

Dear [Name],

I hope you're doing well! I wanted to share something meaningful I'm stepping into this summer. From **June 20-27th, 2026**, I'll be traveling with the high school youth group from **Forest Hills Presbyterian Church** to **San Juan, Puerto Rico** for a week of service and mission work.

This year has been important for me because [share something personal... for example: I've been growing a lot in my faith, or I've been thinking more about how I can serve beyond myself, or God has really been stretching me to care more deeply about others and I'm feeling called to serve on this mission trip.

In Puerto Rico, our team will partner with local organizations to serve the community through light labor projects, relationship building, and sharing Christ's love in practical ways. We'll be learning from the people there, supporting ongoing recovery and community efforts, and stepping outside our comfort zones to grow in compassion and leadership.

Each student is responsible for raising **\$1,500**, which includes travel from Grand Rapids to San Juan, lodging, meals, ministry expenses, and a \$350 deposit I've already paid.

I'm inviting you to be part of this with me in two ways:

1. Prayer

Would you pray for our team as we prepare? Specifically, you could pray for:

- Safe travel
- Unity, growth, patience and open hearts while our team learns and serves
- The Puerto Rican community in which we will serve

2. Financial Support

If you feel led to support this effort with a monetary donation, I would be incredibly grateful. No amount is too small and every gift helps. All gifts are tax deductible.

Checks can be made payable to **Forest Hills Presbyterian Church** (with my name in the memo line) and mailed to:

Forest Hills Presbyterian Church | 7495 Cascade Rd. SE., Grand Rapids, MI 49546

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me- I would love the opportunity to speak with you more about this trip! And, if you're unable to give financially, your encouragement and prayers truly mean so much to me.

Thank you for being part of my life and supporting me as I step into this opportunity. I can't wait to share stories of what God does through our team when we return.

With gratitude,

[Your Name]

[Optional: phone number and email]