

Hello *Grandma and Grandpa Heinz*,

I hope you have had a good start to your new year! I am so excited to tell you about something I get to do this summer with my church Faithbridge. Sixth-graders get the opportunity to do a Helping Hands mission journey with our missions program, The Road.

Helping Hands is our church's renovation and restoration ministry that has helped a lot after Hurricane Harvey happened in August. Some of my friends even had to be evacuated from their homes, and I've heard some people lost their pets in the flooding. They even have to live with friends or on their second story while their home is being fixed. With Helping Hands, my team will get to do little bits to help these people and make their homes better.

My trip name is **Helping Hands 1-Alpaca**, and it's a 5-day mission journey from June 4-8. My team will meet at Faithbridge every morning and for a study and briefing of the day, serve with Helping Hands and a community ministry called Bridging For Tomorrow, then return to church to debrief the day and learn from the Bible together.

I want to go on this journey because we learned in my small group this year how God made us to serve other people. And it's true! I'm really happy when I'm helping other people, and there is a lot of need out there. I'm excited to let God use me and get closer to Him in my life too.

I am specifically asking for people who will commit to pray for me each day while I am on the journey. Would you please pray for me before, during, and after my journey? I also want to ask you to pray for my team and for the people we are serving to know God too.

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*