

Dear *Grandma and Grandpa Heinz,*

I hope and pray all is well in your life! I am so excited to tell you that I am going on a mission journey this year with my church's missions program The Road to Alabama. This is a site that many of my friends have served at, and it sounds like God is doing so much there. I am excited to get to be a part and for all that God is going to do in me, and hopefully, through me too!

My 10-day overnight mission journey is one of four high school journeys to Tuscaloosa, AL. (My Journey name is **Alabama 2** and it is from 6/21-6/30.) Faithbridge has partnered with a ministry called Authentic Renovation Ministries (ARM) the last 5 years, and they have had a lot of impact on the community. A.R.M will be our partner for our work projects! I can't wait to be a part of this construction ministry to not only restore people's houses, but their lives too, because Gary (the apparently AWESOME founder) really makes sure to build relationships with the people and connect them to a church in Tuscaloosa.

Each afternoon, my team and I will get to run a Vacation Bible School at The Benjamin Barnes Branch YMCA. This ministry is all about embracing lives in their community by providing several opportunities for community engagement and outreach such as camping, fitness, childcare, etc. So, in short, my team will help repair houses in the morning, and then we will run a VBS camp in the afternoon. I want to go on this journey because I am always reminded of who God is when I'm on mission to serve Him, the community, and my team. I'm also trusted with leadership in a certain area (like crafts, our team's food, worksite roles) and want to grow in the skills I have to make other people's lives better.

I believe God has called me to this and trust that He will meet my needs. Ultimately, my prayer is that He will do that through my family and friends, so I wanted to invite you to partner with me financially and prayerfully in this Journey. I am specifically asking for people who will commit to pray for me each day until I return, and for financial support in raising my \$1000 balance. Will you pray about supporting me in this? This is the ultimate decider if I am able to go on this journey, so any amount helps!

If you can help financially by making a tax-deductible donation at this time, enclosed is a return envelope and insert. Here are two different ways to give:

ONLINE	Via CHECK
Donate online via credit card or digital check	Donate via the enclosed mailing envelope
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Head to www.faithbridge.org/roadsupport2. Select the "Support a STUDENT" Tab3. Underneath the amount, choose my trip NICARAGUA in the dropdown menu.4. In the next field, input my name exactly: Jacob Smith5. Complete the form and press "Make Donation"	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Make checks payable to Faithbridge2. Put my name in the MEMO section3. Complete and include the Return Insert provided with the envelope4. Return via mail by May 15
Any amount I raise above and beyond the cost of my journey will go to help other Goers!	

Please use the response card and return envelope inside this letter as a method of response to my request. I am so excited to see how God is going to use me and what He will teach me through this experience. Thank you in advance for the love and support you have shown me!

God Bless,

Gretel