

## *El Salvador 2016*

Dear

I have the amazing opportunity, this February break, to travel to Central America and serve an impoverished community in rural El Salvador. I will be traveling down with a group of my friends, college leaders, and adults involved in Young Life in Rochester.

Young Life groups from Rochester, Buffalo and Syracuse have created relationships with the El Salvadorans in the rural communities of Rancho Grande and Taura for the past 10 years. Over the years the people involved in the trip have provided a source of clean water, school supplies, clothes, medical supplies and more for the El Salvadoran people. For major parts of the year, the residents of Rancho Grande and Taura have difficulty farming due to both flooding and their extremely dry season.

First, I would appreciate your prayer for my preparations and for the trip. My sister's positive experience on the El Salvador trip, a couple of years ago, inspired me to participate. This year, my friends and I will be helping to install a new fresh water system that will allow every home in the village to receive running water. We will also be running a medical clinic, with our trip doctors, in hopes of seeing each family in Taura. In addition, we'll be prepared to help paint, build and complete other tasks needed in the villages.

The trip cost is \$1,500 per person. While much of this goes towards airfare and the expenses of our stay, about one third of the cost is used directly for resources and projects that we will work on during the week. I would love to help the El Salvadorans as much as I can, and that's where I need your help!

Please consider making a donation on my behalf, tax deductible donations can be made out to "Young Life" (Memo: El Salvador) and mailed to me by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Even the smallest donation goes a long way for people who are less fortunate than us. This trip should be an amazing experience for me and all of us going on the trip and can only be made possible with your help.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support, and for considering this worthy cause!

With Love,

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