

## **Support Letter Example ~ Flammable Students Ministries ~ Fall 2010**

*As you go to write your support letter, please remember that the most important thing is that you put your heart on the paper- that you make it personal and real. You want people to know why you are going on this mission trip, what the mission trip actually looks like and how much help you need. Make them feel like they are a crucial part of your mission trip team. Once you have that down, follow these basic tips to make your support letter the best it can be.*

### **Start with a greeting:**

Dear Friends and Family,

### **Intro explaining the contents of the letter:**

I am very excited to tell you that this summer I will have the tremendous opportunity to go on a mission trip to Galveston with my church! I will be going to Galveston, TX for one week with Sunrise United Methodist Church.

### **Go into a basic description of what the trip looks like:**

The trip begins on June 5, 2010. We will be meeting at the church where a group of people will pray over us and with us. We will then get into vans and drive down to Texas. At the beginning of the trip we will be given devotional books that are designed especially for the trip with day-to-day devotions and verses.

Once we arrive in Galveston we will be staying at a school where there will be bunks and shower tents. Each day there we'll minister to people through volunteer labor; we will also have opportunities to share our faith and the love of Christ to the people there who have been affected by the frequent life-destructing hurricanes. At the end of every day we will have a worship time and team time in order to further our own faith in Christ.

### **Next, explain what help you need for the trip:**

The trip provides an opportunity to meet the physical and spiritual needs of a community that is desperately in need. More than anything, I would value your prayers for our team and those whose lives will be touched by God through us. I believe that God answers prayers, and I'm asking you to pray for safety, good health, smooth travel, financial support and open doors for ministry and ability for communication despite language barriers. Just knowing that you will be praying gives me great courage to step out in faith on this trip!

Beyond prayers, there is another need to be met for this ministry to be possible. Each member of our group needs to raise \$ \_\_\_\_ to cover the total cost of the trip. While this task seems great, I am convinced God has called me and our team to go, and I believe He is calling others to participate in a prayerful and/or financial

role way as well. Would you consider asking God if He is calling you to play a financial role in this mission's opportunity? Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated, they are tax deductible and can be sent straight to Sunrise.\*

**Finally, close the letter with thanksgiving and blessing (this would also be a great place to add a verse or thought that really applies to how you feel about the trip):**

If you are willing and able to either support me through prayer or financially, please reply as soon as possible Thank you so much!

Yours in Christ,

\*Make any checks payable to Sunrise UMC, and fill in the memo line with "Mission Trip Name – Your Name" that ensures that the check gets to the right place! Sunrise UMC, 2655 Briargate Blvd, Colorado Springs, CO 80920