

Deputation 2025
(Aug 8 to Aug 17)
Application Packet

Change. We perceive it as either good or bad. But it is necessary for growth. And it is a core concept of the gospel. Jesus came to change our brokenness into wholeness, our despair into hope, our punishment into his method for saving us. He doesn't promise to change our circumstances, yet in his compassion he changed the circumstances of thousands by healing and feeding them. Helping to change someone's circumstances is one of the best ways we get to bring hope, wholeness, and the love of Jesus into someone's life.

This kind of change is what Deputation is all about. We have an opportunity to change the circumstances of families who have nothing. In the summers of 2016 and 2019, West Side partnered with the organization Dwellings. We traveled to Roatan, Honduras and built homes for families in need.

Six years later, we are going back.

We are going back to Geovany and Lillian, a brother and sister duo working with Dwellings whose passion for their hometown and love for Jesus is infectious. We are returning to families too large to live in a single room, with a dirt floor, chickens, and metal scraps for walls and a ceiling to work alongside them and build a house that they can make into a home. We are returning to long talks about God under the stars with the roar of deep waters as background music. We are going back to learn a new culture and worship God in a different language and with different traditions. We are going back to see how God uses his Church throughout the world to accomplish his mission.

And we are going back to change.

Our perspectives must change. Our hearts must change. Going to Roatan, Honduras allows us step out of our comfort zones and step into God's heart for the world. Swinging a hammer, kicking a soccer ball with a child, watching flags wave in a church service, and crossing economic and cultural barriers breathes life into a faith too many of us take for granted. It takes the idea of our faith, the idea that God is present and loves us and gives it flesh. Our faith becomes something we can see, hear, and feel. Our eyes, ears, and hearts are opened. Some of us for the first time. And we come alive.

Everything changes.

Will you join us?

In Christ,

Ben Downey, Abby Grisham, Sandra Critchlow, Steve Critchlow, Pat Grover, and Dave Dye

WHEN?

You have an opportunity to share Christ with others on this trip to Roatan, Honduras. This trip will be different than any other you have experienced. This year we are asking for 100% participation. If you are unable to commit 100% to any of the events for Deputation, you need to be praying if this is the trip for you. Below are the scheduled events we have planned for the trip.

- **ALL DATES ARE MANDATORY**
- Sunday, Dec 8th – Kickoff Parent and Student meeting, 10:45am to 12pm in the high school room. Lunch provided.
- Sunday, January 5th – Application deadline. We will be doing interviews at this time, from 10:45-11:30am. Come with your completed application (if you've already turned it in, great!) and meet with the adult team to share more about why you want to go.
- Sunday, February 9th – Team Meeting, 10:30-12pm high school room
 - We will fill out and prep support letters to send out. Come with a list of names and addresses.
- Sunday, March 9th – Team Meeting, 10:30-12pm high school room
- Sunday, April 13th – Team Meeting, 10:30-12pm high school room
- Fri-Sun, May 2-4th – Retreat
- Saturday, May 17th – Team Fundraiser Event
- Sunday, June 1st – Team Meeting, 10:30-12pm high school room
- Fri-Sat, June 20-21st – Overnighter and car wash (at church)
- Sunday, August 3rd – Final Team Meeting, 10:30-12pm high school room
- Friday, August 8th to Sunday, August 17th – Deputation Trip Dates
- Sunday, August 24th – Deputation report in all services

(Please remove and keep this page with you, marking all dates on your personal calendar/s)

Here is a comprehensive list of all that will need to be done (over the course of the entire process) in order to attend the trip:

- Fill out application and turn in with \$50 deposit
- Attend all team meetings including fundraisers (see page 3)
- Procure active Passport
- Fill out Dwellings Liability Waiver (we will provide notary public)
- Send out support letters (we will do this as a group at our February meeting)
- Fill out Pre-Travel Documents (to be done 5 days prior to trip)
- Update Immunizations (will provide more info at future team meetings)
- Fill out and sign document for traveling out of country with a minor (will be provided later)

CONFLICTS AND AGREEMENT

If you have a conflict that you know about now, please specify the conflict/s and which date/s you will miss:

Conflict 1 _____ Date 1 _____

Conflict 2 _____ Date 2 _____

Conflict 3 _____ Date 3 _____

Should you need to miss for an unexpected reason, we want to provide grace. Life happens and you can't always predict it. But should that happen and you miss a meeting that you did not clear beforehand, here is what you need to do:

1. Contact Ben and inform him of your absence
2. Set up a meeting with Ben (both student and parent/s)
3. Both student and parent/s meet with Ben to learn what was missed

Should you fail to do one of the above listed items, you will be removed from the trip.

