

Dear Friends,

I am writing to invite you to become a partner with me as I prepare for my missionary journey to North Africa. Last spring, I came to many of you explaining my desire to serve the Lord with my gifts and passions in the outdoors. By the grace of God and the partnership and support of many friends, I was able to spend this summer working with Solid Rock Outdoor Ministries ([www.SROM.org](http://www.SROM.org)) as a backpacking instructor. It was a great time of growth and learning and through my experiences the Lord has confirmed a calling for me to minister to people in the outdoors.



Now that the summer backpacking season is over in Wyoming, I am frequently asked the question “what's next?” After much prayer and consideration, I have felt led to travel to North Africa where I will be able to use my training as an outdoor guide in the context of frontier missions with Map's Edge Ministries. Map's Edge ministries operates a professional trekking company and has a mission to bring Christ to the unreached Berber people of the Atlas Mountains. My plan is to spend the months of January to May working as a full time intern with Map's Edge Ministries. After this initial term, I will have the option of extending my stay with Maps Edge. My time in North Africa will be spent preparing for and leading mountain treks, engaging in evangelism and discipleship with local people, and a rigorous education in the local Arabic dialect. I believe this next step will be a challenging time of growth that will further combine my skills and passions for the sake of Christ.

In order to reach North Africa, I will need help. First of all, I need prayer. Scripture shows us how essential it is for the Church to pray for each other as we labor together. I am so thankful for all of those who have been praying for me during my time in Wyoming. Second, I need financial support as the internship program is an unpaid position. My financial needs include monthly expenses such as the cost of travel, room and board, and insurance. I will also have one-time expenses such as special trekking and mountaineering gear, plane tickets, and additional expenses that will arise during my time overseas. Altogether, the accumulated total amounts to over \$8000. A more detailed look at each expense can be found in my budget sheet (found on page 3 of this document). I am certain that with God's provision and enough help, this figure is a very attainable goal.

If you have received this email, it is because you are either family, a close friend, or have expressed interest. If I have not already spoken with you in person or over the phone about this next step, I hope that we can connect in a more personal way within the next month. If you are interested in supporting me financially, instructions for how to electronically donate are included on page 2 of this letter. If you would like to support me through prayer or would like to learn more about my journey, please contact me over the phone or through email. I believe the people of North Africa deserve to hear about Jesus Christ and I am excited to invite you into partnership with me as we spread the Word to the unreached!

Thank you!

In Christ,  
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In the “Note” section of the payment form, indicate that you want your donation to go to “Nick Koinis for North Africa.”

Truth Point Church will then allocate the funds to my account on a regular basis for the sole purpose of funding my preparations and living situation in North Africa. By using this online vehicle of donation, your gift is tax free and I receive an increased level of accountability.

Again, thank you so much for your help!

Please take a moment to inspect my budget. I have broken it down into Monthly and One-Time Expenses for the five-months I will be spending in North Africa. The Total Sum is calculated at the bottom of the spreadsheet.

Monthly Expenses		One Time Expenses	
Rent	\$200.00	Flight to Morocco	\$1,000.00
Utilities	\$20.00	Flight to U.S.A.	\$1,000.00
Groceries	\$200.00	Boots	\$450.00
Add. Home Expenses	\$30.00	Misc. Gear	\$700.00
Med. Insurance	\$70.00	Sum =	\$3150
Visa Trips	\$135.00		
Arabic School	\$340.00		
Misc.	\$0.00		
Sum =	\$995.00		
Sum x 5	\$4,975.00		
Total Sum =	\$8,125.00		