

Sample letter (written by a participant in 2001)

March 15, 2001

Dear Friends,

I am writing to tell you about an exciting opportunity coming this fall. As you may know, I have been playing the keyboards for the worship team at XYZ Church. It continues to be an incredible privilege to assist in leading our congregation in worship each Sunday. God has worked in so many ways.

This October the XYZ worship team has the opportunity to serve in Japan for a week. November 6-9 is the 8th annual Church Planting Institute conference in Japan. It will be the largest ever gathering of Christian leaders in the country. We have the honor of being asked to lead these people in worship for their conference.

While we are there we want to maximize our opportunities. First by, leading worship in 2 churches. Our goal there is to not only lead worship but also serve the church musicians there with additional training and resources to enable them to better lead their congregations in worship.

Secondly, we also plan on at least two evangelistic concerts at a local university. We have learned that music is an excellent way to communicate the gospel to young adults who may never even consider entering a church building. Less than 1 % of the Japanese population is Christian and the stereotype of Christians is very poor. We hope to draw them to the Lord with two resources, our love and music they enjoy.

The trip will cost approximately \$2,100 per person. I am writing to you because I thought this was an opportunity that you would like to be a part of. These kinds of trips do not happen unless the body of Christ works together, those who have the opportunity to go with those that have the ability to provide the finances.

Encouraging pastors, training worship teams and sharing the gospel in a country that is very politically open and yet very spiritually closed. I can hardly wait to see what God will do. Will you consider partnering with me on this trip with a gift of \$50 or \$100 or even \$250? I would also greatly appreciate your prayers for this trip. Thanks!

For Him,

Rebecca Melody

Please make checks payable to "Impact Japan" and mail them to my home at "[your address]"

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March 15, 2001

Dear Friends,

I am writing to tell you about an exciting opportunity coming this fall. As you may know, I have been working with the children's ministry at Orangewood Presbyterian Church. It continues to be an incredible privilege to teach and work with these precious children each Sunday. God has worked in so many ways. Our children's ministry has been exploding with growth.

This November several members of the children's ministry team have the opportunity to serve in Japan for a week. November 6-9 is the 8th annual Church Planting Institute conference in Japan. It will be the largest ever gathering of missionaries in the country. We have the honor of being asked to lead the program for these pastors' children for the week.

While we are there we want to maximize our opportunities. Firstly, our goal there is to provide a quality program for these special children and have an opportunity to train those that teach the children in the Japanese churches. We hope to love and encourage them in their efforts as well as provide new curriculum resources and ideas. Two members of our team were able to go last year, and it was a very special time with these children and teachers.

Less than 1% of the Japanese population is Christian and the stereotype of Christians is very poor. Therefore, secondly, we will also be partnering with a local church to do a children's outreach on the weekend. Those children have very few opportunities to meet Christians, hear the gospel and to see the larger body of Christ working together and loving each other, especially from another country.

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