By signing below I understand and commit to attending all required Deputation Team activities, and I understand that if I miss any of the above activities my participation may be in jeopardy.

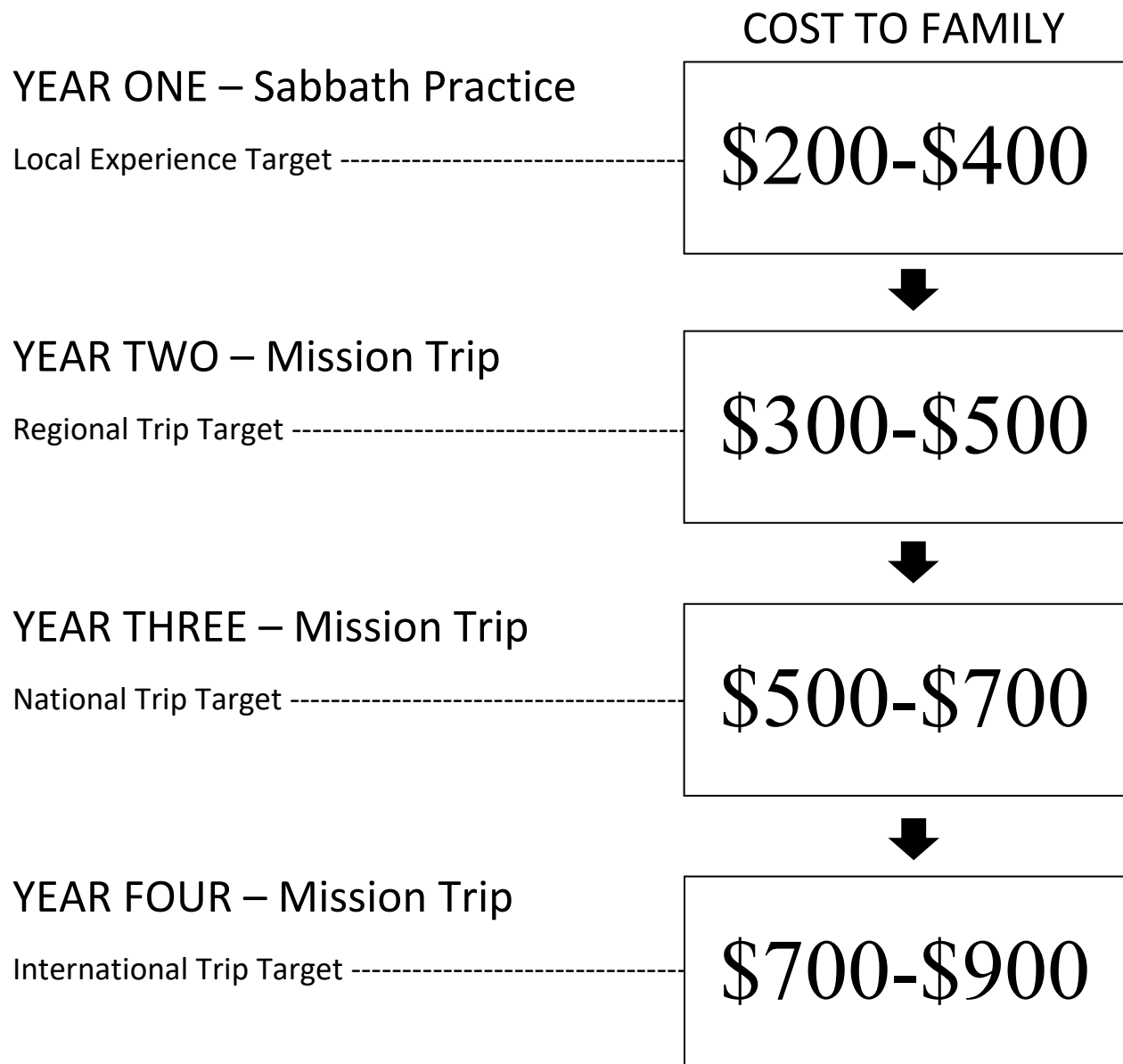
Applicant Signature _____ **Date** _____

By signing below I understand and commit to supporting my students attendance at all the above dates, and understand if any event above is missed my students participation may be in jeopardy.

