

## **CHAMPION CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

A program of the Christian Family & Children's Center

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Dear Friends of CCS\_

As you may know, my school, Champion Christian High School (CCHS), has mission opportunities for high school students. Every year we take a major mission trip to one of four different types of areas. We are glad to share that this is a very special year as we will be traveling overseas to the Dominican Republic (DR).

CCHS mission trips help students experience how God is working in various cultures of the world. We are very excited about this trip. We will be working with a physician and his wife who have served in the DR for over 30 years. They work with a broad spectrum of the country and have connections within the different communities that they serve. They have hosted many teams and have been very effective at connecting mission groups with communities that are good matches. This is an opportunity for us to live out our faith by working at the intersection of the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. We have a unique chance to be Jesus in the flesh to someone who perhaps has never met Him...someone who has never given a thought to the need for a Savior in his or her life. We are going to work with local children's ministries through puppets, testimonies, drama and music. In addition, we are going to help the missionaries develop their website and do any construction work that is needed.

I am writing to let you know that I have been led to go on the trip this year. You may be aware that CCHS is a part of the Christian Family & Children's Center in Champion, PA. Our group of 27 students and adults will be away from March 19th through the 25th. In the past years, teams have gone to: New Orleans, LA to help with the ongoing reconstruction from Hurricane Katrina; Toronto, Canada to work with displaced refugees; Arizona to serve a Navajo Mission School; Montreal, Canada to minister in a post-Christian culture; West Virginia (Appalachia) to minister in poor, rural areas; Denver, Colorado to work with a large population of homeless children, and Nuevo Laredo, Mexico to assist a small town and build a church. This trip will be different in many ways, and we have chosen it because of those differences. God calls us to spread His Good News to all people everywhere, so, we are off to learn about a small country that impacts our own in many ways. It is a third-world country, but it is one in which God is doing many significant things. It will be an important spiritual and cultural experience for everyone on our team. We estimate that the cost for the trip will be about \$1,500 per person, which will cover transportation, food, housing and mission material expenses. We always give anything that is left over, after our expenses, to the ministries that we serve.

I am writing to ask you to pray for us, but I also would like to ask you to join this exciting venture by giving a gift of financial support. I would appreciate your gift of \$200.00 or whatever the Lord may lead you to give. Everyone committed to going on this trip must raise funds to go. We will all work together to make this a team effort, and my desire to go must be met with my willingness to ask people to support this mission program. If you cannot give, that is fine! Please pray for us. You will be able to find out more about what we are doing on our CCHS Missions Page at www.champion.org/ccs/missions.