Dear friends and family,

Can you imagine a place where Christianity is considered superstition and more than 95% of the people have no relationship with Jesus Christ? I want to share with you a challenging ministry opportunity God has presented to me. During June 7 - 17, I will be going to China with a mission team from Culture Waves Global (www.CultureWavesGlobal.com).

Our trip will focus on this Atheist and Buddhist cultures in this ancient country of 1.6 Billion people. The purpose of our trip is fourfold:

* First, we will be allowing God to work in our lives through the personal enrichment that comes from this type of a mission trip.
* Second, this Prayer Journey will help us focus our individual prayers by traveling to a foreign land and praying 'on-site with insight.' We will pray for the Atheist and Buddhist people that God may open their eyes and hearts to the message of Jesus.
* Third, we will be working in a school in a rural area outside of the city of Xi’an. Culture Waves Global has had mission teams in this area 4-6 times and has developed great relationships with the people there. We hope to be very intentional to build relationships with the Chinese English teachers and share Christ with them one on one.
* Fourth, we will work in classrooms daily in order to help students with their oral English skills. We will work hard to demonstrate Christ’s love while understanding that we may be the first non-Chinese people these kids have ever met.

I'm excited about the opportunity and experience that lie ahead. I hope you see the value in what we will accomplish. As you can imagine, a trip like this requires financial support from a number of people. I need to raise $3,250 by May 1st. If you can support me in a financial way, I would be very grateful. And, most importantly, I also need your prayer support. Prayer is the fuel that will allow us to be successful as we follow God's leading in ministry in these countries. Without prayer, nothing will happen.

If you would like to be part of this mission through your financial support, send a check to: [ insert church address here ]

Envelopes are enclosed for your convenience. Please make your check payable to First Baptist Church and write "China" and my name on the memo line. All contributions are tax deductible.

While money is important, it comes in a distant second to my need for your prayer support. Since prayer support is so important to the success of this mission, I would like to know if I can count on you in that area. Enclosed is a bookmark that you can put in your Bible, on your bathroom mirror, on the "fridge", or anywhere else you will see it at least once a day. Please pray daily for the areas listed.

Because they haven't heard,

(Signed)