Legal Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

***All dates are subject to change. As much advanced notice will be given as possible.**





This year's international trip will cost \$900 from you as a family. We are asking that you put down a \$50 deposit with the submission of this application.

Cost Breakdown:

\$23,000/house x2 (\$2,300 per person)

\$850 airfare per person (including lodging overnight in Houston twice)

\$875 food & lodging in Roatan per person

\$65 food & lodging for retreat per person

\$30 snacks & refreshments during team meetings per person
 $\$2,300 + \$850 + \$875 + \$65 + \$30 = \$4,120$ person

Our goal is to make this cost as easily manageable as possible. Our goal is to have 1/3 of the overall cost paid for by the family, 1/3 paid for by fundraising, and 1/3 paid for by the church.

Here's how all of this hopefully breaks down:

Fundraising		
Action	Target Amount	Total Trip Cost
Family Contribution	\$18,000	\$46,000 (2 houses)
Letter writing	\$18,000	\$36,400 (travel expenses)
Dinner & Auction	\$19,400	
Car Wash & Bake Sale	\$2,000	
Wall of Envelopes	\$5,000	
Missions Council	\$20,000	
Total	\$82,400	\$82,400

In years past, we have endeavored to write letters of support to help raise the money. We will again be setting up a time for letter writing at one of our meetings. We ask that you come prepared with a list of names and addresses, and copies of the letter you plan to send out. We will provide envelopes and stamps. The goal is to take the time to address, stuff, and stamp the letters so that they are ready to go out upon return home.

We encourage you as the parents to help your student take ownership of the remaining \$850 cost. They can shovel driveways (let's hope they don't need to), babysit, mow lawns, host a garage sale, set up a lemonade stand, etc. The goal is to help students become invested in the trip, taking pride and ownership in their participation.

Any money that is raised for West Side missions that exceeds the overall cost of this trip will go towards future mission trips and projects. This actually helps us keep costs down for the more expensive trips in our rotation.

This application and a \$50 non-refundable* deposit MUST be turned in by Sunday, January 5th, 2025.

As always, if the finances of the trip are the biggest hurdle for you/your student not coming, we can find creative ways to make sure that they can come. You can talk with Ben to find out more about this. We want to make sure that everyone can come on this trip who has a desire to.

Q: Who are the leaders of the group?

A: Ben Downey, Abby Grisham, Steve and Sandra Critchlow, Pat Grover, Dave Dye

Q: Where is the group staying?

A: The Seagrape Plantation. Visit seagraperoatan.com

Q: Will there be groups other than ours there?

A: Dwellings will only be working with us while we are there. However, there may be other guests at the Seagrape.

Q: Will I/my kids be safe?

A: Yes. While we want them/you to see some of the brokenness that exists and come alongside Jesus in what He's doing to provide love and healing, we will make sure that we always have trained professionals with us, and that we will not be in locations that have not been thoroughly vetted. Kids safety is of the utmost importance to us. We have traveled to Roatan many times before without any issues. The part of the island that we will be staying is known as The West End and has a lot of tourism. Roatan has the 2nd greatest barrier reef in the world and is a popular diving location. Because of this, the island remains a relatively safe place to be.

Q: What do I/my kids need to bring?

A: Please make sure you bring the following: bible, notebook & pen, weather & activity appropriate clothing for 10 days, weather & activity appropriate shoes, toiletries, medications, sunscreen, water bottle, & bug spray

Q: Will my or my kids food allergies be accommodated for?

A: Yes. We will work with you and our hosts to make sure any allergies are accommodated for.

Name _____
 First (given) Middle Initial Last

Birth date ____/____/____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email: _____

T-Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL School _____

Year in School _____ How long you have attended your church _____

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE & TESTIMONY

Please share why you are interested in going on this trip:

Please list any previous missions experience:

Who is Jesus to you?:

What are you currently doing to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ? (i.e., daily devotions, memorizing scripture, prayer, witnessing, etc.)

