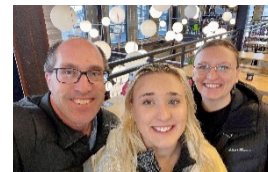




## Dear Friends and Family,

When I discovered I was pregnant at 18, I had no idea what the future would hold. I was scared, but I was not alone. By the grace of God, I married Chad, the love of my life and raised two beautiful daughters together. Heidi is now studying to become a registered nurse at NDSCS, and Katie is pursuing careers in insurance and real estate in Raleigh, NC.

My life experiences have inspired me to serve God by serving others in the Fargo Moorhead community. I feel most blessed when I serve with youth and young moms who find themselves reaching out for help, resources, and a kind friend.



For the past few years, I have volunteered at Dakota High School, creating a cooking club for more than 30 students. Meeting the teens and adults there has opened my eyes to the realities of at-risk, homeless, and low-income youth. On any given night in Fargo-Moorhead, there are 700+ homeless youth sleeping in shelters, in cars, or on couches at a friend's house. There is no PTA at alternative high schools. Volunteers like myself are the adults speaking up and reaching out.

My involvement at DKHS introduced me to a nonprofit organization called **Youth for Christ**. And now, God has opened a door for me to serve as a **youth missionary, parent life advocate & community engagement coordinator**. **My role will have special emphasis on building a strong parent life program.** If you live in Fargo, you've probably heard the ads for our summer peach fundraisers, pecans, etc., but do you know anything else Youth for Christ does? Youth for Christ empowers young people 11-19 years old to encounter Christ and grow in their faith. They go into the hard, dark places like the West Central Regional Juvenile Detention Center, alternative high schools and Liberty Middle School to shine God's love, light and joy with them. All interested students get one on one life skill mentoring at school. Can you believe seven youth asked for Bibles at the detention center after a team member shared a Bible story with them? Middle schoolers arrive before school to hear what Youth for Christ has to say about God's story. Stories like this give me life!

God has brought me to the starting line, and I will run this race with great joy, sharing my skills and experiences with kids every day. I would be grateful for your support in this new exciting chapter of my life. Sharing God's love is best done in community. **I know I can't do it alone, so I'm asking for your help. Together, we can be a force for good—a force for God.**

## Please Pray

**First and foremost, I ask for your prayers.** I'm stepping into a role where I will be working with teens who face serious struggles. Please pray for me as I build relationships with the youth, mentor them, and share the hope of Christ. Please also pray for the youth themselves, that their hearts would be open to God's love and the transformation He has in store for them. Finally, please pray for the staff and volunteers of Youth for Christ, that we would be equipped, united, and filled with wisdom and grace to make a lasting impact.

## Please Volunteer

Second, I invite you to join me in serving the youth. I'm certain you probably heard me say at one time or another that God equips the called. If you can pray at home, read scripture at home and talk to a teenager then that's all you need to be a volunteer at Youth for Christ! **We need friendly adults that are willing to volunteer only two hours a month.** The staff takes care of the logistics – all you

need to do is show up and love the kids with your time, encourage with your words and be your authentic kind Christian self.

Would you consider giving just **two hours of your time day or evening**? It could be as simple as being a prayer warrior, chaperoning a fun activity or outing, co-leading a small group, or just spending time talking with the youth. Your presence and mentorship could mean the world to these teens. God's unconditional love and a friend is what we all need most!

### Please Support My Missionary Work Financially

Lastly, as I embark on this journey, I will need to raise financial support to help fund my work with Youth for Christ. I'm asking you to prayerfully consider partnering with me through **a monthly donation of \$50 or \$25**. Perhaps be open to a **one-time gift** of any amount God puts on your heart. That's what Chad and I do with our tithe and giving money. We faithfully set it aside first and then pray for guidance what God would have us do with it. Your generous donations could go toward:

- Providing a weekly meal for 60+ at-risk and homeless teens.
- Funding transportation costs since most of our teens depend on us or the city bus.
- Buying supplies for Bible studies, youth groups, "church" type activities, retreats or camps.
- Filling the financial gap between a new eager youth missionary and being fully funded.
- Supporting the ongoing work of Youth for Christ, enabling us to reach even more youth.

If you would like to contribute to my mission or volunteer, visit the Youth for Christ website or use one of these QR codes to get involved. Please call or text me anytime if you would like to be added to the prayer chain and join me in praying for the intentions of the youth and staff.

Thank you so much for your love, encouragement, and prayers during this exciting time in my life. Whether you are able to support me through prayer, volunteering, or giving financially, I truly appreciate your partnership in this mission. I believe God will do amazing things through us, and I'm grateful for your role in this journey.

**If you received this letter, then Chad and I are praying for you and your family too. We love you!**



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