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Dear Parents,

We hope that your students have been sharing with you the challenges presented to them during Sunday School and Youth Group. One such challenge is to be a part of God's mission. God's mission requires a willingness to sacrifice self-interests; even at great cost. It is our prayer that students will be willing to surrender and sacrifice their self-interests for the sake of following Christ, and in turn reap the rewards that come.

In this light, we would like to present this idea to you for consideration. We know that mission trips are very costly and money is tight. We also know that you can't put a price tag on the spiritual rewards that are gained from these experiences. Therefore, we are asking you to consider making part or all of your student's Christmas or birthday gifts this year a gift of money to be used toward a mission trip. Another idea would be to challenge your student to a match – you would match each dollar they earn or save for their mission trip.

**The mission trip opportunity for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students is:**

Green Bay, Wisconsin

Dates: June 20-25, 2010

Cost: \$315

Applications and trip deposits are due January 10, 2010.

**There are two mission trip opportunities for high school students:**

1. Detroit/Muskegon Mission Partnership

Dates: July 18-24, 2010

Cost: approx. \$200

The Detroit/Muskegon Mission Partnership trip is open to all 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students. Applications and trip deposits are due March 1.

2. Kijabe, Kenya\*\*\*

Dates: June 10-25, 2010

Cost: approx. \$1500

The Kenya trip will be a small group and is open to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. Applications and trip deposits are due December 15.

\*\*\*Note: This is a change from earlier information. There will not be a trip to the Dominican Republic during spring break.

Applications for each trip can be obtained in the student center at church or printed from the Student Ministry page of the church website. The links can be found at the bottom of the page under the heading Student Mission Teams.

As our students serve through these mission opportunities, please pray with us that they will have the courage to do hard things for Jesus, that they will grow in their faith, their love for our Lord and Savior and for the people with whom they partner and serve.

If you would like more information or have questions about these trips, please call Pastor Brian Nanninga, Becky Mead, or Lynn Kamps at church.

Blessings!