

January 14, 2026

Dear Grace Family,

I sincerely thank you for your prayers and financial support of our high school students on past mission trips. Your support throughout the years has been immensely generous and I am taken aback by your love and support for mission work. In the past, your efforts have not only gone to support our students on mission, but they have worked to the advancement of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and for that alone I praise God! Your support of our students, whether prayerful or financial, has not only produced fruit that continues to multiply in Holguin, Savannah, Cuba, Chattanooga, Knoxville, and Charlotte, but your investments continue to bear fruit in the lives of our students, who are being eternally changed in ways we cannot fully understand on this side of heaven.

In considering the opportunity before us and in response to our Lord's command in Matthew 28:18-20, a team of 39 students and leaders will be going to Calgary, Alberta, Canada in partnership with Hope Hills Church (Calgary, AB). We will be serving one full week (July 11-18, 2026) in north Calgary. Our scope of work will primarily be creating, programming, and facilitating kids' day camps and soccer camps. The goal of hosting these camps is to establish relationships with local families, in order to connect them with Hope Hills Church and to proclaim the gospel. There will also be opportunities to serve the local community with various service projects as needed. Our mission centers on the work of the gospel. We will be seeking to share the love of Jesus with those whom we serve, sharing the good, powerful, and saving message of the gospel.

Our biggest need for support is prayer. We need prayer, and it is the most impactful way you can help. Paul reminds us in Galatians that the Christian life is evidenced by the fruits of the Spirit. Prayer is the means by which we show that our reliance is solely on the work of the Holy Spirit within us. Will you pray that God will pour out his Spirit to those who need salvation? Will you pray that our team will be empowered by the Spirit to accomplish God's will and work? Will you pray for our team as we prepare to serve people God already knows and loves, even though we have yet to meet them? We cannot accomplish God's work without God supplying his power through his Spirit.

As you pray, some of you may desire to be financial partners in the sending of our team. The cost of the trip is \$1,700 per team member. Our team members have committed to raising at least 30% of their expenses outside of GCC and are already hard at work raising funds.

We are praying that God will raise up a group of people from within our church who will help the families of our students with this cost. Any financial gift will be an immense blessing to this team. If you feel led to give, will you ask the Lord how much?

As you pray, if you feel led to be a financial partner with our team, you can do so at the church building or online. Gifts can be placed in the offering box or mailed to PO Box 1505, Angier, NC., 27501. Checks should be made out to GCC with “Student Ministry Missions” written on the memo line. You may also give securely online at gracecnc.org/calgary. All gifts are tax-deductible. The total amount given will be divided evenly and offered to the members of our team. To help us prepare, a support deadline is set for Sunday, April 5th, 2026.

As the team leader, you may contact me with any questions. I believe you will find great joy and purpose in sending our team to Calgary with prayer. Enclosed with this letter is a mission team card with the names and a photo of our team members, along with our mission tasks responsibilities. Please allow the card to serve you as a reminder to pray for us. I am thankful to the Lord for your support for our team and I am excited to see what the Lord will accomplish through this team in Calgary!

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'J. Kyler Martin'.

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