

SAMPLE OPERATION BARNABAS SUPPORT LETTER

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Dear Friends and Relatives,

I recently received word that I have been accepted to serve with an exciting ministry team this summer, Operation Barnabas. This will be the 46th year for Operation Barnabas, sponsored by CE National. They have traveled throughout the entire United States in that time. Operation Barnabas 2019 has teams planned to travel for three weeks on both the east coast and the west coast of the US.

The name "Barnabas" means encouragement and that will be our goal this summer. I will be part of a team of approximately 25 high school students who will be shepherded by church pastors, national ministry leaders, and trained adults in regional ministry and character development. We will be equipped in a wide variety of ministry skills and have the immediate opportunity to use that training to bless and encourage various community organizations, local churches and para-church ministries.

This summer will be one of great spiritual challenge to me. I will get first-hand experience in ministry and leadership training. The leaders on the team will be challenging me to greater growth in the Lord. I will have many opportunities to be a part of something bigger than myself as I minister to other people.

Each team member is responsible to raise their own support for training, housing & food, transportation on tour, equipment, and other related expenses. The finances due to CE National are \$2325 (In addition, I would appreciate raising \$_____ to cover the cost of my transportation to OB orientation). Any donation would be greatly appreciated. Please send donations directly to _____.

*Note--Gifts may be sent directly to CE National (PO Box 365, Winona Lake, IN 46590) and please include that all donation checks should be made out to CE National and include the specific name of the student. Donors can also give to you online at OperationBarnabas.net under the "Donate" tab. Gifts to your support given directly to CE National are tax receipted by CE National. If the sending church prefers that gifts be sent directly to them, that is fine too. You will need to discuss this with your sending church to determine which method they would prefer. Then make sure you include specific instructions in your letter for where and how people should give to your OB support. **Do not request donations be sent directly to you.***

I would like to ask you to pray for me as I prepare for this ministry this summer, that God will challenge me and use me to minister to others. Thanks for much for your help and interest.

Sincerely (or your choice),