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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bluhaus,

I am writing to tell you about an exciting **mission opportunity for my upcoming summer**. I am currently in my junior year at Hope University preparing for fulltime ministry. After months of praying and submitting my will to His, God has laid international missions on my heart. In moving toward obedience to this burden, God has provided me the opportunity to spend the summer of 2012 serving Him overseas!

For this summer, I will be spending two months living and working in an orphanage in the Philippines. My time during the weekdays will be spent maintaining the building, tending to infants, and playing with children while sharing the love of Jesus Christ with the children and orphanage staff. On the weekends, my team of four will be involved in evangelism and discipleship with a local church in the city of Malaybalay.

Please consider partnering with me in prayer throughout this journey. In lieu of a newsletter I will be maintaining a blog, www.pleasepray.blogspot.com. Please check there often, as I will be updating it weekly with my prayer concerns and progress. In order to go, I must raise \$3,200 for my airline ticket and daily living expenses. Please prayerfully consider partnering with me in raising financial support for this journey.

Please begin praying today. Here are a few prayer requests as I begin this next step in obedience to our God: **1) That God will provide financially** for our trip.

2) That God will prepare me and my team members for our trip.

3) Pray that our words and actions would effectively communicate the love of Christ.

4) That God would provide these dear orphans with loving parents and healthy homes.

5) That He would give us safe travels and watch over the logistical details of the trip.

I appreciate your time in reading this letter and for your consideration in being a part of my support team. Please follow my blog for updates during the process. I will send a follow-up letter upon my return home from the Philippines to share what the Lord has done. And will be glad to personally share my story in a church setting.

Thank you for the support you have provided previously by pouring into my life! I am excited to begin this journey and cannot wait to share with you what happens over the next few months. If you are able to help in any of the previously mentioned ways please contact me at the information listed above.

In Christ,

Jess Lamess