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SAMPLE LETTER

Dear Friends and Family,

Hello from Redding! I'm in my second year now at **Simpson University** and I am absolutely loving it. I've chosen to major in Cross-Cultural Studies with an emphasis in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESOL). In addition to my studies, I work as a junior high leader at my church, Risen King. I am so blessed with great friends, inspiring professors, and the opportunity to grow in my relationship with Christ every day. Overall, God is teaching me so much, and life here at Simpson is pretty great.

One of the highlights of this semester is that I've been selected, along with over 150 other students, to join one of Simpson's **WorldSERVE Teams!** This means we will partner with international workers around the world to use our gifts and passions in serving others this spring or summer. After training, praying, fundraising and planning, my team will be journeying to **Bangkok, Thailand** from **July 10-29**. We will spend three weeks learning about Buddhism and Thai culture, meeting with local English-speaking university students, ministering to new believers, and encouraging the long-term workers there. I am really looking forward to serving on this team because not only will my own life be changed but I will get to share the truth of Jesus with people who do not know him yet!

I would like to invite you to be my **prayer partner**. We need many people to pray for us during our preparation time over the next few months, while we're serving in Thailand, and after we return home. Specifically, I'd ask you to pray for my time management as I balance my many activities and studies, and also for a deeper relationship with Jesus so I am ready to join His work this summer. Please know that your prayer support is a vital part of our ministry and a valuable gift to me.

I am also praying that you will consider **supporting our WorldSERVE team financially**. The cost of this service project is **\$3,000 per participant**, and I would truly appreciate any size gift. I'm sending this letter to 50 people, so if each person gave just \$30 I would be halfway to my goal! My first deadline is to have 40% of the total funds raised by February 11, so would you consider giving a year-end tax-deductible donation by December 31?

I'm also planning to do **fundraisers** with my teammates, as well as contribute to my trip from my own pocket. I'm willing to work hard for this experience, so please let me know if you have any **jobs** I can do to raise the funds.

Thank you for all the encouragement and love you have given me over the past few years. Your faithful support has greatly furthered my personal growth and development. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about my team, our ministry or WorldSERVE. May God bless you to be a blessing!

To the ends of the earth,

A. B. Simpson

Email: cell:

Leave room for a personal handwritten note for each of your ministry partners!

P.S. You can **donate online** (preferred) at www.simpsonu.edu/supportmissions (find my team and search for my name), or follow the instructions on the enclosed response card to mail a check.

All undesignated gifts for WorldSERVE **paid to Simpson University** are considered **tax-deductible donations**, and as such are not refundable for any reason. Tax-deductible receipts cannot be provided for payments made *to* a specific student; however, the university will track the amount of donations raised by each participant by using the student's **team member code**. Funds raised by a participant will be **designated** for his or her respective team, with the understanding that when the individual's goal is met or the student discontinues participation in the program for any reason, donated funds will be used at the discretion of the university to support WorldSERVE. **Please make checks payable to Simpson University.**