

Dear friends and family,

I'd like to share with you a mission trip opportunity I'd like to take that will hopefully be a life-changing experience for the people I come in contact with, as well as myself.

Can you envision a land where poverty, hardship, hunger and a lack of resources both spiritually and physically keep many from hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ? I want to share with you a challenging ministry opportunity God has presented to me. During **(add your dates)**, I will be going to Baja California, Mexico, with a mission team from **(add your church name)**. Our one-week trip will focus on coming alongside a needy Mexican church to help them both spiritually and materially. If we can help strengthen and encourage the Mexican church, then it will be better equipped to carry on the Gospel when we leave.

Here's a little more detail:

- First, we will be allowing God to work in our lives through the personal enrichment that comes from this type of a mission trip. I'm certain God will change my life greatly as a result of stepping out to serve Him in this important area.
- Second, we will be participating in helping with the construction of a Mexican church's facilities as poverty is so devastating that most Mexican churches don't have adequate facilities to serve their communities and congregations.
- Third, we will be evangelizing door to door during the week.
- Fourth, we'll be involved in a prayer/visitation during the week where we'll visit people's homes to pray and encourage them.
- Fifth, we'll be doing a Vacation Bible School each day for children.
- Sixth, we will be involved in two Community Outreaches where we'll sing, do puppet shows, share our testimonies, show an evangelistic film, and work with children.

I'm excited about the opportunity and experience that lie ahead. I hope you see the value in what we will accomplish. As you can imagine, a trip like this requires financial support from a number of people. In order to go on this mission trip, I need to raise **(add amount)** by **(add deadline date)**. If you can support me in a financial way, I would be very grateful. And, most importantly, I also need your prayer support. Prayer is the fuel that will allow us to be successful as we follow God's leading in our ministry in Mexico. Without prayer, little, or nothing will happen.

If you would like to be part of this mission trip through your financial support, send a check to: **(insert address here)** by **(add deadline)**. Envelopes are enclosed for your convenience. Please make your check payable to **(add church or your name)**. All contributions are tax deductible **(if checks are made out to your church)**.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

(Signed)

## **“How To” Fund Raising Letter Instructions**

Mission Team Member,

You have been given the awesome opportunity to go to Mexico and serve. You will be serving through Vacation Bible School, working on a needy church facility and reaching out and loving the people with the Gospel of Christ. Along with that opportunity comes an awesome responsibility, which is to fundraise to cover the cost of such a trip.

The most effective way you can raise funds is through a fundraising letter sent out to family and friends. Please consider the following steps:

1. Pray and brainstorm to think of all the people who are family, friends, co-workers, etc. Be sure to include friends of your parents. You want to consider anyone who might care about you and your venture.
2. Print out the letters, sign your name at the bottom, and send them to the people on your list.
3. In the envelopes you send your letters in, include a return envelope with the church's, or your address on it so it will be easy for those who give to you to send them back.
4. Pray that God moves in the hearts of the people you send letters to so they give generously and are blessed by their gift.

Don't forget the following:

1. Cost should not keep you from going; God will provide if you make the effort. Be proud to ask for a gift to the work of service for God and for people that you are serving. Remember that God will bless those who help you for this important cause.
2. If you send out these letters, you could raise significant funds toward your trip cost.
3. Consider how you want those who are going to help you to respond. Do you want them to send funds directly to you, or to your church? Do you want checks made out to you, or your church? The advantage of having checks made out to your church is that they can be tax-deductible. Just make sure you have a clear way to track your funds, so they're not misplaced or lost.
4. Be certain to write "Thank You's upon returning home. Include a brief letter that shares what God did in and through you.

God bless you in your efforts, and I look forward to serving on the mission trip with you.