

Dear [Sponsor Name],

Hello from Seattle! As you may know, I am currently in my senior year at the University of Washington, and I will be graduating this coming spring. I can't believe I'm almost finished with school! I'm nervous but excited for what God has for me in the future. One of my favorite authors, Shauna Niequist, writes, "Giving yourself to something you believe in is never irresponsible." For the past few years, I've been trying to discover my purpose and the unique plan that God has for my life. I've enjoyed volunteering while working and going to school, but I recently started feeling like God wanted me to serve in a more long-term way. That's when I discovered Experience Mission and their IMMERSION program. IMMERSION is a six-month program for young adults who want to travel and serve in a cross-cultural setting. It was exactly what I was looking for, so I applied, and the unbelievable happened: I got accepted! Since then, the details have come together so quickly, and I really feel like God is in all of it.

So, I'm leaving in July! I'll join a team for six months, traveling from the Navajo Reservation in the U.S. to South Africa, Mozambique and Lesotho in Africa. I never imagined I would get to go to Africa, and I'm so excited to partner with local people and tackle meaningful projects like HIV/AIDS education, water sanitation and church outreach. While we're there, we'll build relationships and learn from local people, living and serving alongside them. Many of the people have a vision for making their community better, so our team will get to help make it a reality. I know we will learn a lot, especially since their cultures are so different from ours. I hope that we will be able to bless them, too.

Now, here's where you come in. A trip like this would not be possible without external support. It's my great desire that I would have a big network of people supporting me through prayer and donations. I've started fundraising and have some creative ideas to get as many people involved as possible. Knowing that people are cheering me on will help encourage me when life gets challenging overseas. I'd love it if you could be a part of that network!

The best way to contribute financially is through a one-time or monthly donation. You can give through the Experience Mission website (which I recommended) or mail in the pre-addressed envelope and giving card that came with this letter. If you mail in donations, make sure you write checks out to "Experience Mission" (with my EM UserID "DMOR2012" on the bottom line) in order to keep donations tax-deductible. (All donations via the website will automatically be tax-deductible.) If you would like to give monthly donations, it is very easy to set up payment plans on the EM website.



Here are instructions for the online donation center:

1. Go to experiencemission.org
2. Click DONATE at the top of the page
3. Click the 'Sponsor 3 & 6 Month Immersion Volunteers' box at the bottom of the page.
4. If you have never been associated with EM before, create an account. If you have donated towards EM or been on an EM trip before, you can input your UserID & Password.
5. Complete the 'Sponsor a Volunteer' process. (You will need my EM UserID: DMOR1002)

Thank you in advance for partnering with me in this big adventure. I know it may be a sacrifice to support me financially, and I want you to know how much I appreciate it! I also want to be clear that your emotional and prayerful support mean much more to me than any donation. I'd love to talk with you more about the IMMERSION program or hear any creative ideas you might have for fundraising. Also, I invite you to follow my blog (listed below) for pre-trip thoughts and updates while I'm gone! I can't wait to see what God continues to teach me through this opportunity. Thanks for being a part of it!

Sincerely,

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