

Dear Friends and Family,

July 24, 2017

Hello from Kalamazoo! We have been at Centerpoint Church for just over a year now and time has flown by. Now that our first year in Youth Ministry is wrapping up, we are starting to look into the future, as we continue to build into Centerpoint Students and the church as a whole. Part of Taylor's job, as the Youth Pastor, is to come up with trips that will both challenge students and meet the needs of others. Centerpoint Church is involved with a mission organization in Guatemala through "Children's Hope Chest".

We are excited to announce, that we will be traveling to Guatemala, October 14<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> with a team of individuals from various churches in the Kalamazoo area. First, we hope to work to establish a plan for subsequent trips to this location and formulate how best we can serve and support the work of Centro Alcance's Carepoint. Within this goal, is determining whether or not a High School trip will be possible in the future. Our second goal is to encourage and support the Carepoint leaders in their daily mission. These individuals serve tirelessly to improve the lives of these Guatemalan kids and it is our hope that we may encourage them in their feats—knowing that they, too, will encourage us.

Centro Alcance is an after-school program for Guatemala students, in which they are tutored in classes, given meals, and are able to participate in different recreational activities. This provides a unique ministry opportunity, as it is a safe haven for kids and provides core needs along with future relational and spiritual growth. We are thrilled to be coming alongside Guatemalan Leaders who are serving and sacrificing to bring healing, hope, and the love of Christ to Guatemalan children. It's run by Guatemalans for Guatemalans.

We are looking for prayer and financial support and are eager to have you join us in this mission to Guatemala. If it seems as though this letter is just asking for financial support, we apologize, it's meant to be much more than that. Because much of our mission is developing a plan for subsequent trips, we want to do this right and we are looking for a ton of prayer support. Your prayers matter greatly. We are hoping to enter a relationship in the healthiest and most empowering way possible.

Now comes the financial part, together, we will need to raise \$2000. If you wish to partner with us in this trip, there is a very specific way to give. We ask that you mail a check to Centerpoint Church and DO NOT put our name in the memo of the check. Please write 'Guatemala Trip' and attach a sticky note with our names on it. This way, your gift is tax deductible. If you write our names, it is not tax deductible. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us: 616-818-9974 or [taylorgrose1@gmail.com](mailto:taylorgrose1@gmail.com)

With much love,

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Sunday January 16, 2013  
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Dear Person's Name

Hello! I hope you're doing well and the new year has been off to a good start. I've been doing well here at Western Michigan University, where it's my junior year majoring in Chemistry. I've been busy with classes, homework, and working here on campus.

As you may know, since I came to college I've involved in a campus organization called 'Cru.' (or 'Campus Crusade for Christ') Through my involvement with Cru, I have been blessed with many opportunities to grow in my faith. As a student-leader, I've been able to introduce others to Christ and his gospel, help other students grow in their faith through a small group Bible study I'm leading, and develop and train others to be lights in the world for Christ.

Two years ago I went on a trip called "Big Break" with Cru to Panama City Beach Florida during Spring Break **where I learned how to share my faith with others. This week was truly life-changing.** Sharing my faith wasn't always easy, but as I've seen God work through me in that week I've found that it's a big part of helping me grow with God.

Cru at WMU has developed a partnership with the college ministries in the Netherlands where we are committed to **sending people to help reach university students over there with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.** Despite the proud heritage of theology, missions, and upholding Christ, the Dutch have lost their Christ-following roots:

- "world leader in promoting post-Christian, secular and New Age worldviews and values" – Operation World
- Drug "cafes" where **mind-altering narcotics** are sold like candy as a dangerous escape
- Amsterdam is one of the world's leaders in sex-trafficking with its **legalized prostitution.** Each major city has a "Red Light District" that is quite lucrative.
- Experts estimate the **university student population contains less than 3% Christians.**
- International Students can study at Dutch colleges without ever hearing about Jesus Christ
- Majority of college students self-identify as "*atheist*"

The people of this country need the message of Jesus Christ, and they need a messenger. And so, I am planning on using this **Spring Break to travel to the Netherlands with other students from Cru to reach college students in Holland for Christ.** But the benefit won't be to the Dutch alone. While there, I will learn all about how to reach people in a post-Christian culture. As I've heard "*The Netherlands is today what the United States will be in ten years.*" I want to bring back to our country what the Dutch are figuring out in how to invite people to Jesus in a highly secular world.

