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Dear Friends,

Therefore. Whenever you read the word “therefore” in the Bible, be ready for a profound, life shaping statement to follow! What comes after this word is a RESULT of what God has done. So...”**Therefore**, because of God’s great mercy... offer your bodies as a living sacrifice...this is your spiritual act of worship” (Romans 12:1). When we offer our lives completely to God, people are changed and God is glorified. Groundwork’s mission experience is a vehicle God is using to open people to His plan.

***Therefore**, a young girl in Germany, who has a hard family life with parents who do not take her to church, or live in a godly way, has now found a “family” at church that loves her, and has told her about Jesus, who is ALWAYS there to love her! When the American mission group came to their small town to lead KinderCamp and baseball camp, her parents dropped her off thinking that was a pretty good opportunity for fun. The people on the Groundwork mission team had obeyed God’s leading to work and sacrifice, in order to serve with this team.*



***Therefore**, a young, poor mother with a brand new baby received clothing and blankets to keep that baby warm. See, their shanty has a tin roof and tarp on the sides and lets a lot of wind and rain inside. People in Arizona obeyed God by taking time to give their used items, and a family let God take them to Mexico for a mission trip as their family vacation – and were able to hand out those items. That young mother said, “Thank you for coming so far to help me.” The team member responded, “God provided those things for you because He cares about you so much.”*

Therefore, because of providing mission opportunities, globally and in the U.S., there are COUNTLESS stories like this. And there are stories of how ***those who WENT felt they were blessed so much more than the people to whom they ministered.***

My name is Nate McAvoy. My wife, Robin, and I are the founders of Groundwork Ministries, and have an awesome Board of Directors with which to work! Mike and Cassie Arraiga, Trish Van Alstyne, Mike and Anne-Marie Pfligler, and Robert and Rita Flohrs have been a huge blessing, and continue to bring ideas, support and love to this ministry.

While Groundwork Ministries is our main focus/business, I keep busy working other jobs to help support this crazy family of nine. We have been running a small lawn care business for about 5 years, I substitute teach, and we also still do a lot of ministry events through McAvoy Family Ministries (lead worship, VBS, retreats, etc.). We have committed to making sacrifices as a family, in order to do missions. This isn’t easy – but it IS a blessing and honor to be able to be used in this way.

These trips don’t just “happen.” God opens doors and shows us a need (or many needs!). Then the planning and coordinating begins. It takes a lot of time and effort, and financial resources, to be able to provide these

life changing mission opportunities. And to provide as many as possible, we are asking you to be part of the support team that makes it happen.

In the next 12-18 months we have up to 12 mission trips we are planning! 2 U.S. sites, Germany, Belize, Mexico and Kenya (see enclosed info sheet). God is GOOD!

We are so thankful for all of you who have supported this ministry in prayer and finances in the past. It takes a team of people to do this! Let God use YOU in the way He is leading, and with the resources He has given you. Those may be financial; or your talents; or physical objects you could donate.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT: Groundwork Ministries works on a very slim budget, and we need people to commit to monthly support. It doesn't need to be a large amount, but the more monthly donations we have, the more effective at budgeting and planning we can be! However, a one-time, or occasional, gift is just as important!

*If you shop at Fry's/Kroger brand stores, you can financially support Groundwork easily! Fry's donates a percentage of your purchases to Groundwork when you use a specially coded gift card (refillable) that is linked to Groundwork. Go to www.groundworkministries.org/frys-food-gift-card-fundraiser/ or just search "frys" on GWM site. Email us and we will send you a \$5 Fry's Gift card to get started!

SPREAD THE WORD: One of the BIGGEST ways you can help is get the word out about Groundwork Ministries! Especially to your church, college, family and friends, as well as pass interested people's information on to us. A unique aspect of Groundwork's trips is that ALL are open to families, as well as groups.

Direct them to the website or forward an e-newsletter you receive, or "like" us on Facebook and share it with your friends. Sign up for the e-newsletter on the website so you stay up to date on all opportunities and what God is doing!



