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Dear Friends and Family,

I hope you've been having an amazing start to your New Year! I'm starting 2018 with some fundraising efforts and I want to ask you for your help.

Some of you may recall that I traveled to Guadalajara, Mexico in May 2016 for a mission trip with a group from my church. Well, this coming May, another group is returning to Guadalajara and I will be joining them once again for a week-long trip.

The areas we will be reaching in Guadalajara are severely impoverished. Our goal is to bring the children and people of Guadalajara some much needed love, support, and supplies, and remind them that they are not alone. During our week there, we will have daily programs at parks and other public places where we will have the opportunity to spend time with children and their families, and teach them about the love of God. We will also be helping in the construction of a new church, which is a huge undertaking, but one that we are excited about.

As you can imagine, a trip of this nature, which requires a lot of supplies, resources and manpower, requires a lot of funding. That's why I've committed myself to raising \$1,200 – only a small portion of the overall fundraising goal for the entire Mexico team.

If you find it in your heart to help me reach my goal, you can do so by contributing any amount of money – no amount is too small and every dollar counts! The best part about your donation is that once you help me reach \$600, my employer, Taylor Financial Group, has agreed to match that first \$600 dollar for dollar. I am so grateful that I work in a place that is as passionate about giving back as I am, and supports me in my volunteer and fundraising efforts.

You can make a donation by **writing a check made payable to Calvary Temple International and mailing the check directly to me at my home address – 168 Waterside Drive, Bldg. 6, Little Ferry, NJ 07643, or my work address – c/o Taylor Financial Group, 795 Franklin Avenue, Bldg. C, Suite 202, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417. You can also give me the check in person, if that is more convenient.**

We will also be holding several fundraising events throughout the next few months that I will let you know about, so that you can participate, if you're able.

I thank you in advance for your support – it means so much to me! And I look forward to sharing my experience with you when I return from the trip.

Gratefully,
Mel