

Raising Funds for Mission Trips Guide

“And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:19

Strategy for Raising Funds

- Attempts for raising funds for a mission trip should be grounded in prayer.
- Let your daily prayer times be permeated with the sense that you are looking primarily to the Lord to provide your finances.

Policies and Procedures for Raising Funds

- DO NOT simply send out a mass mailing to the church family. Make a list of people in your life you know and with whom you can share your need.
Ideas for contacts might include family, friends, coworkers, neighbors, and people from churches you previously attended.
- Contact the people on your list and share the details of your trip and your need for support. This can be done either in person or with a letter.
- Donations should be sent to Franklin Heights Baptist Church and checks made out to the church. Cash donations can be placed in an envelope with the donor’s name and address on the front, along with the name of the recipient and the trip destination.
- Make sure donors designate that the funds are for your trip.
- If more funds than the cost of the trip are received, they will be designated to the mission trip itself.

IMPORTANT: *Be sure not to focus only on the financial need. Let people know what you will be doing while on the trip and give them a prayer list so they will know how they can pray for you.*

Things to Remember When Raising Funds

- To prevent class members from feeling the obligation to contribute, individuals should not ask their Connect Groups (Sunday Classes or small groups) as a whole for funds. It is, however, acceptable for an individual to make their need known—for example, as a prayer request—and if class members want to give, they can.
- Teams and individuals should not solicit funds in the Worship Center on any Campus.
- Individuals are encouraged to use extreme care and tact when soliciting funds from non-Christians and/or those who might be offended by such activities. In fact, we would discourage any type of fundraiser directed towards the general public.
- Funds should be turned in two weeks before your mission trip date.
- What if I do not raise all the money I need? In II Samuel 24:24, David stated, “for I will not present burnt offerings to the Lord my God that have cost me nothing.” If you personally pay, the fact that it cost you something from your own pocket shows the value it is to you.
- Send out thank you notes to those who have responded.
- After the trip, make sure you update donors on the details of your trip.
- Youth are encouraged to talk with Bobby Canipe about raising funds.

SAMPLE LETTER

Dear (name),

I have an opportunity to join my church on a mission trip to (location) this summer, (mission trip dates). On our trip we will (Fill in what you will be doing). What a great chance to minister to others!

I am excited about what God is going to do in my life and in other people's lives through this opportunity this summer. I do, however, need help. I am are looking for those who would support me in prayer and in the cost of the trip. I am hoping to raise around (\$amount) before (date). Anything you could do to help would be greatly appreciated.

Whether it is through prayer or financial giving, I truly thank you. For those sending financial gifts, you can make the check out to Franklin Heights Church, located at 110 Hilltop Drive, Rocky Mount, VA 24151. Please attach a note stating it is for the (Location) mission trip and (my name).

Thanks for considering supporting me in this awesome opportunity.

Sincerely,
(Your Name)