

Dear Friends & Family:

**I have some exciting news to share!** I will be traveling to **Israel** and **Egypt** in April 2012 as part of my educational experience at Biblical Seminary! I am extremely excited about this! This trip is called an **IME** (Intercultural Ministry Experience) and is an integral part of my education at Biblical. **From April 15<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup>** my team will travel all over Israel seeing Nazareth, Bethlehem, and Jerusalem; then, we will go to Egypt to see Mt. Sinai, Cairo, and the Red Sea. It will be an amazing time!

I am studying at Biblical Seminary in order to receive my Masters of Divinity. I currently work at Covenant Church in Doylestown as the Director of Children's Ministries. So, the education I am receiving is being applied in very practical ways already! I have one more year left at Biblical and part of the MDiv program is to go to a foreign country to get hands-on missional education and experience; it is a unique opportunity for us to walk where Jesus walked and explore the land in the Near East so that the text in the Bible will come to life in a whole new way!

I would love it if you could partner with me in this. I would love for you to pray for me in the following ways. Pray that...

- I would gain a greater knowledge of the land and people in the Near East so that the Bible would come alive in a whole new way.
- I would meet new people – people who are fellow believers in Jesus Christ so that I can encourage and bless them as well as meet people who are not so that I could point them to Christ in small ways.
- I would grow more deeply in love with God – Father, Son, and Spirit – by seeing Him more clearly through this experience.

In addition to these prayers, it was encouraged by our leader to ask others to support this trip financially. I know that this could be a hardship for some of you – but I wanted to ask you if you would be willing to consider donating to the cost of this trip. It will cost **\$4000**. If you feel led, you can send donations to the following organization:

Franconia Mennonite Conference  
569 Yoder Road  
Harleysville, PA 19438

*Make a note that the money is being designated for Biblical's trip to Israel.*

It's encouraged for you to pay through the Franconia Conference website. Here's how:

Just go to <http://franconiaconference.org> then follow these steps:

- Place your cursor on **MISSION** in the upper right corner of the webpage
- Go down to **Stewardship/Finance** and click
- Click on **Opportunities to Invest** (4<sup>th</sup> tab under **Stewardship Resources**)
- Scroll down to **Via Projects** and click on **DONATE**
- Once there, you can fill out the amount you wish to donate and the type of credit/bank card you wish to use.

**After going through these steps, there will be a field that you can opt to type a memo. Please type my name in that space so I get the donation credited to my account.**

**Thank you for praying for me** as I prepare to go on this trip. Also, thank you for praying and considering if you should contribute to this trip. It is very humbling for me to ask for this money; however, I do know that the Lord delights when the Body of Christ comes together for purposes such as these. So, I trust that He will do the good work in providing me the necessary funds.

**I can't wait to share with you all that the Lord does on this trip ~ it will be awesome!**

**Blessings...**

**Andrew Poe**