

Fund raisers for short-term trips

Building financial support through the mail

As with any mission effort, there will no doubt be many in your group who will need to raise support to come. This is something that is often looked upon with as much excitement as having six root canals. But fund raising doesn't have to be viewed as a chore. Instead, it gives others an opportunity to be involved in the Mission that you are going on. Many of these people can't go on a Mission trip themselves, but can help you to go. Give them that chance.

Some in your group will feel that they cannot ask anyone to help them go. Be very careful here. This situation may be caused by pride. Satan may be using this as a means to stop you from going with the message of the Gospel. He will do anything to keep you from taking the saving message. If he can stop you before you even go, then he wins in several ways. He stops you from taking the message, and stops those you would have taught before they even hear the message. Don't let this happen because you are embarrassed to ask for help. Remember, you are not asking for help for yourself, but for help in taking the message of Jesus to the lost.

On the average, funding can be raised through well-written letters sent to about 75 people who know you: family members and friends. Someone once told me that they didn't understand why they had gotten such a small response. I asked them how many letters they sent out and they replied by saying, "I sent 6 letters, but each person I sent them to could have sent me the entire amount I need." I turned to someone else in the group who had already raised her support and asked her how many letters she sent out. Her reply was 116!

The point here is this, SEND LETTERS TO EVERYONE YOU KNOW. Don't just send to a few people who you know have money. Send it to everyone. And don't make the mistake of not sending the letters to people who you know are already involved in other projects. They are the ones with mission hearts! They are more likely than anyone to help you in your efforts for the Master. And as you send the letters, pray, pray, and pray. Ask for God's blessing on your efforts, and ask for God's peace. He will bless you beyond belief.

You should include a self addressed return envelope with a commitment card.

After the letters are sent, you need to personally call and email your potential partners and ask them if they have chosen a commitment level.

Below is a sample letter:

Attach a photograph of yourself here, along with some random photos from the Dominican Republic.

Date

To whom it may concern,

Greetings,

An opportunity from my church to serve on a short term mission trip to Dominican Republic has opened to me. I would like to join the team on this trip. The needs in the Dominican Republic are very great. Poverty, crime, lack of education, teen pregnancy and spiritual needs are abundant. We want to bring hope to these people through the love of Jesus Christ.

The objectives for the trip will be as follows:

- Share the Good News of Jesus Christ
- Minister in a local Orphanage
- Conduct Vacation Bible School
- Singing, Teaching
- Youth Mentorship

I would like to go, but I need your help! Would you pray about joining my “Support Team” and send me to help these very needy people? I need to raise at least \$1695 to cover my expenses, travel, transportation and meals. Please join me in prayer that God would provide my funding to join this mission trip. No amount is too small.

Please make out your checks to: (Local Church) and turn in to_____.

Thank you again for your prayers and support. I will bring back Good News upon my return.

Sincerely,

Sally Smith

Contribution Card for: Sally Smith

Yes, I/we will pray for you and by faith commit the following investment in order to spread the Gospel and see lives eternally changed.

- \$25
- \$50
- \$75
- \$100
- Other \$_____.
- I cannot give today, but I will faithfully pray for your safety and for the Dominican People.

Printed Name of Giver: _____

Please make checks payable to: **“The Name of your church”**
(All contributions are: Tax-deductible)

Please return your support and commitment cards by May 1st, so we can purchase our plane tickets and prepare to Go!

Thank you so much!

Sally Smith