



2010 Summer Training Project ---((SAMPLE)) --

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Dear _____,

As I approach the end of my freshman year at the University of Minnesota, I have found many things to reflect upon. Throughout my first year of college I have learned a number of life lessons. I have grown in my understanding of how to manage my time, how to relate well with my peers, and how to study effectively in order to succeed in my classes. However, the most beneficial and life-changing thing I've learned this year is what it means to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

I came into college a very selfish person. I was only ever concerned with things if they affected my life. I didn't care about the interests of anybody but myself. I started to notice my attitude towards others by interacting with my roommate, Henry. He was the exact opposite of me. He always seemed to be thinking for other people and he genuinely cared for me even when I was mean and disrespectful to him. There was something different about him. A couple weeks into school I figured it out. He was a Christian. He started talking to me about the Bible and asked me if I would come to a Campus Outreach (CO) meeting with him. CO is a college ministry at the U of M and their mission statement is "*Glorifying God by Building Laborers on the Campus for the Lost World.*" The more I hung out with Henry and other Christians, the more clearly I saw that I was only living for myself. Henry explained that Jesus came to earth to die for all of my sins, and his love would comfort me if I trusted Jesus as my Lord and Savior. I knew this was what I wanted because I wasn't happy living my self-centered lifestyle. I received Jesus as my Savior in October.

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Six months later I am preparing to go on the CO Summer Project in Garden City, SC. The project is designed to help Christians grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ through training in: Bible Study, Prayer, Evangelism, Discipleship, and Leadership. I will be living in a community comprised of 120 other college students who all desire to grow in their faith and knowledge of Christ. I will work a full-time job while I am on the project, but I also need to raise financial support to help me pay for project housing, food, and other project materials. The cost of the project is \$1850. I am trusting God, and trying to have this all raised by May 7th. Checks are made payable to Campus Outreach Minneapolis and are tax deductible. All support can be mailed to the address above. I would love for you to pray about this opportunity to support me in my spiritual growth. I look forward to keeping you updated throughout the summer about the things I am learning.

Sincerely,

Jason