



Dear

I hope this letter finds you well. Much has been happening lately and I am excited to share with you about one of the things going on in my life.

God has opened the door for me to go on a short-term mission trip with a team of youth and adult volunteers from my church. A few days after Christmas, we will be traveling to Eleuthera, a rather poor island in The Bahamas that has experienced heavy hurricane damage in recent years. We will be working with an organization called Bahamas Methodist Habitat – a disaster relief and emergency home repair outreach ministry of the Bahamas Conference of the Methodist Church through which volunteers work together to repair and build homes for low income families. The goal is to improve the living conditions and lifestyle for families in need in The Bahamas, while offering transforming experiences for volunteers and homeowners alike by sharing and receiving the Love of Christ.

Your support is greatly needed and appreciated as I prepare for this exciting endeavor! First and foremost, I'm asking for your prayer support for our team and for the families with whom we will be working. Please pray that God will grant us strength and protection, and that He will give us opportunities to share the Gospel of Christ in word and deed.

Second, I'm asking for your support in covering the cost of this trip. Each person on our team is making a big personal financial commitment to cover much of the cost of travel, food, and lodging. Each person also needs to raise an additional \$700 to cover additional travel expenses, supplies, and building materials. Since the island does not have a sustainable source for building materials, all of the materials have to be shipped to the island at a high cost – a cost the local people cannot afford.

Would you consider investing toward this project? We know that where God opens an opportunity, He also provides the resources necessary. We are trusting Him to that end. If you would like to support me financially, please make checks payable to "CUMC" and write "Eleuthera – <your name>" in the memo line. You will receive a tax deductible receipt for any donation. It would be very helpful if you could send any contribution by October 26<sup>th</sup>.

Please pray that I will have a heart of compassion and an attitude of service as Jesus commands us to be His hands and feet to some of the most vulnerable people on earth. Thank you for considering sponsoring me and I look forward to sharing my experiences about the trip with you when we return.

By His Grace and Trusting Him,