GO ON A TRIP: It may seem out of your comfort zone, or out of your pocketbook, but that's where GOD comes in! Experience it – you won't be the same once you have sacrificed in order to serve someone else. Or have seen how people live in another part of the world – and how it's so very different, and yet so much the same. We have amazing opportunities coming up (see enclosed). Maybe NOW is the time for you to GO!

VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME: We have the following volunteer opportunities open:

- Website re-design;
- Intern at Ensenada, Mexico, mission site (opportunities for 6 weeks to 6 months);
- Draw up plans for an additional facility at the Ensenada, Mexico mission site;
- Church or regional point person for building relationships between GWM and churches/families.

**Please email info@groundworkministries.org if you are able to do any of the above volunteer services.*



DONATE ITEMS:

-Missions Van (12-15 pass.) to drive teams for mission trips in U.S. and Mexico. We have been using our personal van and it is wearing out, with 190,000 miles. Need to provide reliable transportation for teams.

- Vehicle for full time missionary in Mexico, who has had no mode of transportation for over 6 months. An SUV/van/Jeep is needed to transport migrant families from fields in to the school, as well as to get supplies.
- Printer
- Airline vouchers/mileage points for mission team leaders
- Gift cards for gas, general purchase of mission supplies

WOW! LOTS OF WAYS FOR YOU TO BE INVOLVED!

Therefore, we ask EVERYONE to please commit this ministry to your prayers. Pray for opportunities to help those in need, both physically and spiritually; for provision for people to be on a team and experience this; and for favor with the Groundwork ministry leaders.

The cost of simply providing the opportunity of the planned 12 mission trips on the enclosed sheet is approximately \$11,000, including Groundwork travel costs, ministry site supplies, and resources). (This doesn't include the payroll it takes to pay the ministry staff to lead/coordinate these trips). By receiving the funds to cover the cost for GWM to do the trips, it lets us reduce the cost of the mission trips so that more people can go!

Would you be a part of providing these 12 mission opportunities that could affect hundreds of people?

I would like to sponsor a mission trip: \$75/mo. OR \$900 one time gift (averaging the combined cost of all 12 trips).
Or

I would like to make a MONTHLY pledge of: \$10 \$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 Other _____
Or

I would like to make a donation at this time of: \$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1000 Other _____

There is an envelope and pledge card enclosed. Please fill it out and mail back to us in a timely manner, so we best know how to budget/plan for the cost of these mission trips. If you are able to donate an ITEM from the list above, please mark that on the pledge card as well, OR email us at info@groundworkministries.org/call 602-391-6215.

That's not "ALL" Groundwork ministry is focused on! Your additional support may help with goals to:

- Support a full time missionary/mission center in Ensenada, Mexico
- Send 1-2 Groundwork leaders for intense missions training in Belize in Jan. 2012
- Realize an ongoing vision to meet needs in our local community, as we pray for a physical space to have Christian, community focused resources.

We thank God for your prayerful response to this letter.

Peace in Him,

Nate McAvoy
President and Founder, Groundwork Ministries

P.S. We have also enclosed more information on those mission trips you are helping to make happen with your support! Pray over each trip, if/how you may be on one, and make some copies and share. Keep up to date on the website and Facebook.



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Opportunities for you to ACT through missions 2011-2012

See back for descriptions of locations and purposes for each mission site.

**** Custom trip dates available for groups of 5 or more! ****
CONTACT US early for best availability

Range in cost is dependent upon number in your group. 2nd and more person(s) in same family receives a discounted rate.