The candidate's Parent/Guardian are to fill out the following:

Are you committed 100% to this trip and will you ensure your student participates in all related activities?

YES or NO if **NO** please explain why?

Why do you support your son or daughter's participation on this Mission Trip?

Are there any situations or concerns that the trip leaders need to be aware of with respect to your son or daughter's participation ?

In order for this trip to be successful and God focused we need to ensure the team is a team before we go. That is why we need your commitment and your students commitment to this trip. Please contact Ben Downey (219-508-3537) if you have any questions or concerns regarding your level of commitment.

I have read all the above information and have answered the questions honestly and to the best of my ability. I understand that turning in this application in no way secures my position on the Deputation 2025 Team and that in good faith I am committing to completion of the entire application process and, in turn, the team training/development program.

Furthermore, I give the right to use my picture, voice and/or testimony in any form of promotional advertising materials. My enclosed signature (*and signature of my parent/legal guardian if I am under the age of 18*) signifies authorization.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Legal Guardian: _____

Date: ____/____/____

(If applicant is under 18)

WEST SIDE STUDENT MINISTRY

Deputation 2025 Mission Trip

I give permission for my child _____ to accompany West Side student ministry throughout the mission trip to Roatan, Honduras. Transportation will be by plane, van and/or private vehicle, driven by West Side student ministry leaders and/or parents. I will not hold West Side church or the adult leaders or parents responsible in the event of personal injury or accidental death.

Signed _____ Phone _____ Date _____
(parent or legal guardian)

I, _____, do covenant and pledge to conduct myself according to the following standards and to fulfill, to the best of my ability, the following requirements.

My behavior will be characterized by **respect**.

Respect for adult leadership. This means that I will maintain a submissive and obedient spirit toward all 2025 adult leaders and to the rules that they implement and enforce.

Respect for a diverse team. This means that I will view others, with all of their differences, as more important than myself and treat the other team members with compassion, patience and kindness.

Respect for the city. This means that I will keep to myself any cynical opinions and negative criticisms about the people I encounter during the trip.

My preparation will be characterized by **persistence**.

Persistence in attendance of and participation in Team activities

Persistence in my personal spiritual preparation by maintaining a discipline of daily devotions and prayer, presence at all worship services and participation in all student ministries (as possible).

Persistence in completing all assignments given to me as a part of the team (i.e., memory verses, workbooks, devotionals, etc.).

My participation will be characterized by **Christ-likeness**.

Christ-like in my attitude. This means that I will seek to serve others before myself. Having an unselfish spirit, laying aside my desires, maintaining a positive outlook, willing to learn, being thankful, flexible and cooperative . . . doing all things without grumbling or complaining.

Christ-like in my actions. This means I will commit all my energies and priorities to serving God and others. I will depend on the indwelling and empowering of the Holy Spirit to grant me discernment and wisdom in all of my words and deeds.

GENERAL “NO, NO’S”

For the sake of unity, safety and spiritual growth **we ask you not to bring:**
Electronic games, tablets, illicit drugs, fireworks or weapons.

DISCIPLINE PROCESS

The following is the discipline process to be implemented for behavior that does not call for the immediate action of sending the person home:

1. **Confrontation** after first offense.
 - The person will be given a chance to explain their behavior.
 - The behavior expectation will be explained to and repeated by the offender.
2. **Explanation** after the second offense
 - The person will be given a chance to explain their behavior.
 - The behavior expectation will be explained again and a consequence for a third offense will be determined and agreed upon.
 - This will be done in the presence of at least two leaders.
3. **Dispensation** of discipline after third offense
 - It will be relevant to the offense (as agreed upon in step two) and expeditious.
 - This will be done in the presence of the same two leaders.
4. **Expulsion** from the mission trip and sent home (at the individual's expense)
 The person who is unwilling to live according to the behavior expectations outlined in this document and is in open rebellion (exhibited by their unwillingness to submit to the deputation leadership) will be sent home at their own expense.

