

# CHAMPION CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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Dear

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 year we will be traveling to Santiago, Dominican Republic.

CCHS mission trips help students experience how God is working in various cultures. We are very excited about this trip. 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 will be teaming up Dr. Seth Cohen, a friend of Dr. Skinner, and Santiago Christian School, one of the top schools in the Dominican Republic. We will have opportunities to work alongside Dominican students in ministry programs with schools and churches and in construction projects as well. Our ministry programs will focus primarily on children with puppets, drama, teaching, music and sharing. Our group of students and adults will be away from March 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>.

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 (<http://www.champion.org>). In the past years, teams have gone to: Chicago, Arizona, New Orleans, Toronto, Montreal, West Virginia, Denver, Nuevo Laredo, Salt Lake City, and New York City. We have worked with a variety of ministries. This trip will be different in many ways, and we have chosen it because of those differences. 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 \$1500 per person, which will cover airfare, ground 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 \$100 or whatever the Lord may lead you to give. 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](http://www.champion.org/ccs/missions).

## **There are two ways you can give to this important cause:**

1. A gift given in my name will go directly towards my expenses but cannot be shared in other ways. If I receive gifts to my costs more than \$1500, I will either return the gifts over that amount, or ask that they be given to the general mission trip fund to help others who are going. Gifts given towards my expenses only ARE NOT tax deductible. Please mark the check with my name in the memo only if this is your wish.

2. A gift given generally to the mission team is IRS tax deductible and will be distributed evenly to the group. Any student or adult participating in the group must contact people that would have a heart for this trip. You are a part of that group. This opportunity will assure that everyone can go on the trip. All monies received over our actual expenses will be used for the ministry needs in the service area we visit. Please mark the check "mission trip" in this case. This would be my preferred way of receiving gifts.

We have been instructed to NOT take any money personally for the purpose of maintaining integrity in giving and to assure that all gifts are used for their direct purpose. This is especially done to protect me. Thank you for caring and sharing! God bless you as you join our team to win people to Christ and train youth for ministry.

Sincerely,

**Preschool      Kindergarten      Elementary      Middle School      High School**  
**"Committed to Academic Excellence within a Nurturing and Distinctly Christian Atmosphere"**

Champion Christian High School Mission Team Member

**A couple of quick notes that are important from CCHS's perspective:**

1. We will acknowledge each gift with a receipt and report of the trip. In order to do that, please give us your address along with your gift. If you would not like to be on our mailing list, please note that clearly.
2. Please do not hand cash to students or **make checks payable to** anyone other than **Champion Christian School**, 2166 Indian Head Road, Champion, PA 15622. This is to protect the integrity of both the students and our ministry.
3. No monies received will be used for anything other than mission trip expenses and gifts to the mission organizations with whom we are working. A financial report will be issued as part of the mission report at the end of the trip.
4. Please contact one of the CCHS Staff at 724-593-9200, Dr. D. Merle Skinner, Executive Director of the Center (merle\_skinner@champion.org) Ext. 103, or Melissa Wolfgang, high school faculty (melissa\_wolfgang@champion.org) Ext. 117 for additional information.