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Dear Friend,

Everyday, seven-year-old Erika wakes up, walks to school, and walks home. When her family needs groceries, they walk to a corner store or take a bus to a larger grocery store. On weekends and school breaks, Erika stays home with her siblings. Erika and her family have never been on a vacation. Not only will Erika not have the opportunity to experience international travel, she will probably not have the opportunity to travel outside of Tennessee, leave Memphis, or even go many blocks outside of her neighborhood. Hopefully with her family's commitment to her education, she will one day attend college and her life situation will change so that she can travel and experience the world beyond her apartment community. However, because of her current circumstances outside of her control, Erika's worldview is of just a few square miles around her home and school.

This March during Spring Break, thousands of Memphis children like Erika will not get to travel to another country or to the sandy beaches of Florida or even to a campground outside of the city. These underserved children will remain in their homes during Spring Break, only dreaming of vacations to faraway places.

That is why Neighborhood Christian Centers, Inc. (NCC) created the **Spring Jam** event 10 years ago to reward these deserving children for their hard work in school. Through **Spring Jam**, NCC strives to give impoverished Memphis children a fun-filled "vacation" to reward them while enriching their education and opening their minds to the world around them.

For **Spring Jam** 2015, NCC will celebrate the 10th Anniversary by taking over **1,500 Memphis children** "Around the World" to the countries honored over the past nine years that include: Mexico, Brazil, China, Italy, Australia, Egypt, Greece, Japan, and France. On **Thursday, March 12th**, **Friday, March 13th**, and **Saturday, March 14th**, NCC's gymnasium will be transformed into cities from each of the nine countries.

Students will be greeted by "tour guides" who will guide them through the process of taking a trip around the world. The children will begin by going to the Post Office and bank where they will take their passport photos and receive foreign currency. Then, they will proceed to a nurse's station where they will receive health information regarding traveling out of the country. Next, they will board a simulated airplane and begin their "flight" around the world. When they arrive, they will be greeted at the welcome center before they venture into the nine countries. Each country will have its own market, restaurant, school, and special highlight. Throughout their "vacation" the children will learn about the history and cultures and collect souvenirs. For an authentic dining experience, they will enjoy the local cuisine. Finally, no vacation would be complete without pictures! Students will have a souvenir photograph taken to remember this vacation forever!

Although, **Spring Jam** is offered to reward these students for their hard work, NCC believes it is vital to open up their minds to the world around them and enrich their learning. NCC's service to these young people does not end with **Spring Jam**.



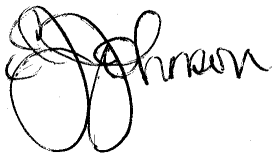
We will work to continue serving each child through year-round programs including: TRUTH Seekers Bible Club, educational summer camps, financial literacy, after school enrichment, recreation, college and career programs, mentoring, and much more.

Spring Jam would not be possible without the hard work of hundreds of volunteers and the generosity of donors like you who we depend on to partner with NCC to sponsor this special event for hundreds of deserving children. **There are so many ways you can be a part of Spring Jam 2015.** Below are ways that **your contribution can support this program that is impacting the lives of over 1,500 Memphis youth like Erika:**

- Spring Jam Around the World Presenting Sponsor **(\$5,000)**
- Food from the Nations Sponsor **(\$1,500)**
- Souvenir Shop Sponsor **(\$850)**
- Host a Nation **(\$500)**
- Photo Booth Sponsor **(\$500)**
- Sponsor a School **(\$400)**
- Airport and Airplane Attraction Sponsor **(\$300)**
- Bank & Currency Exchange Attraction Sponsor **(\$250)**
- Post Office & Passport Attraction Sponsor **(\$200)**
- Nurse's Station Attraction Sponsor **(\$200)**
- Customs Attraction Sponsor **(\$200)**
- Classroom Sponsor - 20 Students **(\$100)**
- Half Classroom Sponsor- 10 Students **(\$50)**
- I would like to sponsor _____ students at **\$5** each with a total donation of \$_____.

Thank you for your continued prayers and partnership in this ministry as we strive to positively impact the lives of hundreds of Memphis children and their families.

All For His Name Sake,



Ephie Johnson

P.S. Your donations are greatly needed to support our youth programs! Regardless of when your gift is received (before or after the event), your donation will directly support our youth educational and empowerment programs- including Spring Jam! We still have a significant need for Spring Jam volunteers! Contact Pamela Cox at (pcox@ncclife.org or 901.881.6013) if you are interested! There are many dates and times you can help.