Dear   (name of person you are writing) ,

For the past 5 years Hardin Valley Church of Christ has partnered in a ministry with the Race Course Church of Christ in Oracabessa, Jamaica.  I am proud to be a part of the Hardin Valley Youth group.  Our group has been blessed to have the prayers and support of our home church as they charge us to go and serve the Oracabessa community on a 7-day mission trip.  Our group looks forward to reuniting with the children we have grown to love, and prayerfully await the new faces God will lead our way this summer.   Even though our group is going to serve, we know we will be the ones returning most blessed with our hearts most changed and our daily blessings more appreciated.

Over the past five years, our fellowship of love with our Jamaican church family has deepened to the extent that a Jamaican mother and her daughter traveled to Knoxville and former mission team members were delighted to host them during their stay.  Another moment of rejoicing occurred this spring when one of the Jamaican teenage girls, befriend by Hardin Valley teens on the mission, was baptized into Christ.

During the upcoming mission, we will host a VBS for the Oracabessa community and share the message of our Savior’s love.  We will cultivate a relationship with the children as we make crafts with them and bond through playing various games. It is exciting to look forward to serve the community in different ways the Lord makes available to us.  In the afternoons, we have been asked to assist in repairing their church and school facility, adding a new playground area, and there is always more painting to be done! Our youth minister will be assigning various teams to complete job tasks related to our individual gifts.

I ask for your prayers:

Pray for a safe journey for our team members and me.

Pray that God will direct us to the children that He has selected for us to get to know.

Pray for our hearts to be open to what He wants us to learn.

Pray that He will open our eyes to serving opportunities.

Pray that our faith will grow stronger and our love for Him will deepen.

To participate in this mission effort, there is a cost of $1,200 for each team member.  If you are able, your financial assistance is greatly appreciated. Donations are tax deductible.   Please send any check donations for our trip directly to the Hardin Valley Church of Christ with Jamaica Missions  on the memo line.  PLEASE include a note with my name on it in the included addressed envelope.

Thank you for your time and interest.  Most importantly, we thank you for the prayers on our behalf!  If you would like more information please feel free to call me at (your number goes here) or email me at (your email goes here)

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