

Dear Friends and Family,

For those of you who do not already know, this fall I will be attending a program called YWAM, which stands for Youth With A Mission. YWAM is an international volunteer movement of Christians dedicated to simply know God and make Him known throughout the world. I have been trying to figure out what I want to do with my life and I have been praying to God about what He wants me to do in the future. Then, my friend came to me and asked me what I thought about YWAM and I knew instantly it was a sign for me. So I decided to sign up! I am going with one of my best friends, Tara Tamminga, and her cousin Haley Kacos. This is a wonderful opportunity for us that we know might never come again. We will be leaving September 25th and will be coming back March 19th. Yes, I will be gone for half a year so it will be quite the adventure for me, but I am so excited about it. For YWAM, you can pick any month and pretty much anywhere in the world you want to go and we picked St. Paul-Trois-Chateaux France. The first three months is DTS (Discipleship Training School) which is an intensive training course that gets us prepared to serve. The last three months is the "outreach" part. This location will be determined at the end of our training course and will most likely be somewhere in the Middle East (everything is safe, of course!). This gives us the chance to put into practice what we were taught in the classroom. If you are curious and would like to know more about it, I encourage you to check out their website, <http://www.jem-france.com/>, or YWAM's main website, www.ywam.org.



All three of us would love to have the support of our friends and family, even if it is just a small prayer for us every once in a while. If you would like to support me, it would mean the world to me because I am responsible for the cost of this trip. I am not asking for anything more than a prayer, but if you want to support me financially it would be greatly appreciated. If you would like, you can send money to my church, Friendship Christian Reformed, attention Megan-YWAM. The church will be handling the money I receive because I feel that there was no need for me to see who gives what. Make sure to write the check out to my church, not YWAM. If you would rather just send me a short encouragement or verse, that would be great too! Please know that I treasure your prayers more than anything else. Pray that I will be a light for God in the lives of the families we are helping and to grow in God and know Him better. Also, please pray for the Lord to keep us safe for these six months!

Thank you very much for all of your love and support.

In Jesus Christ,

Megan Christine Vanderlaan

"He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.'"

Mark 16:15

preach the gospel always, if necessary use words.