

Shining Light

sharing the message of Jesus

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Dear

I have recently begun participating in the outreach ministry group Shining Light. I would like to share what the group is about and ask you to consider how you might be able to help me in this effort!

Since the end of August we have been meeting regularly on Sunday evenings from 6 to 9 pm. During this time we have a Bible-based teaching, small group discussion time, worship, and rehearsal. We are rehearsing music, choreography and dramas for our outreach program, which we will begin presenting in October.

Through our **regional presentation season**, from October through May, we will be offering 14 outreach presentations for people in prisons, homeless shelters, rehabilitation facilities, schools, and the general public. We expect to see **2,500-3,500 people in challenging situations** in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York during this time. In June, 2010 we will be doing a **9-day tour** where we will do ministry in similar kinds of places daily. While plans are still being finalized, we are hoping to go to California, where we already have a number of youth detention facilities tentatively scheduled.

Our program presents real-life, challenging situations that many people face today and presents how Jesus' message offers hope and answers. **We use drama, music, choreography, and video to lead up to a challenge for people in our audiences to seek Jesus.** In the past, the group has had many hardened, skeptical audiences listen to the message and later write to us how our presentation really got them thinking and checking out Christianity. Others have made first time commitments to Jesus. And, many people who already called themselves Christians have walked away newly inspired!

There are approximately 57 high school and college age students participating in Shining Light this year along with 15 staff that coordinate and support the group. **We each have committed to dedicating nearly 300 hours of our time to this effort!** Traveling with a group this size and the equipment needed to present our program in prisons, shelters, and other places is a major effort. The cost for us to carry out our plans this season is nearly \$3,000 per person.

I am working in various ways to raise this amount so that we can reach all we are called to reach with the message of hope and love of Jesus Christ. **I would greatly appreciate any contributions you could make to help!** Contributions can be made directly to Shining Light Ministries, 452 Ebenezer Road, Lebanon, PA 17046. Make checks payable to Shining Light and please put a note with the check designating the contribution for my account.

Thank you for your assistance! I have enclosed a list of places where we are doing ministry and opportunities for you to attend a presentation. For more information or to keep up-to-date with our ministry, visit **www.shining-light.com**. Please come to one of our public presentations! Thanks again.

In His Service,