



The main support of fundraising is through support letters. It allows team members to share with those close to them the experience that you will have and offers them the opportunity to support you through financial assistance and prayer.

- On average, \$1000 can be raised by sending support letters to at least 35 people who know you.
- Spread the word about the trip you're attending widely. Don't limit yourself to just Christian family and friends.
- Send thank you notes for all financial gifts you receive; this could in turn provide a follow up gift.
- Write down the top 10 supporters on your list and follow up with a phone call about a week after your letters have been sent. The top 10 are usually the people who will provide two-thirds of your financial support.
- Suggested list of people to send to:
 - Church mission committee
 - Current church friends and acquaintances
 - Home church friends and acquaintances
 - People at your work place
 - Neighbors
 - Friends from school – college and high school;
 - Other Christian groups or ministries
 - Friends and contacts of your parents
 - Relatives and Close friends

Writing a Support Letter

We offer support letters for you customize. Our support letters are divided by the ministry track you will be serving. Click at the links below to go to your support letter.

For those wishing to write their own letter:

- 1 page typed
- Easy to read font
- Have someone proof read your letter. It is important that your letter be professional, so take your time. • Be sure to include the following:
 1. Be sure to specify the date when you need to have your support raised. Use a date no more than two weeks from the date of your letter. This gives potential supporters the sense of urgency but also time to mail in their support. Giving too long of a time frame, can lose potential supporters to forgetfulness.
 2. Be sure to specify how the check is to be written. Made payable to Spread Truth Ministries and the memo line should have your member id number on it – not your name.
 3. Be sure to specify where the money is to be sent. Money should be sent directly to Spread Truth Ministries to be promptly deposited into your account. Spread Truth Ministries, Attention: Mission Trip, PO Box 3171, Bloomington, IL 61702. It usually takes 14 business days from the day we receive a check to be processed, deposited and clear a supporter's bank account.
 4. Be sure to specify the amount you need to raise. Include the cost of the trip, the cost of your transportation (if you are booking through Spread Truth), and your meal money (see Spread Truth Terms and Conditions for your trip on this area).
 5. Be sure to specify what you will be doing during the mission trip. Describe the ministry track you will be working in.
 6. Always ask for prayer support as well as financial. Prayer is what makes a mission trip successful for the participant and those they are ministering to.

Other Fundraising Ideas

There are a multitude of other fundraising opportunities in order to raise your support. If you have some friends also going on the trip you can get together and try some of these.

Car Wash

Spaghetti Dinner or Pancake Breakfast

For Hire Skills– mowing lawns, raking leaves, painting, cleaning, running errands

Parents Night Out – babysitting opportunities

Corporate Sponsorship – ask your boss if the company you work for would sponsor you or give a matching gift

Retails items – selling candy, donuts, candles – for a fundraising profit

“Quarters” for New York – a jar to collect loose change from friends, family, co-workers