

Sample Letter 1

Dear _____,

Hi! How are you doing? I hope that God is doing as many exciting things in your lives as He is in mine! I did not think anything could top off this past year, but as usual God is blessing in tremendous ways.

Recently, I have been challenged in a new direction. From January 4-16, I will be in Haiti with a team of thirty-five people, working to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. We will be doing hut-to-hut visitation, holding worship services and Backyard Bible clubs, teaching hygiene workshops, and a medical team will also accompany us. Our time will be spent in two villages, one of which has never been reached by the gospel! What an awesome opportunity to let these people know that their Creator loves them and has provided a way for them to have a personal relationship with himself through Jesus Christ!

We will be living among the Haitians as they do-in huts. I am hoping this will give me a greater heart of compassion for people around God's world. But wait! That is not all! I have more exciting news for you because you can be part of my team. First and foremost, you can pray for us in the following ways: 1) That God will prepare each team member and also each Haitian spiritually for our visit. 2) That God will provide financially for our trip (each team member needs to raise \$_____, so that is quite a challenge). 3) That God will bless our journey, keep us safe, and move powerfully through our team as we minister His love, compassion, and grace to the Haitians. Secondly, you can be involved by seeking God's direction in helping us financially. I have included a postage-paid envelope for you to use if you are so led, and also a brochure explaining more about the Missions project

Please make checks payable to my home church.

Thank you so much for your support and the love you have shown me in the past making known to me the same Jesus I so earnestly desire to share with others.

Sample Letter 2

Dear _____,

Hi! I hope this letter finds you and your family well, I'm doing fine. In case I haven't told you, last May I surrendered to God's call to a career in missions. I still don't know exactly when or where He'll lead me, but I am trusting that He'll reveal that in His time.

This summer He has given me a wonderful opportunity to minister and experience the mission field for a short term, July 9 - August 4. I will be going with a team from my home Church to Canada where we are working at Hope Baptist Mission and Friendship Baptist Church. We will be doing door-to-door survey work, Backyard Bible Clubs, running a day care, a puppet ministry and Special Church Services. I am really excited about this opportunity.

So as not to put a burden on the churches we are working with, our team will be raising our own support to finance this trip. I am writing you to enlist your prayer and financial support. God has given me a special call to "go" and I am counting on Him to call those of you He has called to "send." I also know that He has a special team picked out for prayer support. As I made out a list of people to send this letter to God kept giving me names.

I had qualms about writing this letter and I have put it off for weeks because I felt as if I was asking for myself. God has shown me that I am asking on behalf of the people that do not know Jesus. Both of these churches are in areas where Southern Baptist Work is very small. Hope Baptist Mission is 150 miles from the nearest Southern Baptist Church. After growing up in the Bible Belt I cannot imagine a small core of excited young Christians with very little training. Their pastors are working at discipling them, and we hope to ease their load a little this summer.

I don't know what else to share with you in this letter. Please understand that I realize that everyone is not called to help every cause. I trust that you will hear God's voice and know if this is an area in which you can minister. Either way, I know everyone is called to pray, and I would very much appreciate your prayer support. My team leader's name is Bob Power. I respect him and love him and would appreciate it if you would lift him up too. If for no other reason, he has to put up with me for a month!

I plan to write all of you again after I get back and let you know how the trip went so you can share in praising God for the results I know will come on this trip.

Thank you for being people that love me and love Jesus. I really do appreciate all of you.

Sample Letter 3

Dear _____,

As many of you know, I went off to college for my first year this past August. I am attending [Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Missouri] about [three] hours away from home.

God has been very good to me this past year. He has taught me so many things and blessed me in so many ways. Last October my church had a missions week, where they had certain team members come and discuss previous mission trips in which they had attended. This really got me excited for the Lord and for missions.

After about one week of prayer I went and applied for a mission team. I went through an interview and was told two weeks later that I was accepted to go to [Bermuda for two weeks this July]. I know it sounds like a pretty rough time, right? Well, really it is going to be a strenuous schedule, but I pray with much blessing along with it. I will be working with the children from the military base.

We will be doing Backyard Bible Clubs with them as well as other Bible School activities with the kids. We will be staying with families on the base, so I am sure that God will be working with them as well.

I have need to raise \$_____ for the trip. This pays for my plane fare and supplies for the Bible Clubs. Please be praying for me that I will be used mightily of the Lord and that I will be a true witness for Him. I want the children of [Bermuda] to see Christ in me, and to see their need for Him.

I would really appreciate your prayers. If you want to help me out financially. Please pray first so that you are sure it is God's will for you to be a part. That is more important to me even than your gift. "But my God shall supply all my needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).

Thanks for taking time to hear my story. I am very excited about what God may do through all of this.