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Dear Prospective Nicaragua 2009 Team Member,

We are so excited that you are interested in the opportunity to visit Nicaragua as part of the CATALYST team. It is thrilling to be able to assist Chosen Children in central Nicaragua. Our prayer is that through this experience you will grow in your understanding of the missional heart of God and what He is doing around the world as well as how we can each be part of His plan.

If you haven't already read the brochure about the trip you should get a copy. It will provide details and answer many of the questions that you may have concerning the trip. It can be found online at [www.catalystmissions.org/pdf/Catalyst\\_NIC\\_09\\_Brochure\\_Web.pdf](http://www.catalystmissions.org/pdf/Catalyst_NIC_09_Brochure_Web.pdf).

Following are some of the initial forms that will need to be completed as you begin the application process. (We have compiled these forms into one pdf, however if you prefer to download them separately they can be found at [www.catalystmissions.org/downloads.php](http://www.catalystmissions.org/downloads.php).) Once these forms are received and reviewed you will be contacted concerning your status on the team. These initial forms are:

- CATALYST Application for Team Member (to be completed and returned to your CATALYST contact or mailed to the CATALYST office in Martin, TN)
- CATALYST Confidential Reference Form (you will need to print two copies of this two page form)
  - One copy needs to be completed by your pastor, youth leader, or mentor and mailed directly to CATALYST
  - Another should be completed by a close friend and mailed directly to CATALYST
- CATALYST General Mission Trip Project Release (to be completed in the presence of a Notary and mailed back to the CATALYST office in Martin, TN once your applications is received and approved)
- Chosen Children Application (to be completed and returned to your CATALYST contact or mailed to the CATALYST office in Martin, TN)

CATALYST is a channel through which you can serve others. You will have opportunities lay down yourself to assist others in ways that may even be uncomfortable. If you are willing, God will change you in ways that will reshape the rest of your life. This is what we are praying will happen for you. However, you need to be confident that He is calling you to be part of this trip. After that, we will be available every step of the way to assist in the details.

If you have any questions during the course of this process do not hesitate to contact me or the CATALYST representative that you are communicating with.

Sincerely,

Andrew Brown