

SAMPLE SUPPORT LETTER

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Dear Family and Friends,

I am continually marveling at God's work, and as I look back at the last few months, I shake my head smiling, as I am still trying to wrap my head around what is happening. Let me begin by simply saying I recently found myself faced with an opportunity I did not expect: an opportunity to go to Rwanda this spring!

While I have been interested in global missions for several years, I never really expected to be a participant, or at least, not any time soon. But a couple months ago, I learned that my church is recruiting for a team to work alongside ministries in Rwanda.

Rwanda is a small but densely populated country nestled in East Africa. During the 20th century, Rwanda reached a height of violence in the 1994 Genocide. Now, over 20 years since the Genocide, Rwanda has and continues to demonstrate to the world the power of reconciliation and forgiveness. A few months ago, a speaker from Africa New Life Ministries shared with my church about how important it is that the world be involved in the rebuilding of Rwanda, especially since the world turned its back on Rwanda during the Genocide.

When I heard this, I was struck. That idea hung in my thoughts over the next couple weeks... and it is with joy I share with you that I will be participating on a vision trip to Rwanda this spring! The trip is conducted through a non-profit called Africa New Life Ministries (ANLM). ANLM is a child sponsorship organization that provides a comprehensive level of care to the students, ministering to both physical and spiritual needs as well as focusing on the communities at large. Churches like mine join together to send teams to work alongside ANLM's ministries in Rwanda.

My trip dates are May 1-10, 2014. The eight days we are in Rwanda will involve visiting the four communities in which ANLM operates: Kigali, Kayonza, Bugesera, and Kageyo. I also recently began sponsoring Delphine, a high school student in Kageyo. On this trip, I will have the opportunity to meet her and her family at her home! I believe that short term trips create a unique opportunity for people from different cultures to engage with and learn from one another. Entering into another culture helps us better understand how Christ is working in the Global Church.

I invite you into this experience with me. Please join me in prayer both for the ministries in Rwanda as well as my team. Pray that we may be good listeners and learners. I also invite you to prayerfully consider financially supporting me on this trip. I'm looking to raise \$3,250 by February 15, 2015. Your support means a great deal! Please see the enclosed card for further details.

Whether it is in ministry here or in ministry overseas, my prayer is to bring my life in alignment to God's will. The Psalmist puts it, "...show me the way I should go, for to YOU I entrust my life." Psalm 143:8. Let this be a prayer for all of us.

Sincerely,

Jane Doe



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