<u>Trip Date:</u>	<u>Registration Date</u>	<u>Cost :</u>
Ensenada, Mexico—ALL AGES: (Dep. \$50/person-\$150 max/family)		
(DOES NOT INCLUDE TRANSPORTATION—add \$60/person for trans. To/from Phx or San Diego, if needed)		
Sept. 2-5 (Fri-Mon Labor Day wknd)	Aug. 1	\$165-200
October Break	ASAP	\$240-275
Dec. 27-30 (Tues.-Fri)	Nov. 1	\$165-200
<u>2012</u>		
March—Spring Break	Jan. 15	\$240-275
July 7-14 (Sat-Sat)	April 15	\$330-355
Mission U.S.		Cost: \$205
Min. Age: 15		Dep. \$50/person
*This cost does not include transportation to/from ministry site, arrangements to travel with McAvoy possible		
June 18-23 Phoenix (inner city)	April 15	
July 22-27 U.S. Site TBD	April 15	
Germany (includes all transportation)		Cost: \$1700
Any age (under 16 must have parent/guardian traveling)		Dep. \$100/person
July 2-16	Feb. 15th	
Belize (includes all transportation)		Cost: \$1175
Min. age: 13 (under 16 need parent/guardian traveling along)		Dep. \$100/person
May 19-24		
CUSTOM TRIPS/DATES FOR GROUPS OF 5 OR MORE ONLY		
Guatemala (does not include airfare, but includes trans. IN country)		Cost: \$450
Kenya, Africa (does not include airfare, but includes trans. IN country)		Cost: \$1995

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Mission Site Descriptions 2011-2012

Mission U.S. (2 locations—Phoenix-inner city and other TBD)

GREAT for youth groups! But all ages welcome (under 14 needs adult leader or parent)

*This cost does not include transportation to/from site

Teams will have an opportunity to serve in various ways throughout the week. You may be working with kids for a VBS or camp, serving at a homeless shelter, doing light work projects in a poor area, or playing games with the elderly in a nursing home. Evenings will be filled with group activities experiencing local culture/events, as well as group worship and bonding.

Cost includes food, lodging, programming, and supplies during week. We can work with you on transportation as well

Ensenada, Mexico (all ages, under 14 need adult/parent along)

Any age (under 14 need parent/guardian along)

This mission experience is for people of all ages! From the service projects to the evening program, each day is scheduled to help connect all ages with experiences that will have a lasting impact in each person's life. During your trip you will meet both the physical and spiritual needs of the Oaxacan migrant families, and people in the local church who minister there daily. Light work projects, teaching activities with children, feeding program, etc. Cost includes food, lodging, programming and supplies while in Mexico. Transportation from Phoenix/San Diego area can be added.

Over 18 MUST have a passport (under 18 need only an original birth certificate).

Germany (all ages, under 16 need adult/parent along)

A different type of mission trip than going to serve the poor, build houses, etc. The overall mission for us as Christians is to "go and make disciples". THAT is a need everywhere in our world. And one of the most difficult places to do that is Europe. People have become hardened towards God...and need Christians to show them love, compassion and just how much God loves them! Continuing to build relationships from teams in the past, we will lead Kindercamp (VBS), youth events, sports camps, worship and possible concerts for communities small and large. There is also a strong cultural experience as we will be in many historical parts of Germany and stay with local families.

Guatemala (14 and older)

Prepare to be changed forever as you talk, pray, cry and laugh with the Guatemalan people. Step out of your comfort zone and into God's grace as we visit the tin shanty homes, teach Bible lessons to kids and adults on tarps, paint nails for ladies in the nursing home, teach basic English to students at school and orphanage, and bond with missionaries.

Belize (all ages, under 16 need adult/parent along)

PRIMARY LANGUAGE is ENGLISH! The main purpose of the May trip will be to lead a basketball camp for area youth, as well as some minor work projects and working with an after school program. Custom trips may include the above, and other needs that arise from the ministry we will be helping.

Kenya, Africa (14 and older)

Mainly in Nairobi, we will have the opportunity to minister to street boys (thru a local ministry), assist a ministry that trains women with skills to work/live (work projects, Bible study), minister with a boys choir in surrounding villages, and be a part of teaching kids. An experience of a LIFETIME!

www.groundworkministries.org (mission trips) to download application and for updated information or email missions@groundworkministries.org anytime!