



Nova Southeastern University
Fellowship of Christian Optometrists
“For we live by faith, not by sight.” 2 Corinthians 5:7

Dear NAME,

It is with joy and anticipation that I'm writing you! I'd like to share with you a trip I am going to take that will hopefully be a life-changing experience for the people I come in contact with, as well as myself.

Can you envision a land where poverty, hardship, hunger and a lack of resources both spiritually and physically keep many from hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ? I want to share with you a challenging ministry opportunity God has presented to me. During first week of August 2017, I will be going to Managua, Nicaragua, with a team of student optometrists from my Fellowship of Christian Optometrists chapter and partnering with Fellowship of Christian Optometrists International. Our one-week trip will focus on displaying Christ's love by providing eye care in remote and rural communities within Managua, Nicaragua.

First, we will be allowing God to work in our lives through the personal enrichment that comes from this type of mission trip. I'm certain God will change my life greatly as a result of stepping out to serve Him in this very important area. Second, we will be providing eye care to over 800 patients in just a few short days of clinic in very remote, primitive conditions. Sadly, we may be the only eye doctors these patients see for many years. Third, we will be connecting with the children via games, singing, and the teaching of biblical principles.

Your support has been crucial in my success here in optometry school and giving me a heart to use the skills I've learned thus far to serve those who need it most. I thank you for all the prayers sent my way! I would ask for your continued support as you prayerfully consider participating with me in one or more of these ways:

1. Please pray. Pray for the country of Nicaragua. Pray for our team that everyone will get passports, vaccines, and funding before the trip. Pray for the safety of our team. Pray that our services will show God's unending love. Pray that the hearts and minds will be open to God's gift of salvation. Pray that we receive all the necessary supplies and funds to provide glasses and medications as needed to all those we encounter.
2. Each of us is in the process of raising \$1000 to cover travel, housing, clinic supplies and other expenses. **All checks must be made payable to "NSU FCO."** I know times are tough right now with our economy, so please don't feel like you have to donate ANY money to this trip. Any amount raised above and beyond this goal will go directly to support the long-term work of FCO. Keep in mind the **donations are tax deductible**, and if necessary, I can provide the tax ID number.
3. We are in need of donations of eye drops. We need allergy drops and artificial tears. Some examples of over the counter allergy drops would be Alaway or Zaditor. Examples of over the counter artificial tears are Systane Balance, Systane Ultra, Refresh Celluvisc, Refresh Tears, TheraTears, ect. These range from about \$10-15 a bottle.
4. Lastly, we are in need of biblical materials. Our main mission here is to bring others to know Christ's love. We would love to be able to supply our patients with Bibles and other materials they can learn about God with.

Whether you feel led to contribute financially or commit to prayer or both, I truly appreciate your support. I can hardly wait to do God's work in Nicaragua, and I will give you a full report when I come back! Thank you for your prayers and consideration!

Yours in Christ,