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Subject: Trial date conflict

TO: Jack Campbell, ASA
FROM: Don Odham
DATE: 3/28/2012
RE: D. Thomas trial date

Yesterday upon returning from out of the country, I learned in a voicemail this trial has changed from April to June. For me to be available for a trial in June would create a financial hardship for me and my family.

The airline tickets are approximately \$1000.00 per person from Jacksonville. To change the date and locate another house to accommodate everyone cost \$3,400 per week. The financial hardship is only one half of the problem the other half would be several members of the travel party have confirmed it would be impossible for them to change their vacation dates.

In June 2012, beginning on Thursday, June 7 thru Friday, June 22 my wife and I along with with my son, Dustin and his wife, other family members and friends have confirmed airline and accommodations reservation in the Bahamas.

As you can imagine to schedule six families from across the country to meet on a secluded island in the Bahamas required months of coordinating everyones work and vacation time. We began planning this trip last year, everyone is excited and looking forward to our time together. Several members in the travel party are educators and only have a brief window of opportunity for a vacation. We are gathering to celebrate my son's recent wedding where I performed, as Pastor, the ceremony last year in St. Louis.

The travel from Tallahassee requires traveling to Jacksonville the night prior to the flight, board the flight for the Bahamas early the next morning, land in Treasure Cay, catch a taxi to the ferry dock, catch a ferry to Green Turtle and have a taxi pick us up and take us to our accommodations. The travel requires almost two full days travel each way.

Last year this trip, approximately the same time period, was scheduled and had to be cancelled due to a Hurricane. So we had one year to use the airline tickets and other vacations excursions purchased for the initial trip or the tickets would be void. So we reschedule within the time required.

Thus, I would respectfully request the trial date would be rescheduled based on the financial hardship and the negative impact on my family's limited available time to come together for fellowship.

Please let me know as soon as possible about a new trial date. Beginning in May I am scheduled to assume the role as President of a International Missionary organization with 74 missionaries in 20 countries. My travel schedule out of the country will be extensive. I received a call last night requesting me to travel to Columbia the last week of June for a missionary trip. But I have advised until a trial date is confirmed I could not make a commitment.