



### *Merry Christmas from Sunny San Diego!*

This year has been crazy busy but incredibly amazing & rewarding. As part of my responsibilities with YWAM, I am constantly communicating with people from all over the world. Every day I am talking with people in Canada, Mexico, and the USA sharing my passion for student ministry and short-term missions. I am able to ease parents minds about sending their sons and daughters to a foreign nations where their safety is put into question. I am able to convince youth pastors & leaders that their students can make a difference in a life and in doing so, their lives will never be the same. This past year, I was privileged to help churches and youth groups go to so many wonderful countries that included Cost Rica, Dominican Republic, Panama, Cambodia, Mexico

and the United States. Over 900 students and leaders built 25 homes for families in need, provided 9 of those families with furniture for their

played with children of all ages and laughed until their stomachs hurt. I couldn't be prouder. These incredible teenagers will one day rule this world

Thank you so much for allowing me to continue living out the dreams that God placed in my life so many years ago. I can't believe that I have been here for 5 years already. God just keeps reminding me of how awesome it is to serve Him! I am blessed beyond measure and I honestly can't thank you enough for standing by me these 5 years and counting. I am forever grateful for your thoughts, prayers, financial support, cards, emails and love. You guys make it possible for me to be here and I will never be able to thank you but our Heavenly Father sees your heart and is blessing you a hundred fold. Thank you for being obedient and sacrificing so that I can obedient and sacrifice.



**Conferences, Weddings & Mission Adventures:  
Seems like a pattern for my year.**

new homes and worked with thousands of children in orphanages, soup kitchens, neighborhoods and those living in the streets. Our students also served meals to the homeless, talked to strangers about their love and passion for Jesus sharing how they too could have this same relationship with Him. They re-roofed houses, landscaped gardens,

and I am so happy that they will have a worldview and experience in helping those less fortunate. They have looked outside of themselves to do what is right in providing and meeting needs, both spiritual and physical, to those around them. I pray that they will take this experience back with them and continue to impact the communities around them.



# In Appreciation

*Thank you to all who have given financially this past year to help continue the Lord's work here in YWAM San Diego/Baja. Without your sacrifice, I would not be able to continue to live here and serve.*

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Metropolitan Church of God's Missions Board\*  
\*many people give through the Metro Missions Board & that money is distributed to several missionaries. I receive a portion of these donations.

## Plea for Monthly Support



It is never easy to ask for money. As a missionary, I feel it is even harder because I know that there is no way I could ever pay a person back. It is more than just borrowing, some would say it is asking someone to partner with you and help pay your bills. Now that I'm living in San Diego, I feel even more unworthy to ask for support but the truth is, my monthly living expenses have increased significantly and I feel that I need to address the situation head on. I hope that you hear my heart on this issue and know that this is a very difficult topic to discuss.

### Common Misconceptions about Missionaries & Monthly Support:

- 1. Missionaries don't need my monthly support because they can just get a job.** As part of my regular YWAM responsibilities, I actually work about 50-60 hours a week, even more during our Spring & Summer Program months. There are times when I must work on weekends to prepare for arriving teams and occasionally I am on the phone or answering emails in the middle of the night to help solve an issue. Because of this, I would not have time to get a part-time job to help make ends meet.
- 2. Why should I send my hard-earned money to a missionary so that they can pay their bills? (or It is their bills, why do I have to pay for them?)** Sure, when you look at it like this, you should not support a missionary. When you support a missionary, you aren't paying their bills, you are showing them that you support what they are doing and wish you could be there too. Missionaries have a really hard job. They have to sacrifice a lot to do what they do. They leave their homes, family, security and take a GIANT leap of faith to work countless hours pouring into the lives of people who may or may not even understand them and all because God said GO. Being a missionary is very lonely. Missionaries don't expect you to pay their bills but they need to know that there are people out there who respect them and honor what they are doing. Read Luke 10:1-24.
- 3. I don't have any money so I can't support a missionary anyways.** Many of us like to have a cup of coffee (or 4) every day and many of us like to get that coffee from places like Starbucks. We eat out for dinner or grab a quick lunch at the drive-thru of McDonald's or Taco Bell. What if, we decided to skip that coffee or that meal out once a week and gave the money we saved to a Missionary instead. That could add up to \$20 a month. The amount doesn't matter, it is the heart behind the giving that does. Read Mark 12:44-47. It wasn't about the amount, it was about the giving.

Here is what I am asking. Please pray and ask God if He wants you to partner with me in my ministry. When God called me to move to San Diego last year, my living expenses quadrupled but my monthly support stayed the same. I currently have \$475 in monthly support but need \$800 each month. I am looking for several people to join me monthly. God has always provided what I need. **Will you be one of the ways He provides each month in 2012?**

## My GO Team:

A member of my GO Team is committed to participate in the following ways:

**Emotional Support:** This is sending me encouraging words through letters, packages, emails, etc.

**Spiritual Support:** This is praying for me on a regular basis; pick a day of the week or a specific hour each day.

**Physical Support:** Come, visit, and work alongside of me in the cities of San Diego, Ensenada or Tijuana.

**Financial Support:** I can't live here without your financial support. I am able to pour out and bless others because people pour into me and bless.

Want more details on why these things are important or what they mean for me personally? Check out my GO Team page on my website ([sherilbrasher.info/join-my-go-team.html](http://sherilbrasher.info/join-my-go-team.html)).

## Ways To Help:

- 1. Pray and ASK** the Lord (not your wallet) how much and how often.
- Give **ONLINE** by visiting [ywamsdb.org](http://ywamsdb.org) & click the **DONATIONS & PAYMENTS** link above the picture. Fill out the appropriate form marking the donation as **STAFF SUPPORT**. Make sure to type **SHERIL BRASHER** in the box provided. (Our finance department can set up auto-deduct for you if requested).
- Send a **check** made out to YWAM San Diego/Baja to the address listed below. Attach a note that says **SUPPORT FOR SHERIL BRASHER**.

**YWAM San Diego/Baja**  
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- 4. Follow** my adventure on any of the following:
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  - [c. sherilbrasher.info](http://sherilbrasher.info)