IMMEDIATE EXPULSION

Any person caught with drugs, drinking alcoholic beverages, stealing, or involved in fornication or adultery will be immediately sent home at their own expense.

Having read the above expectations, *I do covenant and pledge, to God, to the adult leaders, to my teammates, and to the people I will serve, that I will devote myself to the task and mission of Deputation 2025.*

Applicant Signature _____ **Date** _____

Student Information & Medical Release Form

June 1, 2025 – May 31, 2026

Today's Date: ___/___/___
 Student's Name: _____ Birth Date: ___/___/___
 School: _____ Grade [2025-26 school year]: _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Would you like to receive calendars, postcards, and other mailings from West Side Youth? *Yes / No*
 Student Cell #: (____) _____ - _____ Text Updates? *Yes / No*
 Student Email: _____ Email Updates? *Yes / No*

Parent/Guardian Info:

Name(s): _____	&	_____
Cell #: (____) _____ - _____		Cell #: (____) _____ - _____
Text Updates? <i>Yes / No</i>		Text Updates? <i>Yes / No</i>
Email: _____		Email: _____
Email Updates? <i>Yes / No</i>		Email Updates? <i>Yes / No</i>

Medical Information

Insurance Carrier: _____ Policy #: _____
 Allergies [including drug reactions]: _____
 Regular medications: _____
 Doctor: _____ Doctor's Phone #: (____) _____ - _____
 Additional Information: _____

Photo/Video Release and Waiver:

I hereby authorize the making of photographs, motion pictures, videotapes, recordings, or other memorializing of said events participation therein, and the publication or other use thereof. I hereby waive any right to compensation therefore or any right that he/she otherwise might have to limit or control such making or use.

Medical Release and Waiver:

I authorize my child, _____, to participate in West Side Church Youth activities, and as a condition of his/her being allowed to do so I hereby release and discharge West Side Church and its constituent organizations and its officers, agents, and employees from any and all claims for personal injuries or property damage that he/she may suffer as a result of his/her participation in West Side activities, whether or not such injuries or damages are caused by the negligence (active or passive) of any of the entities or individuals named or described above.

I hereby warrant and represent that he/she is physically fit and capable of taking part in such activities on the basis of advice given to me by his/her duly licensed medical doctor within the last twelve months, and I know of no change in his/her medical condition since receiving such advice that would affect the opinion of said medical doctor. I hereby give consent for medical treatment to be given to my child in the event it should be necessary.

Parent or Guardian Name (*print*) _____
 Parent or Guardian Signature _____ Date ___/___/___
 Best Contact Phone (____) _____ - _____
 Emergency Contact (other than parent/guardian) _____ Phone # (____) _____ - _____

DwellingsNow Participation Consent and Liability Waiver

I, being 18 years of age or older, do for myself (or on behalf of my child-participant if said child is not 18 years of age or older), understand that volunteering to attend a build project with DwellingsNow involves risks of loss or damage to my personal property, risks of accidents or injury including death, and other health risks, including risk of infection from being around other participants, volunteers or staff who may communicable illnesses. I know, accidents or injury can occur while volunteering, that I am responsible for understanding and evaluating the risks associated with the volunteer activity, and I assume all risks and expenses associated with myself or my child-participant participating in volunteer activities with DwellingsNow and related travel and any voluntary recreational activities associated with such DwellingsNow build projects.

Further, I give my authorization and permission to DwellingsNow to furnish any necessary transportation, food, and lodging for this participant.

I, on behalf of myself and my child-participant, hereby release, forever discharge, and agree to hold harmless DwellingsNow and its board members, employees, agents and insurers (collectively, "Released Parties") from any and all injury, death, damage, claims, demands or causes of action (including costs and attorneys' fees), loss, or expense, arising out of or in any way connected, whether directly or indirectly, to my (or my child-participant's) participation in a trip or build with DwellingsNow, including, without limitation, any and all claims arising in whole or in part out of the negligence of any one or more of the Released Parties or third parties. It is my intention to exempt and hold harmless DwellingsNow and all Released Parties from any and all liability related in any way to my (or my child's) participation as a volunteer. I further agree that I will not sue the Released Parties for money damages, personal injury, death, or property damage sustained by me or my child, even if due to the negligence of one or more of the Released Parties. Notwithstanding the generality of the foregoing, this Agreement does not release the Released Parties from any claims arising from their own gross negligence or intentional misconduct.

