

SAMPLE LETTER

Winter, 2016

Happy autumn to you! The hot Waco summer is finally giving way to the most beautiful season in Texas with cool breezes, warm coats, and sounds of football. Praise the Lord for his creativity and majesty!

Well, I'm finishing up my junior year right now at Baylor. The past year has been a time of tremendous growth for me in my journey towards knowing God. I have gotten more and more involved with my church, First Woodway, and the college ministry here. God has given me some great relationships with other college students and continues to increase my heart for His purposes.

My purpose for writing you is to let you know about what God has been doing in my life. One of the ways he has led me has been in regards to this Christmas break. I will be on a team of college students going to Southeast Asia to do some [volunteer work, relief, English-teaching, etc...please do not put the words "mission trip" in your letter] for two weeks (Dec 26 – Jan 9). It will surely be an intense time of reliance, humility, and brokenness as we interact with people from a foreign culture and long for them to experience the grace of Jesus Christ.

I would like to ask you to partner with me in my time in Southeast Asia this winter. Primarily, I ask that you would partner with me in prayer for the team I will be on as we journey to the other side of the world to know another culture and hopefully share the love of Jesus with them. Pray that we would be given wisdom as we interact with college-aged students there. Pray that we would be Spirit-filled, God-centered servants this winter. Finally, and most importantly, please pray that God would continue to make me his.

Additionally, we need money to get where we're going. I'm responsible for raising \$2600 to help defray the cost of my plane ticket and in-country expenses. If God would lead you to give for my trip to Southeast Asia, please return the enclosed card in the enclosed envelope. Make the check out to FBC Woodway, but please don't include my name on the check: they'll know it's for me by the card you include. And, of course, it's tax deductible. Please feel no obligation to give, but if you do give, please give out of a cheerful heart (please read 2 Corinthians 9.6-15).

Again, most of all I covet your prayers. If you would like to stay updated with what God is doing during our time there, please let me know and I will add you to our team email list. I look forward to hearing from you and pray God would continue to pour out his grace and blessing on you so that you may bless others (Psalm 67.1). Thank you so much for your continued support in my life. I am truly grateful for you.

Blessings,
Hortencia Valdez

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