



Dear

I have recently begun participating in 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! **Shining Light is a youth leadership and discipleship development organization where we develop a supporting, encouraging community of peers that serve together.**

Since the beginning of September we have been meeting weekly on Sunday afternoons from 2 to 5 pm. During this time we have a Bible-based teaching, small group discussion time, worship, and rehearsal for our outreach presentations. We rehearse music, choreography and dramas for our program, which we begin presenting in October.

Through our **regional presentation season**, from October through May, we will be offering about 14 outreach presentations for people in correctional facilities, rehabilitation centers, shelters, schools, and the general public. We expect to see **2,500-3,500 people in or from correctional facilities, rehab centers, and shelters** 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. On that tour we will be offering presentations in youth and possibly adult correctional facilities in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, and Connecticut. These events are not only outreaches to people in challenging situations, but perspective expanding opportunities for our members. Shining Light has unique opportunities to go into places that no other youth program in the US visits. We will meet people from major gangs in cities, men & women in rehab, and others with very diverse backgrounds. We will also meet Christian leaders, often in secular facilities, who work in these facilities.

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. At one youth correctional facility near West Chester, PA last year, over 40 young men made commitments to Christ the week after our presentation! And, many people who already called themselves Christians have walked away newly inspired.

There are approximately 70 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 275 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 \$2,500 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**

contribution you could make to help! Contributions can be made directly to Shining Light Ministries, 452 Ebenezer Road, Lebanon, PA 17046. Shining Light is a PA 501(c)3 non-profit organization. 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,