



# GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP TRAVEL

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_

Yearly since 1997, Mercer Island High School has sent student delegations to Vietnam and Cambodia for International Friendship Exchange, Humanitarian Aid, and Cultural Enrichment; the 11-day trip takes place over the 2012 Mid-Winter long weekend. These student ambassadors will represent Washington State in Vietnam, with visits to Ho Chi Minh City, Da Nang, Hoi An, and Hanoi. This year, for the fifth time, travelers will also visit Cambodia, including Siem Riep (Angkor Wat), and Phnom Penh. Global Citizenship Travel, a non-profit association, has organized and run trips for the last 5 years; because they are recognized by the United States Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service as a 501c3 non-profit association, they will send tax deduction letters that make your donations deductible.

I am excited to participate in this amazing trip to Vietnam and Cambodia, and especially look forward to working in the Da Nang Street Orphanages, which is the main purpose of the trip. We support five orphanages by bringing them educational supplies, toys and clothes, while also making a large cash donation to cover much of their yearly costs of electricity and food.

The trip is scheduled for February 17 through February 27, 2012. Each trip highlights typically include: a stay in Ho Chi Minh City with guided tours (Thanh Da Binh Quoi Tourist Village, Former Presidential Palace, Cathedral & Post Office, etc.), a visit to the Cu Chi Tunnels, a visit to two or three of the five street orphanages we support, a Boat Ride on the Perfume River, a stop at China Beach, a stay in Hanoi with guided tours, including a visit to Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum, a trip to see the American POW prison (the "Hanoi Hilton"), and a stop at the Temple of Literature and Fine Arts Museum, etc). Several days in Cambodia, highlighted by a trip to Ankor Wat, and a visit to one of the killing fields will be amazing. Each student will experience cultural similarities and differences, global citizenship, Western influence in Southeast Asia, and learn the history of Vietnam and Cambodia.

The cost for the trip is inclusive (hotels, airfare, meals, tours, a delegation uniform and duffel bag, etc). The responsibility for raising money is up to each student and their parents. However, most students receive help with the cost of the trip from outside sponsors when traveling with Global Citizenship Travel.

If you would like to help, I would really appreciate it. Contributions should be mailed to me or to Mercer Island High School, with a memo line that includes my name and MIHS Vietnam Trip, and made out to Mercer Island High School. If sending my mail, please write "Attention: Curtis Johnston" on the envelope, as he is the trip leader in charge of making payments. All donors will receive a letter from Global Citizenship with their EIN number and the amount of your donation. The high school address is: 9100 SE 42<sup>nd</sup> Street Mercer Island, WA 98040.

If you would like to donate, please mark the amount below:

\_\_\_\$3895 \_\_\_\$1000 \_\_\_\$750 \_\_\_\$500 \_\_\_\$200 \_\_\_\$100 \_\_\_\$50 \_\_\_\$25 \_\_\_\$10

Your financial assistance is greatly appreciated. Thank-you!