

Dear family and friends,

I am writing to share with you the opportunity that God has given me to go on missions this summer, to tell you why I am going, and to offer you the chance to support me as I prepare to head off.

Where will I be? I will be in Guatemala for eight weeks (June 6 – July 30). Guatemala is a country located in Central America and bordered by Mexico. It is a developing nation recovering from decades of armed conflict and is in the process of restoring its social system. However, its law enforcement and judicial systems are still lacking. The population is largely poor, rural, young and indigenous.



What will I be doing? I will be working through H.O.P.E. Bible Mission, which is a US based organization that partners with AGAPE Alas de Socorro (Guatemala based aviation organization) and The Association of Christian Hospitals and Clinic of Guatemala. For the first two weeks, I will be studying Spanish at a Christian Academy and helping children at a hospital in the major city of Antigua. The remaining six weeks will be spent traveling between Guatemala City and several rural towns within Chajul. My main objective will be to help with the development of a medical program. Aside from volunteering in a medical clinic, I will also be gathering data on the medical situation in different towns which will be used to direct future work with the health care program.

Why am I going? The field of global health has been a passion that God has put in my heart since freshman year. Since then, He has been cultivating a mission-focused heart and has shown me how I can use this passion for His glory. The poor infrastructure of a country's health care system reveals the broken state of this world -- and it breaks my heart. At times, it is discouraging to see the disadvantaged conditions that seem to promote sickness and death. Fortunately, by God's grace, we have security in knowing that there is a greater hope beyond this world, and that this world will one day experience the redemption of creation. I want to share this hope with others. Therefore, I walk with a heart of joy and gratitude as I prepare to go overseas in Christ's name to serve in this field.

What can you do to support me?



Pray for...

- 1. Strength:** Please pray for spiritual protection and that I will find strength daily.
- 2. Humility:** Living situations, especially in the rural regions of Guatemala, will be extremely different from anything I have experienced before. I ask that you pray for me to humbly accept the simplicity of life.
- 3. Patience:** Pray that I will have patience as I wait for God to reveal Himself to me in different ways and that I will remain open to His will throughout my time there.
- 4. Health and Safety:** Violence and crime in Guatemala are ongoing issues, so I ask that you pray for physical protection.

Financial Support

I still need to raise **\$1000** for my trip, which includes training, food and housing. If you plan on supporting me financially, please make checks payable to **Ann Yang** and mail to **33-56 164th Street, Flushing, NY 11358**. Feel free to donate any amount that is on your heart.

Please **send all other responses and encouragements to me by e-mail** (annyang17@gmail.com).

“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.” – Isaiah 55:12-13

Soli Deo Gloria,
Ann Yang