

**PLEASE NOTE:  
NO MONEY WILL BE REFUNDED TO YOU IF YOU RECEIVE  
MORE THAN THE AMOUNT NEEDED TO GO ON DESIGNATED TRIP.  
ALL CHECKS WRITTEN TO OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH  
ARE LISTED AS A CREDIT ON SAID INDIVIDUALS  
CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT.**

**This letter is for Reference Only: Please do not state or imply you are sponsored by Olive if you are not on an Olive sponsored trip.**

**Sample Support Letter  
(prayer and financial support)**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Olive Baptist is on mission with God, and Pastor Traylor has challenged us to be missionaries. At first I thought this challenge was for people associated with the missions department, but God has changed my heart and shown me that each of us is to be a missionary in Pensacola and around the world.

Three weeks ago I heard about an Olive missions team forming to go to Moscow and conduct a baseball clinic, July 1-10. I feel that God wants me to join this team. Moscow is one of the largest and most strategic cities in the world with 12-14 million inhabitants, yet it remains largely unevangelized. Less than half of 1% of the population is evangelical Christian, and there are more Islamic mosques than there are Baptist churches that own their own buildings.

This missions team will have the blessing of partnering with Russian missionaries who are attempting to start a new church among families. Together, we will conduct a basketball clinic for children and teach them about winning in life. This effort will assist our Russian partners in meeting families and establishing relationships with them. It will also help our partners establish credibility and a positive reputation in their community. From Communist and Orthodox Church propaganda, Baptists in Russia are considered a cult.

Missions is always a team effort. The apostle Paul had his immediate team members and the believers in the churches that prayed for him and that supported him. I am writing to ask you to be one of my team members. First, I ask you to pray for me and for my team. Pray for our Russian partners as they prepare for our arrival and meet with government officials. Pray for the families and the children we will meet in Moscow. Second, I ask you, if you are able, to support this effort financially. Each team member is raising \$2,000 by June 20. Please consider prayerfully how you might be part of this effort to reach Moscow.

I am already anticipating how God will use our team in Moscow and how He will change each of us. May His kingdom come and His will be done in Moscow as it is in heaven.

Following Christ,  
John Robertson  
1 Corinthians 15:58

**INSTRUCTIONS: You should include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with every team building letter you send. For Olive sponsored trips, you should also copy the following sheet and cut it along the dotted lines. Include one instruction slip with each letter. NOTE: Olive cannot collect contributions for non-Olive sponsored trips.**

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**All contributions to Olive Baptist Church missions are non-refundable. To be tax deductible you must:**

- Make checks and money orders payable to Olive Baptist Church. Do not write a project or individual name on the envelope or check, including the memo line.**
- Fill in bottom of this form stating which project and/or individual you are supporting. **DO NOT** attach a note to the check.
- Non-members of Olive Baptist Church giving a single gift over \$250 will receive acknowledgement from the church. Other gifts of smaller amounts will be the responsibility of the individual giver to record for their tax deduction.

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**Please return this form in the stamped, self-addressed envelope—*Thank You!***

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**Team Member's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will join your missions team by praying for you.

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