

Hello family and friends! I hope you are having a splendid 2024 so far!

I have the amazing opportunity to go on two mission trips with my church, Vista Grande Baptist, this year. I am reaching out to ask for money to help with the cost of these adventures. If you choose to donate, I would love to send you a handmade bracelet. And I would appreciate it if when you see this bracelet, you would pray for me and the people we encounter.

More about the trips!!

Trip number one: my dad and I will drive to Juarez, Mexico over spring break (March 24-31) with a group of about 20 people, ages middle and older. During our 4 full days there we will be building a home for a family in need. As well as ministering to the community, like going to local parks to fellowship and get to know the community, and a VBS for the local children one of the days. *Romans 10:15 says "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"* Being the hands and feet of Jesus means meeting the physical needs of the people and the spiritual needs, and that is what we are doing while creating an earthly shelter for this family and preaching the eternal shelter we have in Christ Jesus. My cost for this trip is \$410. We are teaming up with the program Casas Por Cristo, if you would like more information here is the link: <https://casasporcristo.org/>

Trip number two: June 14-24, I will be flying to Killarney, Ireland with the high school choir from my church. In this village, there is a church that has partnered with Vista Grande for years. Because the village is predominately Catholic, the Christian church has found unique ways to spread the gospel, such as hiking groups, and choir/handbell tours. We will be performing concerts at the church throughout our 10 days there and plan to give to the community in tangible ways. At the same time, exploring God's creation and learning about the culture and history of Ireland. *Psalms 9:2 says "I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High."* Music is something I have always enjoyed, and I think it is so beautiful that I get to go and sing for these strangers to bring some light. The cost of this trip is \$2,500.

Along with your contribution, I am working hard to earn my goal of \$2,910. As of right now, I have \$270 in my student account at church, the money in this account comes from serving at certain events and can be used for church trips. My biggest personal funding has come from babysitting, I have made \$505 and will continue to work hard while keeping school and family a priority.

The impact that God has made on me through this church is beyond words, and I ultimately want to share that love with others so they might experience this joy. I am so thankful for these opportunities and feel privileged to be a part of kingdom growth through these trips and be the hands and feet of Christ. God is so good, and I know that he will supply.

Do not feel pressured to give financially, anything does help, but most of all, I ask for your prayers. I appreciate you taking the time to read this!

WAYS TO GIVE:

- For the “old school”: check in the mail. My address is 7960 Irish Drive, Colorado Springs, Co. 80951
- For the “tax-hating millennial”: check sent to Vista Grande Baptist Church, with *MY NAME* in the memo. Church address: 5680 Stetson Hills Blvd, Colorado Springs, CO 80917  
OR <https://vgbc.elvanto.net/form/eb8b38c9-0473-4723-9e9d-87ccb119b327> to pay online directly to my Ireland invoice.
- For the “hip”: my Venmo is @Riley-Sevier

*“ Now to him who is able to do above and beyond what we could ask or think according to the power that works in us to Him be the power and the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus, to all generations, forever and ever. Amen .” Ephesians 3:20*

With love,  
Riley Sevier