

March 20, 2017

Hello,

I may or may not know you personally, considering you may be one of my friends' parents or one of my parents' friends. Whether or not you have known me since birth, I'm here to tell you that I have chosen to go on a mission trip to Haiti this summer and I'm here to ask you for some help.

Haiti has been in the news a lot recently. There were earthquakes and hurricanes we have all heard about, but we may have looked over anything we have seen about it, such as the newspaper and television, instead of stopping and looking to see if we can do anything about it. I have seen this opportunity open up for me to go and help repair buildings destroyed this July 1-10.

The total cost of the trip is between \$2,300, and this is where you come in to play. I ask you that you can help me with this trip, whether that is through prayer, donating, or anything else you can think of to do to help our group get through this trip safely and happily with the mind that they have helped people, and also that they couldn't have done it without everyone back home praying for them all the time everyday to help them get through this journey. You can send in money or donate online at [bethanylb.org/events](http://bethanylb.org/events) if you choose to take that route. This is the first time Bethany Church has gone on a mission trip to Cabaret, Haiti, and being the guinea pigs may require more prayer for us to get through this trip safely. I ask that you please help me get through this trip, and prayer is the most needed aspect to get through this experience.



Thank you,

Alexandria Burgess-Allen

Dear Friends and Family,

I am currently a junior attending McBride High School, an Honor Roll student, a rower with Long Beach Junior Crew and the oldest daughter of Dirk and Treca Adams. I truly have a heart for helping people. During my seventh and eighth grade years in middle school, I mentored a special needs student at our school. This was not assigned as a role, but rather one that I gladly took on once I saw some of his challenges. We formed a close relationship, as I helped him with homework and coached him during certain social situations. At church, I have been a junior volunteer with Real Kidz Toddler Ministry for the past 4 years. I assist 2-3 year olds during their “free play” time; I help them with their lesson-related craft and work as an assistant during the lesson and snack time. I have made commitments as a mentor and junior volunteer and not only remained a reliable and responsible worker, but I have also thoroughly enjoyed and welcomed these roles.



This summer, from July 1<sup>st</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, I will have a unique opportunity to help people and spread the love of Jesus in a very special way. God willing, I will be traveling to Haiti to work with an organization called Missions Door. Missions Door works with churches and communities that were damaged by Hurricane Matthew. Our group will be working in and around the town of Cabaret, north of Port-au-Prince. I would love to involve you in this experience, and there are a number of ways to help support me in this journey.

One way to support my trip is through prayer. It would be great if you could commit to praying for the preparation, logistics, our travel, the missionaries we will be working with as well as the families and communities to which we'll be ministering. I would love for you to pray that the Lord would prepare my heart, mind and spirit to be used by Him, to be a willing vessel, to grow in my faith, as well as to broaden my love and understanding of others. The other way you can be involved is by supporting me financially. We are being challenged by our mission group to raise funds needed to attend, versus relying on our parents to support our entire trip. The missions trip will cost \$2,200, and if you are able to contribute (no amount is too small and would really help ☺), it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. I will write to you after my trip and share the wonderful blessings of the Lord!

Lovingly in Christ,

Azalie Adams

Dear Friends and Family,

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28: 19-20). As Christians, we are called to share the good news of Jesus Christ’s birth, death, and resurrection. In addition, we are called to live out of love because Christ first loved us. He modeled humble service and we emulate him.

We are excited to let you know that we have the opportunity, through Bethany Church, to serve in Haiti this summer. In the past several years, Haiti has experienced multiple natural disasters that have significantly damaged homes, schools, and churches throughout the land. Serving alongside Herode and Ediline Guillometre from Missions Door, we will be working to rebuild communities and churches in and around the town of Cabaret (north of Port-au-Prince) which were damaged by Hurricane Matthew.

We are hoping to see God do incredible things during our time in Haiti. For this to occur, we need your prayers. We are asking that you pray for:

- The hearts of each individual in the team.
- The hearts of the Haitians we interact with to be open to the Gospel.
- Sophia’s passport to be processed in time.
- Janet’s health and strength during the trip.
- All of the trip’s financial needs (about \$2300/person) to be met in time.

