



Dear Family and Friends,

I am writing this letter to inform you of an exciting opportunity. I am a part of The Crave Young Adult Ministries at our church, Christian Life Assembly in Camp Hill, PA. I feel that God is calling me to join The Crave on a mission's trip to the Dream Center in Los Angeles California. The Dream Center was developed by Pastor Tommy Barnett of Phoenix First Assembly of God in Phoenix Arizona (a nationally recognized church of 20,000 people) and his son Matthew Barnett. The Dream Center is located in the heart of poverty, hopelessness and violence. It is surrounded by gang members who actively recruit children into the lives of violence and drugs. Poverty and addictions have sent many to live on the streets. These individuals are in desperate need of food, housing and clothing. Community resources are stretched to their breaking points and most shelters have a six month waiting list. The children are the most negatively affected. In L.A the rate of poverty among children is almost 50% higher than the poverty rate among the city's population as a whole.

So where does the Dream Center come in? The Los Angeles Dream Center is a non-profit outreach dedicated to helping the community that reaches 30,000 people a week. The ministry provides hope by providing needs, both tangible and spiritual. It provides food, clothing, shelter, life rehabilitation, education, job training, biblical training and much more through over 245 ministries and outreaches. The Dream Center strives to help rid moral decay, crime, drugs, gang violence, homelessness, and poverty epidemics that exist in L.A. The Dream center is located on 8.8 acres just two miles from downtown Los Angeles and a little over two miles from Hollywood. The 360,000 square foot facility has over 100 rooms and a total of 9 buildings on campus. Formally the Queen of Angels Hospital, this impressive 14-story building is viewed by over two million motorists each week on the Hollywood Freeway.

In the first 4 years of the Dream Center's establishment, prostitution and gang violence dropped 73%, the homicide rate dropped 28% and rape dropped 53%. The mayor and city council have publicly acknowledged the dramatic impact of the Dream Center and praise it's efforts. In 1998 President Bush visited the Dream Center and deemed it as "a model for faith-based organizations".

During the week of our mission's trip, our team will be able to experience many different areas of ministry. At the Dream Center a typical week may include anything from feeding the homeless, construction, helping children, street evangelism, or just lending someone a helping hand. There are over 245 Active ministries reaching out to the community every day and night. These ministries have a tremendous impact on the rampart area of Los Angeles. The work on the Dream Center is rapidly spreading all across the country, and throughout the world, as people realize that there are hurting people in every neighborhood and city.

I believe this trip will be a life-changing experience. It will teach me things that I could never learn from a textbook, sermon, or Sunday School lesson. To be granted the opportunity to make a difference in other people's lives is a great honor. I know that it will change my perspective on life and make me more aware of how much God has blessed me.

In order to walk through this open door, I need some assistance. First and foremost, I need friends and family to pray for me. A person who "stays and prays" is just as important as one who goes. Secondly, I am

asking for your help to financially make this trip a reality. This trip will cost \$1200 per person. If you were planning on getting me a birthday or Christmas present, I'd love for you to consider giving to my trip instead. Your donation is tax deductible and every dollar you give will help make an impact. Please mail your gifts to The Crave, 2645 Lisburn Rd, Camp Hill, PA 17011. Please make checks payable to Christian Life Assembly and place "DC 2012" in the memo. In order for you to get credit for a tax deduction, your gift needs to be sent to the church as instructed above and not to me personally.

Please enclose the attached response coupon to indicate that the support is designated toward my account. Your support is a key part of seeing salvations on the field this summer. If you have any questions, please call me at

This is not a vacation for us. This is work, a lot of hard work. I figure that if Jesus bled every drop of blood for me, I can spare a week of my time to help others. I sincerely appreciate your consideration and support. Thank you for being a part of my life and a part of this amazing opportunity to change our world.

God Bless †

-----Please detach this response coupon and send along with your support. Thank you!!!-----

I would like to support the missions outreach of Christian Life Assembly and the Crave Young Adult Ministry and am sending \$_____.

My preference is that the gift be used to support the short-term trip of _____
We understand the use of the gift is subject to the discretion and control of Christian Life Assembly.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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