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“ If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless. Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.” James 1:26-27

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Dear Family and Friends,

I would like to take some time to tell you about my passion and desire to serve God and what He has been doing in my life recently. Since I encountered God in an overwhelming way while in high school, my life has never been the same. I have felt the intense longing to tell everyone about the love of God. While I was in high school I had the opportunity to go on missions trips to North Carolina and Kentucky. Both trips were life changing! Each trip was unique, but I feel like I was able to form relationships with some of the people from both places and share God's love with each person I encountered. But this just wasn't enough!

When I went to college life changed, but my passion for God only grew stronger. While attending college I was able to be a part of a leadership team for Fellowship for Christian Athletes, Young Life, Christian Students Union and Baptist Campus Ministries.

As part of Baptist Campus ministries I was able to travel to Poland for six weeks over a summer. It was in Poland where God really spoke to me about where my life was going. I was feeling very alone because I only traveled with one other person who was merely an acquaintance. I had no family, no friends (other than some Polish students I had met), and not much communication with anyone from back home. I remember God saying to me in my prayer time with Him “How far are you willing to go for me? I remember Him telling me that if I choose to serve him I will feel alone at times because not everyone will understand my hearts desire to serve him in all that I do. After an amazing six weeks in Poland I felt deeply called into missions. Which as some of you may understand it is not easy to explain to people how you go from being a psychology major at a university to giving your life to serve God as a missionary.



Me and some of the children attending English Camp in Poland

A few months before I graduated college I frantically searched for different missions organizations. It was an exhausting project! It seemed that every organization I found there was some small requirement I just didn't meet. I really thought that in order to serve God as a missionary all you needed was a relationship with God and a desire to share the love of God with others. However, God had a plan all along (which of course He did!) and I did not find an organization.

After college I was able to move in with my old youth pastor, his wife, and three children and start "life after college." I was given the opportunity to serve at his church as a youth volunteer which I enjoyed and I found a job working with autistic children at a local school district. I was also blessed to help around the house and help with the children as needed. I have lived with this family for about two years now, and I enjoy every moment of it.



Me and the children I live with- (l to r) Forrest, Leila, Christian

So now that I've caught all of you up on where my life has gone...let me tell you where my life is headed...The family I am currently living with has started a missions organization called Shores of Grace. They will be traveling to Brazil to set the prostitutes free, take the love of God into the favela's (the "bad" parts of town), and serve the church in Brazil. This was such an answer to my prayers from when I was in college, and the amazing plan God had when I was so frustrated looking for a missions organization. When I was originally told by the family I am living with that they would be moving to Brazil, I was excited but disappointed. I thought "Where am I going to go now?" So, I decided to fast and pray. I did this for ten days and received peace about the decision to travel with them to Brazil and serve God there!! :) I will be working closely with many of the children in the favela's,

helping set women free from prostitution, helping to open a school to train Brazilians in ministry and doing whatever God asks me to do while I am there.

We plan on moving to Curitiba, Brazil in August 2010. I will be visiting there in March to start getting more acquainted with the culture. I am currently learning Portuguese with the help of Rosetta Stone. I have sent you this letter not only to update you on where my life is, but I would like you to prayerfully consider supporting me in various ways. The first way you can support me is with your prayers. I, along with the family I live with, will be taking the love of God into the enemy's territory. The second way you can support me is financially donating to the ministry Shores of Grace. I understand that I will not be moving to Brazil until August 2010, however I will need to raise money for my visit in March, and I will have moving expenses along with monthly living expenses once I am there. I know that God provides all my needs and I have full faith he will provide for me while I'm in Brazil. I am so thankful for each and every person who has taken the time to read this letter! If you would like to help support me financially you can write a check out to Shores Of Grace and in the memo line write Marylou/Winnie and address it to

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you can also donate online at our website. If you would like any further information or have any questions about Shores of Grace Ministry you can check out our website online at www.shoresofgrace.com This site also allows an opportunity to donate online. Thank you again for your time, I love each and everyone of you in Christ,

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The youth I worked with in Poland