

Dear Friends and Family,

This April vacation will be an alternative one for me! There won't be much rest because I'm going to South Carolina on a mission trip with my youth group from South Church in Andover. Along with about sixty others from our church, I'll help folks in need on John's Island.

The mission trip is run through Rural Mission, a small Habitat for Humanity like non-profit organization right on John's Island. Rural Mission assigns our group about four different projects to complete during the week, from roofing and building porches to painting houses. Rural Mission provides accommodations for us. There are dorms on site and a cabin for the chaperones. They have a large dining room and an industrial kitchen in which we prepare our own meals. We take turns in groups preparing breakfast, lunch and dinner for the whole group.

In addition to our work projects, our many trips give us a connection to the history and beauty of the community as well as a deeper connection to each other. There's a "Seafood Jamboree" hosted by a church on the Island where we eat, sing and dance with the locals. We're always eager to visit the nearby Piggly Wiggly grocery store, we attend a joyous two hour Sunday gospel service, and we travel into Charleston for an evening. A favorite activity is when we make a labyrinth out of hay on Thursday night. The mission trip is a great way to learn and give back at the same time. We meet new people and become closer with old friends. It is truly a life changing experience!

The estimated cost for the trip this year is \$500. This covers the fee to stay at Rural Mission, food, gas, rental vans to get down there, and the cost of materials. *Can you help support our mission work? Donations in any amount are greatly appreciated!*

With peace,

Your donation is tax deductible, just fill out the form below and send to:
South Church
41 Central Street
Andover, MA 01810
Attn: Ted Harris

Please fill out the information below and send with donation by April 6th.

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