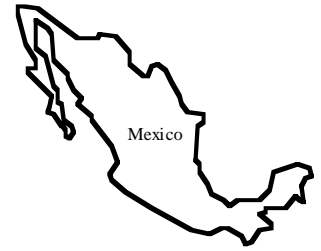


April 11, 1999

Dear

Hi! I hope this finds you doing well and enjoying the beauty of God's creation during this gorgeous springtime. Mother and I recently enjoyed a trip to Calloway Gardens where the azaleas were in bloom, and the wonder of God's handiwork was evident at every turn.



This summer, I am excited to have the opportunity to go on a short-term mission trip to Estancia de Animas, Mexico. I will be going with a group of people from Tucker Christian Church, and yes, mother is going with me too! While we are there, we will be working at the Bethshean Mission with our primary focus on the elderly. We will be hosting a Senior Saints Day with a full afternoon of activities and games for the elderly from all over the community. We will also be working with the elderly that live in a home on the mission on a daily basis. Our first Saturday we will have the opportunity to plan a day of activities for the local children as well. It will truly be a trip of getting to know the people on a personal basis and allowing the Lord to use us to minister to them in all areas.

Bethshean Mexico Mission began in 1970 when Cris Garcia started different facets of evangelism. The mission has now grown to a home for the elderly with 15 residents, but has a capacity of 30. In 1995 a Christian family camp and retreat center was started, and continues to grow as funds are provided. A library has been started for which they are currently collecting Spanish books to stock the shelves. Lord willing, there are future plans for a hospital. This mission is truly a blessing to the community, and the Lord is using it in great ways to proclaim his word.

Since I began getting involved in mission work years ago, my verse of commitment has always been I Timothy 1:12 which says, "I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service." I truly rejoice every time the Lord allows me to serve his kingdom locally, downtown, or in another country, but I know I could not do it alone. God has allowed me to be the one to go, but we are all members of the body of Christ, and all have our own place and job to do. For the time, I believe that ministering to those overseas, even on short term trips, is one way the Lord is using me. Will you join me in this effort? I need people to pray for me as I prepare to go. Pray that I will bond with the others on the team and that we will have a common vision ministering to those at Bethshean Mission. Pray that all the organization is completed so that we are fully prepared for our time while we are there. I need people to pray daily while we are on the trip. We will be leaving June 11, and returning June 18. Pray that the devil will not hinder the work while we are there, that the people will be open to the ministering we will bring, and that the language will flow freely between the groups (many of those going know very little Spanish, but are working on learning it.).

This trip will have approximately 16 members from 3 different churches, Mt. Carmel Christian, Tucker Christian, and Elberton Christian. All churches are from the Atlanta area, Elberton is about 2 hours north, and know of Cris Garcia and her work. Each member will need to raise \$750 for the trip that includes all expenses plus a contribution to the mission. I have already paid a deposit of \$100 and am praying the Lord will provide partners with me to raise the final \$650, \$500 of which is due April 25th. If the Lord leads you to give a financial contribution for the trip, please make checks payable to Tucker Christian Church with a note specifying my name and the Mexico trip. You can mail the check to _____ . All contributions are tax deductible. I know the Lord will bless you as you take part in this ministry.

Thank you for your prayerful support of this trip, and my continued involvement in missions. The Lord has done great and wondrous things for me, and I can't help but want to share it with others all around the world. God continues to soften my heart for missions and is doing an awesome work in that area now. In the near future I hope to share with you a new endeavor that is starting in my life. May God give you grace and peace abundantly day after day.

In Him,

[DATE]

Dear _____:

I am excited to share with you that the Lord is providing me with an incredible opportunity this year to serve on a short-term mission team to Higuey, Dominican Republic, October 4th – 11th. Our team will participate in a church construction project for a newly started church which currently has worship services in a garage-type structure located adjacent to the minister's house. This is the second church which has been started by a young minister, Rafael Ramirez, in this poor section of the city. The project is being organized by Bridge Builders and our team will primarily consist of active members of singles Ministry from Mount Carmel Christian Church.

The cost of the trip is approximately \$1,200. I have already paid a deposit toward this amount as my own personal financial commitment to the mission trip. I will need to raise \$1,100 in order to participate and ask you prayerfully consider a contribution toward this amount.

For those of you who do not know me personally, I am currently a member of Mount Carmel Christian Church. I am an active member of the singles leadership counsel and serve as an officer for one of the singles Sunday School classes. More importantly, I believe that there is one true God Who is the creator of all things. I believe that Jesus Christ is God's only begotten Son, who came to earth gave Himself as the sacrifice for my sins. He allowed Himself to be crucified, was buried and bodily rose from death in three days and has ascended to heaven where He sits at God's right hand. I eagerly await His second coming when He will take those who belong to Him to live with Him in God's very presence for eternity.

Until He comes again I believe that we are to serve Him with the talents and gifts He has given to each of us. I feel that God is asking me to go on this trip to serve others, to learn from other cultures and to experience other's love for Him.

Please give this request prayerful consideration and accept God's guidance. If you decide to make a contribution toward my participation in this service please make checks payable to _____. Contributions are tax exempt Please mark any checks payable to the church "Dominican Mission Trip – My Name." All checks should be mailed to _____ . I would appreciate receiving all contributions by _____.

Whether or not you are able to assist financially, please pray for our mission team and for me personally in this service. Your prayers are the most important need for this project.

In His Service,