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Dear Praying Friends,

As most of you know, we have been in our new building for a few months! We are adjusting well to the new classrooms and auditorium. We even have a teen Sunday school again! One of our church couples is leading the teens. We are working together each month to plan and execute our special teen activities. Soon, we will be going ice skating!

We have also extended our Toddler classes. Previously we only had a dedicated toddler class for Sunday mornings, but now we have one for Sunday nights as well. All the classes work on the same lesson for the week, with different teacher perspectives. I'm sure you all know how short of an attention span a toddler has!

The repetition of the lesson theme is essential at that age!

We look forward to "Children's Day" at the end of the month. This is a special holiday celebrated in many countries around the world. One of our couples who teach the adolescent Sunday school is planning the special activities this year. I'm excited to watch them work with the kids on this special day! I will also be able to prepare for other opportunities with our children's workers taking on more tasks.

One of those opportunities is that I will take a trip to Africa in May-June! I will visit a couple of missionary families in Uganda with a group from my sending church, Worth Baptist Church. I am excited to see the Tony Applegate family and two other missionary families and encourage them in their work. I have never been to Africa and have always wanted to take a mission trip there.

One of the reasons is that I want to be able to pray more effectively for missionaries in different cultures. I love learning about other cultures. Seeing my brothers and sisters in faith in Africa will help me have a passion for them and the lost around them. I also hope to come home with a renewed passion for lost souls. The book of Lamentations tells us that the prophet's eyes affected his heart. In seeing Christians living out their faith in other countries, our eyes will be affected to pray for them in their struggles and challenges, and we can rejoice with them in their victories. In seeing the lost in need of hearing about the great compassion of a loving Jesus who seeks them out, our eyes will be affected to seek them out, as Jesus did, in our own communities.

This is an expensive trip, and if you would like to help me with the \$2,850, I would greatly appreciate it. **If you feel so led to donate, Please make checks payable to Worth Baptist Church and mail them to 4900 Campus Dr., Fort Worth, TX 76119. The memo line on your check should include my name and trip location. Your check will provide Worth Baptist Church with all the necessary information for them to send you a receipt for your tax records after the end of the year.**

In Christ,

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