We pray all is well with each of you. We ask you to consider supporting us in prayer, and if God puts it on your heart, helping us go financially. (Online giving is an option through [www.bethanylb.org/events](http://www.bethanylb.org/events).)

With love,

Janet and Sophia Bean



Dear family and friends,

We are writing to let you know that Rebekah and I have a wonderful opportunity to serve in the country of Haiti this summer with our home church, Bethany Church. We will be partnering with a local pastor and his wife and will be working in a remote village outside of Port Au-Prince. A team of 3 will be heading out soon to perform a needs assessment of the village to better determine how we can help!

As you know, Haiti is one of the most densely populated and least developed countries in the Western Hemisphere and has experienced a tremendous burden of natural disasters since 2010. We are beyond excited to extend our help and offer love and hope to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

We've officially begun our preparations for this summer mission's trip and will be preparing our passports, immunizations, and most importantly our hearts' as we will be sharing our talents and testimonies for the people of Haiti.

We hope you will prayerfully consider joining us on this exciting journey in one or all of the following ways:

- Prayer- for God to prepare the hearts of His people as we share the gospel, and for divine appointments, and opportunities.
  - Health and unity of the team members
  - Protection and safety in a third world country
  - Comfort for our families back home
- Financial needs- each team member will need to raise approx. \$2200/person.

Thank you for reading our letter and hope you will join us!

With God's grace,  
Jean and Bekah



Exodus 4:12, "Now go, I will help you speak and will teach you what to say."

Dear Friends,

March 19, 2017

We, Debbie and Dana, have joined in a couple of ministry opportunities in the past few years. We have served in small groups, on weekend mission trips to Genesis Diez in Mexico, and in our church's Celebrate Recovery ministry. These opportunities have allowed us to see the work of Christ in new ways as we have served out of the joy of our marriage. We are taking a new step together by joining a team from our church that will be going to Haiti this summer to help rebuild both buildings and hope. Hope, that the people of Haiti are not alone in surviving the destruction of Hurricane Matthew.

We will be working with local missionaries – Herode and Edline Guillometre of Missions Door. Our job will be two-fold. First, we'll be working to repair damage from the hurricane in the town of Cabaret, north of Pour-au-Prince. Second, we will be carrying the light of love to those who have lost much. Bethany, our church, is also seeking to establish a long-term connection in the area as we partner with local missionaries to spread the love of Christ. We know that this experience will change us as we step out in faith trusting that the way will be prepared. We would love to share this journey with you as we reach out together to those in need.

Having been on mission trips before, we know the way is paved with many prayers from faithful warriors on the front line. If you would consider joining us by lifting this trip in prayer – we would be grateful. These are a few of the prayer needs:

- This trip would be the beginning of a partnership in the area.
- All the travel documentation and preparations would continue smoothly.
- That we relate to each other in ways that show the love of Christ to those around us.
- Our presence would be an encouragement to Herode and Edline.
- Our team would find a deeper understanding of God's love for each of us as we seek to share it.
- That the financial needs of each team member stepping out in faith would be met
- That God would prepare the way.

If you want to reach out with us financially, we are raising support to fund this trip. It would be an honor to partner with you in this way as we work together to cover our share of travel expenses and the materials we will be using to rebuild.

We are grateful for your partnership in whatever form it may take and would be happy to answer any questions you may have. Our contact information is below – call, text or email.

Thank you for prayerfully considering joining us,

Love from both of us!

Dana and Debbie Davis

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Dear Friends,

I'm excited to share with you an opportunity I will be taking part in this July. As many of you know, I have been very involved with my church and have been blessed to go on several mission trips down to Mexico where I helped design and build an orphanage for handicapped children. Additionally, I have had the opportunity to attend Gleanings for The Hungry in Central California. At Gleanings we assemble soup packages consisting of dried fruit and vegetables. These packages are then delivered to several thousands of hungry people in the Third World countries, one of them being Haiti.

