I'm going on a mission trip!!

The New Tribe Mission team in Mexico has asked our church to help out their missionary conference by running a children and teens ministry, and I feel God wants me to go. We will be going to Camargo, Mexico to the conference location out in the middle of the desert from May 27th to June 2nd. We will have a 3 hour slot in the morning that we will be doing a VBS style program and then a $1 \frac{1}{2}$ hour slot in the evening that we will do teaching, worship and activities. The team leaders have asked me to lead the activities for VBS and help with teens during the evening slot.

Why me?

In my two and half years at North Hills Community Church, the Lord has opened doors for me to be active in the children's ministry and soon in the teen ministry. I have to give all the credit to God for this, because I haven't pursued either. My involvement in the children's ministry began a couple of summers ago when our church needed help in their VBS program. And through God's encouragement and some guidance from the leadership, I began first as a helper in kindergarten children's church and I am now teaching 2nd grade children's church and teaching the lesson in k4-5



children's choir. I have loved my time with the kids, but over the last 4 months God has given me the desire to start helping with the teens this coming fall. This change has come without me ever expressing any desire to do so, I've had teen leaders and teens ask on several occasions if I'm going to start working with teens.

Now, I have the opportunity to go to Mexico on a mission trip. I grew up on the mission field, so I speak Spanish fluently which will be of great help to the team. Because I was a MK there are two reasons that stand out as to the importance of this trip. First, I attended many missionary conferences growing up. This has made me aware of the huge help it is to the parents not to have to worry about their children during meetings. Secondly, it is such a breath of fresh air to have spiritual fellowship with other American missionaries. The fellowship with the missionaries will be very cool as they share stories of how God is working in Mexico.

My Purpose

To serve fellow believers, to minister to children and teens, to serve alongside my community at NHCC, and to give God the glory for the ability and talents He has given me.

What can you do?

Pray! Pray for me. Pray for our team. Pray that we will have an effective ministry. Pray that we would grow close as we serve. Pray that the heart of this team would be to humbly serve. Pray that we will greatly bless the missionaries and their kids. Pray that God would be glorified through our service. As you pray, if God lays on your heart to support me or my team – I have enclosed a support card that you can fill out and send back (or drop in the offering plate if you are at NHCC). The cost is \$900, which includes plane ticket and lodging. We were given deadlines of \$300 due at the end of March, April and May.

If you have any questions feel free to call me at (864)884-0108 or email me at tomglass@mail.com. I'm praying for each of you as I mail this out. Thank you!!

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