Dear Friends and Family:

I know you never here from me and may be wondering why I am writing a letter to you. Let me begin by saying that I am having a wonderful year. God has been at work in my life through the ministry of our church and I believe the Lord is calling me to serve Him more intentionally this year.

I want to share with you a ministry opportunity that has been presented to me. From July 22 through July 30 God has offered me the chance to go to Ecuador South America with Cumming Baptist Church. This 10-day missions trip will give us the opportunity to partner with missionaries who are at work seeking to proclaim the gospel to those in the community of I am excited about this opportunity and believe the Lord has opened the door for me to reach out to others in need.

The reason I am writing you is two-fold: First, I am in need of prayer support for this endeavor. Without God's grace and empowerment, our efforts will be in vain. Second, I am in need of financial support for this trip as it will cost \$1500+ to take care of expenses associated with this trip. If you are willing to contribute even a small amount to this total cost, it will be a blessing to me and will honor the Lord. Whether you can contribute financially or not, we will need prayers that God will prepare us for our visit and bless our efforts as we minister to the people of Cincinnati.

If you feel led to contribute to the expense of this trip, I have included a postage-paid envelope for you to use. I will need to raise all my funds by May 1, 2011 in order to pay the final balance for the trip. Please make checks payable to Cumming Baptist Church, and in the memo line, indicate that it is to support my missions trip. Whether you feel led to contribute financially, through prayer, or both, all of your support is appreciated. Thank you for your prayerful support. If you would like to know more about the trip, feel free to contact me or the church office. Church office phone number is 770-205-6699 & the church's website is www.cummingbaptist.net.

I look forward to serving the Lord in Ecuador and letting you know all about how God has worked through this team when I return in July.

God Bless.

John/Jane Doe