and good wishes are as valuable to us as your financial support!

If you have any questions or would like more information about our upcoming missions trip, please contact us at 555-5555. As always, we are thankful for your support of our church and our missions.

Sincerely,

Pastor Young

Youth Pastor