As great as all of this sounds, I cannot do it alone—I am asking your help. The total cost for this trip will be \$1,900. **Would you prayerfully consider being a partner with me in this Missions Trip?** Would you consider giving a gift of \$50, \$100 or even more? Of course, I would appreciate whatever financial support God leads you to give. Contributions can be sent in using the enclosed envelope (stamped and addressed for your convenience). Please make checks payable to "Cru" or online at the website below (just add a comment with my name). (All contributions are tax-deductible). Thank you for prayerfully considering joining me in this vital mission.

In addition, I would love for you to **pray for me as I go...** knowing that it is God who is at work in the hearts and lives of the next generation of leaders in the Netherlands. If you have any questions, please contact me via email or phone. I am confident that God will bring myself and those I meet in Holland into a deeper relationship with Himself through this experience.

With love and for the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20),

You can give online at [give.cru.org/2846682](http://give.cru.org/2846682). Just put my name in the comment.



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Dear friends and family,

After spending the school year working with college students in central Illinois, we were surprised to find out our summer assignment. **We will be spending six weeks this summer in Mumbai, India!**

This summer God will surely grip our hearts. We will see people in great physical and spiritual need. About 19 million people live in Mumbai. Sixty percent of the people live in slums! 68% are Hindu.



We are going to Mumbai June 14 through July 30 with 18 staff and students to start ministries on college campuses. Currently, there is little to no campus ministry in Mumbai. This is a great opportunity for our students. They will grow in their faith through one-on-one discipleship, prayer, Bible study, and ministry training. The majority of our time will be spent talking with Indian students about Jesus.

As Indian students come to Christ, we will train them so they can reach their own campus for Christ. Both American students and Indian students will end the summer equipped to be spiritual leaders.



In order to make this summer a reality, we need to raise \$8000. (About half of that amount is our very long plane flight – 15 hours!) We hope to raise the total amount by June 1. **Would you prayerfully consider partnering with us to reach Indian students for Christ by giving a one-time gift of \$100 or some other amount?** Please send checks payable to "Campus Crusade for Christ" in the enclosed envelope. Or you can give online at [give.ccci.org](http://give.ccci.org).

*Thank you for helping us build up American college students and equip them to reach Indian students for Christ!*

Yours in Christ,

Jeff and Kate Mehne



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Dear Person's Name,

Hi! I hope you're are doing well and that your new year has been off to a good start. I've been doing well here at Western Michigan University! I've been busy with classes and involved on campus, getting a degree in Business.

Since coming to college, I've been involved in a campus organization called 'Campus Crusade for Christ' ("Cru", for short). **Through my involvement with Cru in college, I have been blessed with many opportunities to grow in my faith.** I've gotten involved in a community near where I live, getting to study the Scriptures and develop a good group of friends who encourage me to keep pursuing God. I also go to a weekly worship meeting where I'm challenged to personally reach other students with the Gospel.

I'm so excited to share with you about another opportunity I'm going to experience through Cru, called "Big Break" during the first week in March. Big Break is Cru's Spring Break conference that gathers college students from around the country for a week in Panama City Beach, Florida. PCB is one of the most popular Spring Break locations as **each week thousands of students descend upon the beaches for a week of partying and excess that goes beyond description.** MTV can't even begin to cover what happens down there!

Today's generation of college students need to hear the message of Jesus Christ, and they need a messenger. As a part of Big Break, I'll be alongside hundreds of other Cru college students spending the week **learning how to talk to peers about my faith. The learning happens through trainings and then going out on the beaches and talking with people.** It's been said that this is among the best evangelism training opportunities in the world. In addition, I'll be challenged to grow in my walk with God through talks on biblical truth and forming a tight-knit community with other Big Break students from WMU. I'm sure it'll be a life-changing experience.

As great as all of this sounds, I cannot do it alone—I am asking your help. The total cost for this trip will be \$445. **Would you prayerfully consider being a partner with me in this Missions Trip?** Would you consider giving a gift of \$50, \$75, \$100 or even more? Of course, I would appreciate whatever financial support God leads you to give. Contributions can be sent by using the enclosed envelope (stamped and addressed for your convenience). Please make checks payable to "Cru" or online at [www.wmucru.com/give4pcb](http://www.wmucru.com/give4pcb), adding a comment with my name. (All contributions are tax-deductible). Thank you for prayerfully considering joining me in this vital mission.

In addition, I would love for you to **pray for me as I go**, knowing that it is God who is at work in the hearts and lives of the next generation of leaders in the United States. If you have any questions, please contact me via email or phone. I am confident that God will bring myself and those I meet in PCB into a deeper relationship with Himself through this experience. And in the long run, it'll provide me the words to introduce Jesus to my friends and others whom I love.

Thank you for your consideration as I embark on this adventure for the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20)!

With love,