

SAMPLE SUPPORT LETTERS

The examples below are for individuals. You may decide as a team to send a team letter. Whether sending individual or team letters, please be sure to include the following:

In the event that something unforeseen should happen and I am not able to go on the trip or if the trip should have to be canceled for any reason, your financial contribution will be used to support short term missions.

SAMPLE LETTER 1

Dear Friends and Family,

As you know, I have been very active in my church here in Highlands Ranch. I love the worship and teachings at Cherry Hills and enjoy our small group Bible study that meets each week. In the past few years, I have felt a desire to serve in a more personal way. I've volunteered for church events, but I've really felt that God has been knocking on my heart to serve on a short-term mission.

I have been blessed with an incredible opportunity to go to the Czech Republic next July with a team from Cherry Hills. The team will be assisting our missionaries in opening doors to the Gospel. Our goals include teaching conversational English, taking supplies to our missionaries, doing friendship ministry, prayer walking, and meeting and encouraging Czech Christians.

First and foremost, I would like to invite you to partner with me in prayer as I embark on this adventure. It will be very challenging for me physically and emotionally, but I know that this is a great opportunity for me to serve!

Your financial partnership would also be very much appreciated, as I am working to help my team raise about \$2500 per person to cover the costs of airfare, food, lodging and field supplies for the trip.

I invite you to share this service opportunity with me. If you feel God is leading you to contribute to this ministry, please make your check payable to "Cherry Hills Community Church" and mail it to me. In the event that something unforeseen should happen and I am not able to go on the trip or if the trip should have to be canceled for any reason, your financial contribution will be used to support short term missions.

I thank you in advance for your prayers and financial support. I truly feel blessed to be a part of this ministry and to share it with you.

In God's Hands,

SAMPLE LETTER 2

Dear Friends and Family,

I have been blessed with an incredible opportunity to travel to India in February 2019 with a Cherry Hills Community Church team of doctors, nurses and medical practitioners to bring medical care to underprivileged Dalits of this country.

Each year the team from Cherry Hills travels into rural villages and slum areas of India providing otherwise inaccessible medical and dental care to the Dalits. While the caste system has been formally abolished under the Indian constitution, there is still discrimination and prejudice against Dalits in South Asia.

Our Medical Team will be serving people with tropical diseases, malaria, dust-related skin diseases, water and food borne diseases, worms, malnutrition, and dental problems. In addition, there will be broken bones, infected sores, and other standard clinic work. We will be providing medical care that these people would never have access to or could afford. Through advance publicity and by word-of-mouth, long lines of people will be waiting for treatment at the village clinics. The days will be long and difficult, and the weather hot and dusty.

I would appreciate your prayers both for me and for my team now and while we are in India. I have spoken with several members of previous India teams and they say it is a wonderful, yet heartbreaking and challenging trip.

I am working with my team to raise about \$3,900 per person to cover the costs of medical supplies, airfare, lodging, meals, ground transportation, health/accident insurance and emergency evacuation insurance. Please take a moment to pray about being a financial supporter as well as a prayer partner as we embark on this faith journey.

If you feel God is leading you to contribute financially to this ministry, I invite you to share this service opportunity with me. Please see the slip at the bottom of this letter. In the event that something unforeseen should happen and I am not able to go on the trip or if the trip should have to be canceled for any reason, your financial contribution will be used to support short term missions.

I thank you in advance for your prayers and financial support. I truly feel blessed to be a part of this ministry and to share it with you.

In His Service,

SAMPLE LETTER #3

Dear (name),

I have exciting news! I've been given an opportunity to go on a short-term mission this summer with my church, Cherry Hills Community Church.

Our (number of days) day mission to (location) departs (date) and returns (date). On our mission, we will (describe ministry).

I'd like to ask you to participate with me in this ministry as a sending partner. Financially, I need to raise (\$cost) before (date). Spiritually, I need dedicated prayer support through every phase of this mission – for my fund raising efforts before the mission as well as safety and effective ministry during the mission.

To partner with me through prayer and/or financial support, please fill out the response form below. Then return the form to me in the enclosed envelope with your check, payable to Cherry Hills Community Church. Your tax-deductible gift will be receipted. In the event that something unforeseen should happen and I am not able to go on the trip or if the trip should have to be canceled for any reason, your financial contribution will be used to support short term missions.

Please remember to pray for safety, effective ministry, health, and changed hearts. I'll tell you all about it when I return home! Thanks for your time, prayers, and gifts.

In His service, Your name

SAMPLE LETTER #4

Dear (personalize or use Dear friends and family)

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. I am writing to share with you the amazing opportunity that the Lord is giving me this summer.

I've been chosen to serve on a Short Term mission team to (location.). The team is being sent through my church, Cherry Hills Community Church in Highlands Ranch.

When: Where: Cost:

Purpose:

Prayer:

Date:

Location:

\$ cost per team member:

This covers training, food, lodging, transportation, and materials. Each team member is responsible for raising 100% of their financial and prayer support. I need to turn in all of my funds by (date).

The first and foremost reason for going is to share the good news of Jesus Christ with the people of (location). (Describe ministry and give examples of the work you will be doing: We'll be holding a vacation Bible school, working in orphanage and building a Sunday school room for a village church). Please be praying:

1. For God to open the hearts of the people
2. For our team to work in unity and be God-centered
3. That I will be open to whatever God wants to teach me

I am so excited about this mission! Will you please consider sharing this opportunity with me as the Lord leads you to pray and/or give? Financial support is essential to my going, but of even greater importance is your commitment to pray! In the event that something unforeseen should happen and I am not able to go on the trip or if the trip should have to be canceled for any reason, your financial contribution will be used to support short term missions.

Thank you for your consideration, In His service.