

January 20, 2003

Aunt Polly
1234 Aladdin Ave.
Dayton, OH 65432

Dear Aunt Polly,

For many years, several churches in the area have been sending teams of high school students to Mexicali, Mexico during the Easter holiday. This year, my church is traveling with many other churches, through 316 Octane. This is a ministry organizes trips and events, connecting several churches in the area to go together. I am very excited to be a part of a team from my church this year, _____.

While in Mexico, we will be assigned to a church where we will be offering a daily children's program, women's Bible Studies, and conducting evening services.

We have a lot to do to prepare for this trip. We need to learn Spanish songs, work out crafts for the kids, plan lessons, and prepare Bible messages.

During our stay in Mexicali, we will be camping for seven days in a field with no electricity or running water (outhouses and no showers - yecch!) You can check out pictures from last year at Octaneministry.com!

The cost to each person for the trip is approximately \$1,000: \$475 of that being for airfare. I am asking for your help in covering the group's cost. Any contribution will be tax deductible and will help reduce the \$1000 per person cost. Contributions should be made to "Octane Ministry" with "Mexicali Trip" written on the memo line. I have put a sticky note with my name on it in the envelope. Please stick this to the check. You can also make a donation on our website.

Your contribution will go toward the cost of sending the group to Mexicali. Upon receipt of your gift, 316 Octane will send you a "Thank Youth" letter as a receipt.

While the financial assistance would be appreciated, of greater help would be your prayers on our behalf. As you can imagine, the planning and preparation for a trip of this magnitude is tremendous. Please pray that all goes according to God's plan as we prepare, travel to and return from Mexico and that the message and love of the Risen Christ is carried to the people of Mexicali.

In His Grip,

Your Nephew Sam