

Dear friends and family,

I am writing concerning my plans for the summer and to ask for your assistance. As you may know, I have signed up to go on a mission trip to Chosica, Peru for four weeks in July. Our group, led by members of Caring for Children, will be volunteering at an orphanage during the day and doing some maintenance work at a local church in the evenings.

As you can imagine, the cost of such a long trip is quite high. Airfare alone is almost \$1,000. Lodging is another \$600, and meals will total around \$400. Travel while in Peru will be an added expense of \$100, and I will also need approximately \$200 for spending money. In an attempt to lessen the burden on my parents, I've been trying to raise as much of this \$2300 as possible. I have earned around \$500 babysitting and am continuing to find odd jobs to help with the cost.

In addition to the cost of going on this trip, any additional money raised can be used to help fund projects at both the church and the orphanage. A donation of \$20 can feed a child for one week. For \$50, we can paint two classrooms. An amount of \$100 would help build a chicken coop where the orphanage can raise hens that will lay fresh eggs to feed the children.

Please consider making a donation to help fund my trip. You can send a check payable to Caring for Children, 100 Caring Way, Clinton, TN 39654. Please make sure to reference my name on the memo line. Thank you very much for your time and consideration. You can keep up with my fundraising efforts and our progress at www.caringforchildren.org/stacysmith.

Sincerely,

Stacy Smith