Over the past two years the pastors at my church have encouraged me to reach further and go outside my comfort zone. After praying about it, an opportunity has opened up for me to help lead a team of people to Haiti this July. While there we will be building and rebuilding homes, schools and churches that were destroyed by Hurricane Matthew, October 2016.

I feel blessed that God has given me the resources to help in this capacity through the work I do here. I feel that I will be able to use what I know and lead this team, however, I can't do it alone. I realize I need people like yourself to help pray for me. I want to be used by God to help those in Haiti. I will need prayer as I must learn the culture before July. Additionally, I need to prepare for the trip spiritually and financially.

I have included a response card for prayer. Please consider partnering up with me on this trip. Let me know you are praying for me or financially supporting me by sending the card back in the return envelope. As you consider giving, know your support is 100% tax deductible and any checks should be made payable to Bethany Church or go online to <http://bethanylb.org/events>.

I know God has great things planned and I will be providing you with updates as we get more details in the months to follow.

Sincerely,

David Keller

James 2:15 & 16 – Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it.

Dear Family and Friends,

This summer is going to be one of the best summers yet. God has put missions on my hearts for a long time and I have the greatest opportunity to take a trip down to Haiti. This will be my first big mission trip. In the past I have gone down to Mexico for the weekend. I will be going down with my high school church group, the way, along with others in the church and we will be spending 10 day there.

We will be partnering up with an organization called Missions Door. We will be working in and around the town of Cabaret, which is North of Port-au-Prince. Our mission is to help the communities and church to rebuild damage construction that happened during Hurricane Mathews. We will be helping wherever God leads us to help.

**When:** July 1st-10<sup>th</sup>

**How you can help?**

What I have learned was you can't do missions on your own. You need the help from friends and family. The first thing I will need you help in is through PRAYER. Please pray for the following

- The safety of getting to and from Haiti
- The team members get along while serving
- For the safety of all the team members while in Haiti
- Our hearts are open to hear what god has planned for us
- God uses me as a servant to help serve others
- The preplanning of the trip

Another way you can help me is support me financially. Every team member is responsible for raising \$2,300. I believe that God will supply the funds through the generosity of family and friends. Will you please consider supporting me through the amazing journey?

I have put a response card for prayer. Please consider partnering up with me on this trip. Let me know you are praying for me or financially supporting me by sending the card back in the return envelope. I know God has great things waiting for me.

Thank you for keeping me in your prayer as I begin getting ready for what God has planned for me.

Elizabeth Keller

Dear Family & Friends,

I am writing to tell you about the exciting missions opportunity I have this summer, and the opportunity you have to partner with me.

What: Mission trip to Haiti  
When: July 1-10, 2017  
Who: Bethany Church adults and High School youth group volunteers

We will be working with Herode & Edline Guillometre who are missionaries with Missions Door. We'll be working in and around the town of Cabaret, north of Port-au-Prince helping to rebuild the churches and communities damaged by Hurricane Matthew.

I'm excited to go and participate in the humanitarian work rebuilding the houses & churches, but more importantly, to spiritually minister to the people of Haiti who are in dire need of encouragement. I am also excited to see how the people back home in America can come together to help support the people of Haiti even if it's by proxy through your support of this mission trip.

Which brings me to how you can support me. **IF** you feel lead to help, you can support me financially and/or in prayer. As I said before, I'm excited for this trip, but I honestly don't know how I will feel once I get there. I've never been out of the country and I could use prayers of encouragement, confidence, good health and that I can raise the support I need for this trip.

If you would like to support me financially, the cost of the trip is approximately \$2000 and any amount of support would be helpful and appreciated. Any contribution you would like to make is tax deductible. If I go over the needed amount for my funding the extra will help others on the mission who aren't able to raise enough support.

