Hello or Hola!!! Buenas!

Last summer, your prayers, love, and financial support enabled me to travel to and spend five weeks in San José to work at a Hope Center in one of the largest slums in Costa Rica. I became part of an "equipo" (team) of five interns who, like me, shared a heart for God, a passion for humanity, and a determination to cultivate hope for the next generation! With Hope Partners International, I received leadership as well as cultural training, learned from seasoned and talented missionaries, and was immersed in an environment of beautiful culture and community. Pavas, where the Hope Center is located, has become so dear to me and will always hold a special place in my heart. While dancing and running with children, painting murals in the community and local schools, preparing meals with women from the community, interacting with Ticos and Ticas my own age, and leading short term mission teams, I learned a valuable lesson. I learned just how human the world can be. Each and every person has a unique story with their own hopes and dreams and passions and pain. I learned that poverty is so much more than something you can quantify by looking up a number on Google. It is millions of faces across the world. It is boys and girls, men and women who are exactly the same as you and me. It is incredibly humbling to realize that, and I hope this is something everyone can experience one day.

In this example, the student includes previous experience with the organization they worked with. If this is not applicable to you, give a brief overview of the ministry and thing you will be doing on your trip.

I have truly learned so much and grown as a leader, an advocate for others, and as a follower of Jesus through this experience. I hope and strive to never be stagnant, that I will always work hard to learn and change, and I hope to continue to cultivate my passion for serving others, especially in another culture.

Notice, this student includes hopes that they have for serving in their specific culture.

With this said, I am so incredibly thrilled to say that I will be serving with Hope Partners as an intern again this summerfor EIGHT weeks!

Always state your purpose for writing.

There will be joy in seeing old faces, but there will also be new challenges and adversities to overcome and learn from, new interns to learn to trust and work with, and new experiences to be had! I am so excited to give this summer my all!

Be specific about the trip cost.

I would like to ask for your support. First, I would ask that you pray for me, the other interns, and for the staff at the Center. Second, I would ask for support financially. I am raising \$2,700 for this experience by May 28th. Any amount of support helps, even the quickest Amen! or a crumpled green George Washington!

You can support me by donating directly to my Intern Campaign on Hope Partners International's website at the link below or you can Venmo me @[ ]!
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Notice this student provides clear instructions on ways to give to their trip.

## (include a picture if you have one)

Thank you in advance for your prayers and support! Pura Vida!

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