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Dear Brethren:

I have wanted this call to serve a full time mission for as long as I can remember. As a young child, though my parents were not active at that time, if I knew that a Returning Missionary was to give his report, I was at Sacrament Meeting. That goal continued with me through the years. Prior to my 19th Birthday, my brother (18 months older), who had never wanted to go on a mission, and had became inactive, reversed his life and asked to serve. My Father (not active) would not support him. My Mother felt she could come up with 1/4 of the money, the Elders Quorum would donate 1/4 more, and I (having a good job after school) offered the rest. When I turned 19, there wasn’t enough money for the two of us, so I stayed home and fell in love with a wonderful girl and got married. I have never regretted getting married, but have always regretted having not served a full time mission. We have had all four of our sons serve full time missions and as of the 20th of February 2003, all six of our children will have married in the Temple. I now am excited to have things work out so that I and my Eternal Companion may serve the Lord as Full Time Missionaries.

My 2nd son, who is in the medical profession and is concerned for our health and safety, told me that I had not disclosed my complete medical history. I promised him that I would include an explanation in my Acceptance Letter. Approximately 15 years ago, I had a Strep Infection go through out my body. After being treated by a Physician and released, pain began returning to my feet. It continued until I returned to the Doctor. When he couldn’t find a problem, I went to another and another because the pain was getting continuously worse. The 4th Doctor, after running every test he could think of doing, said that he did not know what I had. He felt that I would continue to get worse and that at the rate the pain was increasing, within three months I would be in a wheelchair for the rest of my life. My Father-in-law took me to a Nutritionist and we found that I could control the pain through Diet. I can not drink milk, eat foods with sugar added to it, and eat very little red meat, but can eat chicken and fish. I drink whey as a substitute for milk, and take mainly two food supplements as well as a multivitamin. These items I can take with me. For over five years, I have been mainly pain free and have worked in the construction field of labor doing all the trades. I do not feel that this problem will, in any way, interfere with my service to the Lord, but want to be totally up front with you.

My Father In Heaven has so richly blessed my life in every way. Not only am I excited for this opportunity to experience a mission, but want to serve My Lord, that I might be found worthy of His Eternal Blessings. “I Will Go Where You Want Me To Go”.