

Dear Trip Applicant,

We can't tell you enough how excited we are to have you be a part of an upcoming trip with the Ride Nature organization. We hope that you have been praying about this decision to travel internationally on a mission trip, as we can ensure you we have definitely been praying for each and every individual that will be joining us. Our trips and the work that we accomplish in each country are only made possible with the help support of many individuals just like you. We believe that through this opportunity you will make life long memories and friends. It is our desire as well that you will learn, grow, and be challenge to become a better individual through this trip. We have included a sample support letter for you to use to help raise support for this upcoming trip. We hope that you will take this letter and use it to create your own *PERSONAL* support letter. Our suggestion for each of you is to write a letter and make it your own. We encourage you to send this letter out to anyone that you have a personal relationship with: your Friends, Family (Immediate and Distant), Church family, etc... Remember, miracles don't come from individuals; they come from the "Miracle Giver." God is definitely in control and we hope that you will continue to pray for His will as you send out these letters and raise support for this upcoming trip. If God wants you to be on this trip...He will provide. We are looking forward to working alongside you, sharing the Truth, and bringing board sports to children living in poverty all around the world! If you have any questions or concerns please send us an email or give us a call.

Living life to the TRUE fullest,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Koch". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'M' and 'K'.

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Sample Support Letter

Dear friends and family,

As I have been praying and seeking opportunities to serve and give back through missions and mission opportunities, an incredible door has been opened right in front of me. I am writing you this letter because in Ex. November I will be traveling on a "Surf & Serve/Skate & Serve" mission trip with the Ride Nature Organization. Ride Nature is a 501(c)3 non-profit Christian organization that was founded in 2009 with a *mission* to give children living in extreme poverty the unique opportunities to surf, skate, and wakeboard. The *purpose* of the organization is to take those opportunities and use them to share an even greater gift, that being the Truth of Jesus Christ. The organization is currently working in 4 countries each year to impact local communities through the world of action sports and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I am so excited to say that I will have a part in the organization's next adventure!

On EX. January 1, 2020 we will be traveling as a team to: _____ for EX. 7 days. While in _____ I will be working alongside the organization, their staff, and other individuals from all over the world to help host local outreach projects, surf/skate contests, feeding the hungry, orphanage outreach and assistance, building/painting projects, and most importantly sharing the Truth of Christ. This is something that I can honestly say I have been praying about and I truly believe that this opportunity is one that I am called to be a part of.

I am writing you to first and foremost ask that you would pray for me, for the organization, and for this upcoming trip that I plan to be a part of. Please pray for our safety, for the leadership, and that God ultimately be lifted up through it all. Second, I would like to ask that you would prayerfully consider supporting me financially with this upcoming trip. As this entire trip is being made possible through fundraisers and donations, every penny that is collected and raised will make a huge difference. My individual cost to be a part of this trip is EX. \$850. I truly believe that if the Lord wants me to be on this trip, he will provide. If you would like to assist donation for the cost of this trip by mail, all checks or money orders can be made payable to: "Ride Nature" and please attach a note specifying who the donation is for. All donations should be mailed to the address listed at the bottom. If you would like to make a donation online that is possible as well. Please visit www.ridenature.com and click the donate link. Any additional funds that are raised above the cost of my trip will be used for the purchase of boards, Bibles, and other outreach materials for the trip. If you are interested in helping to support the organization with this trip, future trips, and their efforts to bring the Truth to children around the world in a new and unique way, please visit their website at www.ridenature.com to read more about their ministry. Thank you so much for taking the time to read this letter and considering supporting me with this upcoming trip. I can't wait to hear from you soon and to share stories and pictures of how God used skateboarding and surfing to make a difference in the lives of children all around the world.

Thanks again and God Bless,