

As I write this letter with excitement, I would like to start it off by catching you up with what has been going on in my life. I graduated from The University of South Carolina in May 2021. I got a new job and engaged to my best friend, Carmen. Despite all of these changes, the Lord has been faithful and appeared in many ways throughout this year, especially in providing a new job-which has Carmen and me packing up and moving to North Dakota!

The job I accepted is with a ministry called Youth for Christ. It has been so cool seeing God work through both Carmen and me as we have prayed and sought counsel concerning making a move over one thousand miles away. After many conversations, prayer, and counsel, we both feel led in this direction.

At Youth for Christ, I will be working with kids ranging from ages eleven to nineteen. I will be working in the juvenile detention center, in the alternative schools, and making community connections to help grow our team of volunteers. I will get to lead Bible studies, run programs and meet with kids one-on-one. I am beyond excited because I believe God has gifted me to talk to various populations and has given me an outgoing personality to match. I am also excited because I have always wanted to give back to the next generation and be God's hands and feet, and now, I have the opportunity to do life with these kids.

As all these changes rapidly occur, I invite you to be part of my team. There are a few ways in which you can do this. The first way is by partnering with me in prayer over several areas: First, I ask you to pray for Carmen and me as we adjust to the newness of moving far from family, starting a new career in ministry, and beginning our life as a married couple. As a mentor of mine told me, prayer for all the M's (ministry, marriage, and moving). Second, I am asking for prayer for myself: to make new connections with those I encounter and to let God speak through me instead of trying to use my own words. Lastly, I ask you to pray for the children Carmen and I will be connecting with; for them to realize the piece of life they are missing is the hope and love of Jesus.

The next way I ask for you to partner with me is through giving. I will be a missionary with Youth for Christ and, I will need to raise a portion of my funds to live on. My goal

is \$1,500 or more per month. I ask you to prayerfully consider giving if the Lord leads. If the Lord places it on your heart to give, any contribution, monthly or a one-time gift, it would be greatly appreciated.

I would like to close this letter by saying thank you for taking the time to pray for and support Carmen and me in this next chapter in life. I look forward to seeing how God answers your prayers through us and the ministry we are joining. If you would like to meet to discuss anything or hear more details about the ministry, I would be more than happy to arrange that.

Best Wishes,

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