I am the parent or legal guardian of the child listed below, and hereby grant my permission for him/her to participate fully in said volunteer activity. Should an accident or other medical emergency occur while my child is participating in the volunteer activity, or while en route to or from a build project, and DwellingsNow representatives are unable to reach the designated emergency contact in a timely manner, I hereby give my permission and consent to DwellingsNow representatives to authorize necessary medical transportation, hospitalization and medical treatment, including but not in limitation to emergency surgery or medical treatment, injections, anesthesia, and medication. Furthermore, I agree to assume full responsibility for any and all billings and debts incurred as a result such medical treatment or related services performed. Should it be necessary for the participant to return home due to medical reasons, I hereby assume all costs for any change fees and additional travel-related expenses.

I understand and agree that if any provision of this Consent and Waiver is found to be unenforceable in any way, it shall be enforced to the maximum extent possible and all other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

PARTICIPANT CONSENT/ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understood the full Consent and Waiver above, including all parts which may subject me to personal financial responsibility. I understand this is a contract pursuant to which I am giving up legal rights, including the right to bring claims for negligence. I intend my signature to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent permitted by law.

(Print name of participant) (If over 18 sign your name here)

Phone number in case of emergency: _____

*If under 18 years of age, both parents must sign unless parents are separated or divorced in which case the custodial parent must sign.

I have been advised to purchase travel insurance (purchased ____ / declined ____)

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT/ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understood the full Consent and Waiver above, including all parts which may subject me to personal financial responsibility. I understand this is a contract pursuant to which I am giving up legal rights, including the right to bring claims for negligence. I intend my signature to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent permitted by law.

I/we give my/our permission for the above child to participate in the volunteer activities set forth above. I/we understand I/we am/are legally responsible for the obligations and acts of my child as described and agree, for myself/ourselves and the participant, to be bound by its terms.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

_____ My commission expires: _____
(Notary Public)

Dear Supporter,

This summer, from August 8th through Aug. 17th, our youth group will be traveling to Roatan, Honduras to build homes. Our plan is to take about 20 students and adult leaders and help them figure out what God is doing in the world, and help them to see the role they have in making a difference. Because of the cost of transportation, food, lodging, supplies, etc., the cost for each student is \$4,120, of which we are asking them to pay \$900. We are fundraising the remaining cost.

We are partnering with a mission organization we have partnered with before, Dwellings.

But our aim is not only to bless Roatan, but to help enrich our students' lives with the idea that they can be on mission all 52 weeks of the year, blessing anyone and everyone they meet. Your support, prayers, and encouragement will go a long way towards meeting this goal.

Thank you for taking the time to consider supporting this student. It is our prayer that you would be blessed by this opportunity. I look forward to you getting to hear all about what God is doing from the student you support/know. Thank you and God bless!

In Christ,



Ben Downey

Director of Student Ministries
West Side Church

Dear (Name here),

This summer, from August 8th through Aug. 17th, our youth group will be traveling to Roatan, Honduras to build two homes.

It is my hope to not only serve others, but to grow as a person and as a follower of Jesus. As we reach into the lives of those who may be less fortunate, I hope that God continues to open my eyes to all the need around me, to all the people who need hope. And I hope that I will learn how to act.

In order to do this, I will need your help. The cost of the trip is \$4,120. Anything you can do to help will be greatly appreciated. Any amount I raise over the needed cost will go towards helping other members of my team reach their goal, or the overall missions fund for my youth group.

Thank you for taking the time to consider being a part of this awesome opportunity. Whether you can make a financial donation or not, I am asking that you be in prayer for what God is doing. Thank you and God bless!

In Christ,

(Your name here)

Roatan 2025 – Support

I (we) would like to support _____
(missionary name)

through Prayer through Prayer and financially with the enclosed gift of \$_____.

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(Note: Financial gifts are tax deductible. Checks should be made payable to West Side Church ATTN Youth Deputation, and returned with this form to: West Side Church, 615 Wright Ave, Richland WA 99352)

Contact Information (Note: For confidentiality reasons, ONLY the contact information you provide on this form will be made available to the missionary/team.)

Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____