Checks must be made out to Bethany Church, **not** include my name anywhere on the check (or it won't be tax deductible), and mailed in the enclosed support envelope with the commitment slip to:

Bethany Church  
2250 Clark Avenue  
Long Beach, CA 90815

Please put my name on the commitment slip and on the outside of the envelope.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joseph E. Hier-Goetz



As many of you know, I have a huge heart for people, and seeing the kingdom of God grow. This summer I have been given the opportunity to go on a mission trip to the Cabaret area of Haiti. I am extremely thrilled and excited for what this trip has in store. Many of you were involved in my trip to Ecuador two summers ago, where I got to show God's love to the children of Quito. Since then, I have continued going on short term weekend mission trips to Ensenada, Mexico, where I have served on medical mission teams. I have learned through all these trips that God has given me a huge heart for the Hispanic culture. Because of this love, I have also declared a Spanish minor, as well as a Bible minor, to help me be a better witness to these areas.

A photograph of a young woman with long brown hair, wearing a dark grey sweatshirt, smiling and holding a young girl. The girl has dark hair with a headband and is wearing a white and grey striped shirt, bright pink pants, and white Mary Jane shoes. They are standing on a paved schoolyard. In the background, there is a basketball hoop, a red banner with Spanish text, and a colorful mural on a wall. A red wristband is visible on the woman's left wrist.

My prayer for this trip comes out of John 3:30 where it says, “He must become greater, I must become less”. My goal isn’t to make myself more known to the people of Haiti, but rather his love known more greatly to the Haitians through me. I am extremely excited about this opportunity and eternally grateful for those who are able to involve themselves with me on this journey. I will be sure to keep you all involved along the way.

Sincerely,  
Carley Laliberte



Dear Friends and Family,

I am writing to share with you an exciting opportunity I have to participate in this coming summer! My church has chosen to go to Haiti to not only to help in rebuilding the community there, but also to support and encourage the people who are doing vital work there long term. We are teaming up with Missions Door to use our time and labor in ways that will be most beneficial to the community.

As many of you know for the past four years I have served as a volunteer in the high school group at Bethany Church. In those four years I have learned so much about leadership, community and faith. I am currently in a training program with the rest of the team that plans to travel to Haiti this coming July. We are learning not only about the community we will be in but about how to rely on God and let Him work through us during the two weeks we will be serving.

One thing I have learned is the importance of support not only financially but in prayer as my team and I prepare for this journey. If you are willing to join in praying here is a list of things to keep in mind

- The community we are going to, specifically the town of Cabaret, were we will be working
- The teams ability to work well together
- That all financial needs will be met for each member
- That all passports and paperwork would be processed on time and smoothly
- That we would encourage the missionaries that live in Haiti
- That God would prepare our hearts for all the opportunities that will come up while we are on our trip
- For flexibility in tasks and schedules

If you would like to, or feel let to support me beyond prayer, the trip costs come to about 2,300 per person. Though we are leaving in July, we need to buy plane tickets and make other preparations that we cannot do until we have raised a certain portion of that total. As you consider giving, know that your support is 100% tax deductible and any checks should be made payable to Bethany Church.

I feel so encouraged to have your support in this amazing opportunity, thank you so much for whatever you can or feel led to give. Whether it is through prayer or funding, know that I am so blessed by your generosity!

With Love,  
Jacob Nielsen

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**Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth D. O'Dell**  
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March 23, 2017

Dear Family, Friends, & Colleagues,

You may recall that I traveled to Haiti to provide technical support and building safety inspections following the 2010 earthquake and then again with college student groups to support the community of Leogane in rebuilding a primary school teacher's home. As I sit here writing this, I note that it is almost seven years to the date in March 2010 when I departed LAX for the first of five trips to Port-au-Prince and Leogane. I'm excited to say that an opportunity to return to Haiti has opened for me through a mission's trip with a team from my church. For me, I believe this trip offers a chance to even more personally touch the lives of those in need. While my first trips were focused on buildings and structures as an engineer, this trip will be about serving people for a greater purpose.

I'm writing you because of the feeling that of my many extended family members, friends and colleagues, you are one I can risk sharing my belief that my first trips to Haiti were in preparation for continued and expanded missionary service. I'm going to go out on the limb even a bit further by asking that you consider partnering with me in this service. Our trip is scheduled for this summer in early July and, as with all such missions based trips, our group needs financial and prayer support. I ask that you might consider supporting one or both needs.

