

John Doe
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Dear Grandma and Grandpa Doe:

I hope everything is well with you and I cannot wait to see you next month. I just wanted to inform you about a trip I am about to take this summer. I am stepping out in faith and joining a team that will be ministering in the country of Costa Rica. We are going there to work with a church ministering to the poor, reaching out to the community and providing Vacation Bible School for those less fortunate than us. It will be a new adventure with many challenges along the way. As you may know, when you travel to another country there are challenges with languages, cultures, and the environments you are placed in, but I know it will be worth it. I am excited to see how God will work through our team to minister to others, but also in our own lives. I feel this trip will be a huge step towards spiritual growth and I wanted to share it with you. The trip will occur from July 10th till July 21st, and while we are waiting for the departure day to arrive, we will be having group meetings, praying for a successful trip, and finding ways to cover expenses.

Would you consider joining us in your prayers? Pray that this trip will be a spiritual boost for each of us, that we will grow together as a unified team, that we can minister to the people we are serving and that we will be able to raise total financial support to make this trip possible. If you are in a position to give, and would like to support me financially I would greatly appreciate any contribution, but don't feel obligated to do so because I sent you this letter. My main goal is to include you in the process and share this great time in my life with you. I am confident that God will provide the finances I need, but I don't know how it will exactly play out. My total expenses for the trip will be around \$1600. If, by chance, you are already sponsoring another person on our team, thanks for your generous donation and willingness to give. We appreciate every dollar that helps us reach our goal. If you decide to contribute to my account there are a few things I need to inform you about. First, in the event that I have already had all my expenses covered or for some unforeseen reason I am not able to participate, your contribution will help students in financial need, other expenses surrounding the trip and to the ministries we are supporting in Costa Rica. Second, all contributions need to come to me or to my church. Please make all checks payable to "Mt. View Community Church" and write my name on the memo line with "Costa Rica." If you want to send it by mail address it to Brian Clemmer c/o MVCC, 12033 Seattle Hill Rd., Snohomish, WA 98296. He will make sure the money gets posted to my account.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read my letter and thank you for always supporting me; I am blessed to have the both of you. I will keep you updated on the progress of our trip as we prepare to go and serve and I look forward to sharing the trip with you after I return home.

Warmly,

John Doe