

SAMPLE LETTER

Dear _____,

I am writing to tell you about a great opportunity I have this summer and to ask for your support. This summer I will be traveling to El Salvador as a volunteer on an International Partners service team. Many families in these communities lack essentials such as clean water, adequate nutrition, access to health care, and job opportunities. I will live with a family in a poor rural village and work on a community development project. Projects are identified by the community and include things like helping them build a water system, building an education center, and working with children in education centers

I am very excited about this incredible opportunity to volunteer my time and effort to improve living conditions for people in need. I am also looking forward to experiencing another culture while living with my host family and working side by side with community members.

My challenge now is to raise \$2375 to cover my personal expenses, airfare, and to contribute to the cost of the development project. I hope you will consider supporting me and the families I will serve. Gifts of any amount are greatly appreciated.

I am eager to practice Spanish, learn about a different culture, and above all, help people who are trying to make a better life for themselves and their children. Upon my return, I will write again and tell you about my experience. Thank you for your consideration.

Muchisimas Gracias,

P.S. Please write your check to International Partners (IP), and send it to me. IP will send you an acknowledgement so you can get a tax deduction.

You can also find out more about IP and donate on line. www.InternationalPartners.org.