

February 26, 2010

Dear Aunt Moneybags,

I wanted to tell you about a door that has opened for me this summer. I have joined my youth group's short-term mission team and we're headed to the Dominican Republic. I feel extremely fortunate to get this chance to serve the Lord! The trip will be from July 17th – 24th and the total cost of the trip for each participant is \$1000.

If you would like to help make this trip a reality by making a donation, that would be AWESOME! You can make your check payable to "Otter Creek Church of Christ" and mail to 409 Franklin Rd., Brentwood, TN 37027. Your donation would, of course, be tax deductible. Please put my name & "OCYG-DR10" in the memo section of your check.

Our youth group went to this same location 2 summers ago & it was a huge blessing both to our group AND to the ongoing effort in the Dominican Republic. My youth minister (David Rubio) & former DR Missionaries TJ & Holly McCloud will be leading our trip.

Your donation will help make it possible for me to do the following:

- **Organize & help to lead an awesome "Day Camp" for the street kids of Rio San Juan.** This camp will give these kids a chance to experience games, crafts, & meaningful lessons about God's love for them. The picture that we paint of God with our service & love is perhaps the clearest & best picture these kids will ever see!
- **Assist the ongoing work of caring missionaries.** Love shown in all our interactions will also help cement their connection to the ongoing ministry of Manna DR (a Church of Christ mission organization already working there).
- **Perform random acts of kindness to the "least of these".** Two years ago, our group brought lunch to the Haitian residents of the city dump and delivered care packages to the local hospital.
- **Experience God in a whole new way.** One thing that I hear from my youth minister, teens that have gone before & former missionaries at our church is this: *short term mission trips change lives*. I don't know what God has in store, but I expect and desire to grow in some incredible ways.

I'd also love for you to be praying for the trip. Please pray for our safety, planning, the kids we will serve, the work we will do and our trip leaders. Also, please pray for me to be open to what God wants to do in my life.

Thanks for keeping me in your prayers.

In Christ,

Oliver Ovenmits