



CHAMPION CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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Dear Friends of CCS, _____,

As you may know, my school, Champion Christian High School, has mission opportunities for high school students. Every year we take a major mission trip to one of four very different types of areas. We are excited to share that for the mission trip this year the high school is traveling to New Orleans. We will be working with Trinity Church in Covington, LA which is a member of the Evangelical Free Churches of America. They have a crisis response ministry in several areas of the world and we will participate as a Katrina Restoration Team. This ministry is called TouchGlobal and their motto for that area is "Louisiana: Grounds for a Revival." According to TouchGlobal, in the New Orleans area alone over 500 churches have not reopened their doors. The disaster has opened a mission field in the area, creating the opportunity to build relationships in the neighborhoods we serve in the purpose of making disciples for the Kingdom and multiplying healthy churches. This is an opportunity for us to live out our faith by working at the intersection of the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. We have a unique chance to be Jesus in the flesh to someone who perhaps has never met Him...someone who never gave a thought to the need for a Savior in his or her life.

I am writing to let you know that I have been led to go on the trip this year. You may be aware that Champion Christian High School is a part of the Christian Family & Children's Center in Champion, PA (www.champion.org). This year a group of approximately 30 students and adults will be going from April 28th through the May 4th. Last year we went to Toronto, Canada to work with the many displaced refugees in that country. The year before, many of us went on a mission trip to a Navajo Mission School in Arizona. We were welcomed with open arms and had an indescribable experience with the people there. Our trip to Quebec, Canada five years ago exposed us to a culture that was post-Christian in Montreal. Our trip to Appalachia helped us understand more about how God is working in some of the poor, rural parts of our country. We have traveled to Denver to work with the large population of homeless children, and we have traveled to Mexico to assist a small impoverished town. This trip will be different in many ways, and we have chosen it because of those differences. God calls us to spread His Good News to all people everywhere...so we are off to Louisiana. It will be an important spiritual and cultural experience for me and my friends. We estimate that the cost for the trip will be about \$800 per person, which will cover transportation, food, housing and mission material expenses. We always give anything that is over our expenses to the ministries that we serve.

I am writing to ask you to pray for us, but we also would like to ask you to join this exciting venture by giving a gift of financial support. We would appreciate your gift of \$100.00 or whatever the Lord leads you to give towards this trip. Everyone committed to going on this trip must raise funds to go. We have all been working together to make this a team effort, and my desire to go must be met with my willingness to ask people to support this mission program. If you cannot give that is fine! We are building this year's mission web page as a place to find out more about what we are doing and you will be able to see it on our High School Missions Page at www.champion.org/ccs/missions.

There are two ways you can give to this important cause:

1. A gift given in my name will go directly towards my expenses, but cannot be shared in other ways. If I receive gifts to my costs more than \$800, I will either return the gifts over that amount, or ask that they be given to the general mission trip fund to help others who are going. Gifts given towards my expenses only **ARE NOT tax deductible**. Please mark the check with my name only if this is the case.
2. A gift given generally to the mission team **IS tax deductible** and will be distributed evenly to the group. Any student participating in the group must raise funds and contact people to help support the trip, but is only required to ask a minimum amount of people, not raise a specific amount. This opportunity will assure that everyone can go on the trip. All monies received over our actual expenses will be used for the ministry needs in the service area we visit. Please mark the check "mission trip" in this case. This would be my preferred way of receiving gifts.

Thank you for caring and sharing! God bless you as you join our team to win people to Christ and train youth for ministry.

Sincerely,

Champion Christian High School

A couple of quick notes that are important from CCHS's perspective:

1. We will acknowledge each gift with a receipt and report of the trip. In order to do that, please give us your address along with your gift. If you would not like to be on our mailing list, please note that clearly.
2. Please do not hand cash to students or make checks payable to anyone other than Champion Christian School Mission Trip, 2166 Indian Head Road, Champion, PA 15622. This is to protect the integrity of both the students and our ministry.
3. No monies received will be used for anything other than mission trip expenses and gifts to the mission organizations with whom we are working. A financial report will be issued as part of the mission report at the end of the trip.
4. Please contact one of the CCHS Administrators at 724-593-9200, D. Merle Skinner, Executive Director of the Center (merle_skinner@champion.org) Ext. 103, or Mrs. Gloria Kerin, High School Principal (gloria_kerin@champion.org) Ext. 106 for additional information.