

SUPPORT RAISING - A BLESSING?

Many people already have been blessed by the Lord with the resources needed for a mission trip. If God has not already given you the resources for the trip, He may desire to do some “faith building” in your life by having you raise some or all the funds. Although this is not something to be taken lightly, you can have a lot of fun mixed in with all the hard work.

Here are some suggestions to help you get started.

- STEP 1 PRAY. Express your total dependence on our Lord. Enlist others to pray with you.
- STEP 2 BEGIN WITH YOUR HOME CHURCH. Talk to your pastor or missions committee about how your church can help.
- STEP 3 MAKE A LIST OF PROSPECTS. Pray for ideas and list everyone who comes to mind. Include church friends, relatives, neighbors, school mates, club and civic contacts, Christmas card list. How about your doctor, lawyer, dentist? Do not leave people off your list, because you think they will not or can not support you. God may have other plans.
- STEP 4 RECORD AND PRIORITIZE YOUR PROSPECTS.
- STEP 5 MAIL LETTER & SUPPORT CARDS. See samples on the following pages.
- STEP 6 MAKE FOLLOW-UP CONTACTS. In person is best, by phone is next best.
- STEP 7 KEEP TRACK. As you receive gifts, have a simple way to keep track.
- STEP 8 SEND FUNDING TO YOUR LOCAL CHURCH.
- STEP 9 SEND THANK YOU NOTES TO SUPPORTERS.
- STEP 10 SERVE GOD ON THE MISSION TRIP.
- STEP 11 SAY THANK YOU AGAIN AS YOU REPORT THE RESULTS TO YOUR SUPPORTERS.

SAMPLE LETTER

January 1, 2016

Dear _____;

[Personal 1st Paragraph]

God has opened the door for me to go on a short-term mission trip to Honduras with (your church name). We will be partnering with 61 Isaiah Ministries and local village churches. I will be teamed up with other Christians there as we

_____.

Your help is needed! This is a team project, and you are needed on the team. First, we need your prayers for the spiritual battles ahead. Second, your help is needed to help cover part of the cost for this trip.

The total cost is _____. Please consider investing \$_____ or \$_____ in this project.

If you would like to join us in this, please make your check payable to “Your Church” and return it to me in the enclosed envelope. The church then will send you a tax receipt.

You are very important to me. Thank you for praying about being part of our team.

Sincerely,

John Doe