

# Dear Church Family

I hope this letter finds you well. It is hard to believe that I will already be beginning my second semester as a sophomore at Duke University as I continue to pursue Mechanical Engineering.

Over these past few semesters, God has blessed me with a beautiful community of friends. We have been able to walk each day together, pursuing the Lord and making Jesus known on campus through a ministry called Summit College. Alongside my fellow Summit Student Leaders and the Duke Summit College staff, God has guided me to lead a freshman Bible study, serve in worship, share the Good News of Jesus to others on campus, and build relationships with and welcome believing and non-believing students into our community. Through this community, God has continually reminded me of His faithfulness and His heart for people.

This semester, I have seen God move in ways that awe me. I have seen God move in and change the lives of fellow students who have never heard of Jesus or the hope of salvation before coming to college. I have watched the Spirit grow and fill our community each Sunday night as over 100 Duke students from all groups and backgrounds gather to worship. I have experienced the loving church family He has built in our ministry as we gather each week to learn about and worship Him. I have encountered God meet people in deep need, when all things seem out of control, and bring joy and laughter to people in all types of situations.

As we passionately pursue Christ and seek to learn how to make disciples of all nations, I am excited to join my brothers and sisters in Christ on a mission trip to Cyprus. On this trip, we will work with a team of missionaries who are seeking to saturate the area with the Gospel. We will participate in faith-and-work training, learn from marketplace missionaries, and engage with the local community.



Cyprus is located at a crossroad of many different faiths, most of which miss Jesus entirely. As a college student pursuing to use mechanical engineering to help people in need and glorify God, I have the opportunity to learn how to adjust to a culture and leverage my future career for the sake of the gospel! During the trip, we will also have intentional discussions about meeting people of all cultures and backgrounds, as well as teachings related to international missions in the context of the workplace.

This is an incredible opportunity for me to leverage my remaining time in college for reaching the nations, as well as to explore where God may be calling me after I graduate! I am confident that God will use this experience to teach me how to love Him, others, and the world in response to what Jesus has done for me!

The dates of this trip are **March 6-14**. The total cost is **\$2,400** (not twenty-four thousand like accidentally recorded in the video, whoopsie) which will cover all travel expenses, lodging, food, and any resources during the entirety of the trip. **Will you prayerfully consider partnering with me through a financial gift?**

I have several support deadlines coming up and any financial contribution would be greatly appreciated. I need to be fully supported by January 18th. **Will you consider giving a \$50, \$100, or a donation that works best for you toward this mission trip? I am beyond grateful for any amount that God places on your heart.**

Most importantly, I ask for your prayers. Pray for God to use this experience to shape me and grow me deeper in the gospel of Jesus Christ. Please pray for the local church and church planters we are going to serve around the world; pray that God will grant them fruitful ministries. Pray for the spiritual preparation of our team and for those we will encounter. Pray that I will be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit and obedient to His voice. I'd love to talk with you on the phone or in person to discuss further how you can partner with me to serve the Mission of God this Spring.

With gratitude,  
Elissa Zamrik

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Please text or email me so that I may send you updates and prayer requests as we prepare and depart on our mission trip (plus a few fun pictures!)

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