Dear friends,

I want to share with you an opportunity that I have this summer to serve God. I will be going to the Dominican Republic with a missions organization, “Handfuls of Hope”. While I am there, we will be spending a good portion of our time working with children. We will be visiting sick children in the Robert Reid Children’s Hospital in Santo Domingo, distributing toys and other desperately needed items such as pampers, sheets, and medical supplies. Then I will be working in the village of Catalina where we will provide VBS programs for approximately 2000 kids.

Handfuls of Hope operates a primary school in Catalina, grades pre-K to 8, and their mission is to provide education to underserved children in the most rural areas of the Dominican Republic where public education resources are limited or not available. They also provide medical and dental assistance through medical mission trips, partnering with physicians, dentists, nurses, and other medical professionals to provide essential medical treatment to those in need. I am very excited to see how God is using this ministry for His glory and I am excited for this opportunity to be involved. For more information about Handfuls of Hope, please visit their website at www.handfulsofhope.org.

I can’t wait to see how God will use me and I pray that God will change my heart to become more compassionate to those in need. However, I need your help. The cost of the trip is $<Trip Cost> and I would ask you to please consider supporting me as I serve God with this group. Should you decide to support me, there are several options for making your donation –

a) By Credit Card
   Go to handfulsofhope.org
   Go to the Mission Trips tab and select “Donate Towards My Trip!”
   Enter the amount you wish to contribute, and select the “Summer Mission Trip”
   Type my name in the “Trip Participant” field.
   Type any other comments in the “Notes” field

b) By check
   Checks should be made payable to Handfuls of Hope.
   Checks may be mailed to my home, and I will turn them in.

Handfuls of Hope is a registered 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and all donations are tax-deductible. If you are unable to contribute at this time, I would ask for your prayer support, not only for myself but for the entire team. Please pray for our unity and safety, and that God would open doors for us to tell others about Him.

Thank you for your support!

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