Haiti's need continues beyond the devastation of the 2010 earthquake and the even more recent hurricane Matthew of October 2016. I am thankful to be blessed with skills and knowledge that can be useful in serving this need and in response to Peter's call to "use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms" (1 Ptr 4:10), I recognize that with these blessings comes the responsibility to use them in God's service. I appreciate your consideration in partnering with me to do so, and should you desire, I look forward to sharing our team's progress and trip outcomes. Please call or reply if you have any questions regarding this adventure and my return to Haiti.

With Warmest Regards,



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2250 Clark Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90815 or Online at [bethanylb.org/events](http://bethanylb.org/events)  
(Tax ID 95-1816004)

Dear family and friends,

This summer we are excited to have the opportunity to join our church's mission team to Haiti! We are leaving with the team July 1-10<sup>th</sup> and will be working to rebuild communities and churches in and around the town of Cabaret that were damaged by Hurricane Matthew. Some parts of Haiti were 90% destroyed during hurricane Matthew. It is our goal to share Gods love and help as much as we can in the short time we are there.

This is our first mission trip together and we are so excited to do Gods work in a country with huge needs. We are preparing to move out of state and felt the call to serve with our church before we begin our new journey in Boise, ID. We have been serving in the high school ministry for a combined 9 years and have the pleasure to serve with our students, high school staff, and our student's parents in Haiti. We both have hearts for serving others and we are so excited to see how God will work through us on this trip.

Currently, we are preparing with our team by learning more about the culture, training how to communicate, growing as a team, and praying that we can trust God throughout this whole process. As we prepare for this trip, we are asking for support from our friends and family by prayer and/or financial support. The total cost of the trip per person is estimated to be \$2000-\$2300 depending on airfare and the project expenses.

Most importantly we ask that you are praying that:

- The team stays safe as we travel and serve
- The team's financial needs will be met in time
- The team is able to work well together and be a light to the community of Cabaret
- All of the trip details will be processed and finished on time
- God will prepare our hearts and the hearts of the Haitian community

If you are interested in supporting our trip go to [bethanylb.org/events](http://bethanylb.org/events) for more information. If you have any other questions please call us, we are excited to share about this trip with everyone!

Thank you so much for your support!

With love,

James and Kelly Potter

Dear Friends and Family,

I am writing you to tell you how excited I am about this opportunity I have to go on a mission's trip this summer! Bethany Church has chosen me to be a part of the team heading to Haiti from July 1<sup>st</sup>- July 10<sup>th</sup>.

Last year, Hurricane Matthew severely damaged and destroyed around 90% of Haiti, including homes, buildings, and crops. Our goal is to provide some relief to the area and help bring some joy and hope back into the hearts of those in Haiti.



While we are there, we will be working alongside missionaries Herode and Edline Guillometre who work with Missions Door. Herode is a Pastor and lives in Port-au-Prince with his wife. Our team will work with churches and surrounding communities who were affected by the damage of Hurricane Matthew. I will be a part of the team rebuilding homes and churches that were destroyed. We will be working in and around the city of Cabaret, north of Port-au-Prince.

I am excited about the opportunity to serve and to minister, I believe that God will work through me and the team by going on this trip, and I ask you to join me in ministry. I am seeking your support and/or prayers for this mission trip. As you consider giving, know that your support is 100% tax deductible and any checks should be made out to Bethany Church.

Ways that you can be praying for me:

- That God will be working in the hearts of the team and I in the months leading up to our trip for this summer.
- To ease any anxieties that I may have about traveling.
- For boldness and confidence as we share the gospel.
- That all of the trip's financial needs be met in a timely fashion.
- Lastly, for health and safety leading up to this summer and while we are serving there.

I am thankful for you and am blessed by your prayers and support,

-Amy Roberts



March 2017

Hello friends and family!

As many of you know through supporting me in previous missions trips, my church regularly sends out people to help serve in areas around the world, and this year I have been selected to go on a trip to Haiti with both high schoolers and other adults from our church!

This July, me and a team of people will be traveling to Haiti, which was hit by Hurricane Matthew in October 2016. Hurricane Matthew destroyed much of the infrastructure including hospitals and roadways and killed thousands of people, leaving the country in a state of emergency. Haiti is currently one of the poorest countries in the world and with devastation and lack of resources, the people are facing physical, emotional, and spiritual hardships.

Our team is planning on working with Herode and Edline Guillometre, missionaries with an organization called Missions Door. They currently live in Port-au-Prince and are working closely every day with people who are still dealing with rebuilding their lives after the devastation. Our team will be spending most of our time serving in Cabaret, a town just north of Port-au-Prince.

My heart breaks for the individuals in Haiti and I am excited to serve in Haiti and to not only help with several of their physical needs but also to teach them about Christ in a time when these people are craving the hope that only He can provide. The total cost of our trip for each individual is between \$2000-\$2300. I would love and appreciate your prayer and/or financial help to help us better serve the country of Haiti. Every little bit helps! If you can't afford it financially, please don't hesitate to simply pray for my team! These are some things I could use prayer for:

- That our team can raise enough money for us to get there and to do the work we desire to do
- Since I'm going on the trip as a leader to the high schoolers I normally volunteer with, that I could be an example of Christ to them in this process
- That God begins working in the hearts of members of our team and the Haitians to hear what we have to share

Thank you again for your continued love and support not only in this process but in my life in general. If you would like to support me or receive updates please send in the attached slip or go to [bethanylb.org/events](http://bethanylb.org/events). Thank you and God bless!

-Kathryn Sherman

Dear family and friends,

As most of you know, short-term missions trip have become a regular part of my life. Hardly a year goes by that I don't serve either with Genesis Diez (Greg & Patti Amstutz) in Mexico or with Gleanings for the Hungry in Dinuba, CA. In addition to that, many summers I'm part of one of the Bethany short-term summer trips that serve with our missionaries somewhere across the oceans. I love going on these trips for many reasons. I love how God works in my life to build my trust and dependence on Him, I love seeing how He is working in the lives of the people we meet, and I've grown to love worshipping God in languages and cultures I don't know or understand.

This summer is no different. This summer I'll be helping lead a team of nearly 30 people from Bethany on a short-term missions trip to Haiti. We are planning to go from July 1<sup>st</sup> – July 10<sup>th</sup>. As of now, we think we'll be doing some construction in an area called Cabaret, which is a little north of Haiti's capital, Port-au-Prince. Cabaret was one of the areas damaged by Hurricane Matthew in October last year. Along with the construction, we plan to do a VBS (vacation Bible school) for children in the area, and our team will be doing some basic medical training, as well.

Haiti is the third poorest country in the world. They have a high unemployment rate. The destruction brought by Hurricane Matthew just added to the troubles and frustrations of the people who live there. The need for physical and economic relief is great, but there is a greater need. The people and culture of Haiti have deep roots in the religion of voodoo. Because of this, many people live in spiritual darkness. A pastor I met there in March said, "The people of Haiti are hungry for God. The only hope for the transformation of Haiti is God, and teaching people to live by His principles." We want to bring the light of Jesus to the people of Haiti and show them how God can give them hope and transformation in their lives.

I would love to have you join my support team as I travel to Haiti this summer. Mostly, I need a team of people committed to praying for me and the team. The spiritual darkness there is real, but God is greater and more powerful than anything Satan can put in our way. If you are interested in being part of my prayer team, please indicate your willingness on the enclosed response slip and return it in the envelope provided. Of course, our team also needs to raise the financial support necessary to go on this trip, so if you are able to also include a donation towards my part of our support, that would be greatly appreciated, too.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and for considering how you might support me! I truly appreciate and love each one of you and the influence you have in my life. Your prayers mean much to me as I go to serve God in Haiti this summer!

Pastor Tim