



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NAPLES

# Fundraising Packet



# KINGDOM MISSIONS

## **Dear Kingdom Mission Volunteer,**

We are excited that you sense the Lord leading you to join Him in reaching the lost people of the world and that you are stepping out to follow the Great Commission by partnering with First Baptist for this trip! Thanks for being obedient to GO!

If you intend to raise money to pay for the trip (i.e. you are not going to write a check to pay for the entire cost of the trip yourself), we ask that you follow our established fundraising method and procedures that are explained in this document.

In the same way you stepped out in faith answering the call to go, we expect that you will exercise that same faith throughout every aspect of the mission experience—including trusting God to supply the funds necessary for the trip. Everyone who chooses to participate in one of our short-term mission projects is personally responsible for raising the money required for their travel, daily living expenses, and their portion of any general team expenses necessary for the team to fulfill the purpose of their project.

It is our strong belief that if the Lord wants you to go, and you have done everything possible in regards to fundraising, that God will supply the funds necessary. We encourage you to commit fundraising to the Lord and to completely trust Him to provide the money required.

We look forward to serving the Lord with you as He builds His Kingdom around the world!

Striving Side by Side for the Gospel,

Pastor Kevin Taylor

Evangelism & Missions Pastor

## LETTER FUNDRAISING INFORMATION

- Share your story in a letter of what God is doing in your life and what He is calling you to do for Him. Sample letters are included.
- **IMPORTANT**—Have your trip leader or Missions department look over your letter before you send it. Their input may really be insightful. Email it to [missions@fbcn.org](mailto:missions@fbcn.org).
- Please include the cover letter from Pastor in your mail out. These letters are available in the Missions Office and included in this packet.
- We suggest you include an addressed **STAMPED ENVELOPE** in the letter so that those who choose to support you can return their check. They can mail the envelope to you and then you turn it in, or have your supporters mail it directly to First Baptist Church's Mission Office, 3000 Orange Blossom Drive, Naples, FL 34109.
- The Check should be made out to First Baptist Church Naples. Along with the check, ask your supporters to include a separate piece of paper with your name and trip on it. You can make a form with this already on it and include it in the envelope.
- Remember the purpose of this letter is to invite people to join you in prayer support and financial report for this mission trip only. Please don't seek financial assistance for personal use or to offset income loss that may occur as a result of participating in the mission project.

## LETTER FUNDRAISING STEPS

### STEP # 1

- Pray

### STEP # 2

- Write your fundraising letter.
- Create donation forms with your name and trip on it.
- Compile a mailing list, including addresses and emails.

### STEP # 3

- Have your trip leader or the Missions department at [missions@fbcn.org](mailto:missions@fbcn.org) give you feedback on your letter.

### STEP # 4

- Mail or Email
  - Your letters, donation form, and return envelopes.
  - Thank you notes should be sent as soon as you receive responses. Even if no money is given, thank each person for being a prayer partner. Post-mission project follow-up letters should be sent to partners, again thanking them for the help in the project and describing what happened on the project.

### STEP #5

- Turn in Checks
  - Turn checks into your Trip Leader or to our Missions Department or contact Tina at [tplatter@fbcn.org](mailto:tplatter@fbcn.org) to make deposit arrangements. Please turn them in promptly so that credit can be posted to your trip account.

# Sample Fundraising Letter

Date

Dear [Name of potential Supporter] ,

{Short intro paragraph with a general greeting and update on life}

This summer [Or time of year], I have the exciting opportunity to go to [COUNTRY] on a mission trip [DATES], with a mission team from my church First Baptist Naples. We will participate in a variety of ministry opportunities in [COUNTRY] such as ...[GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PURPOSE FOR TRIP] Our goal while we're in [COUNTRY] is to serve the people and to share the hope that is found in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

First I'm asking if you would pray for me and this trip. I know I can only do this through the power of Christ. While I am confident the Lord has called me on this trip, I am also stepping out in faith and trusting the funds needed for this trip will be provided. The total cost is [\$DOLLAR AMOUNT]. Would you consider contributing to this mission trip through a gift of \$50 or \$100? Any amount will be a blessing. I hope to have the support raised by [DATE]. Any contribution you make will be tax deductible. Checks should be made payable to First Baptist Church Naples and should include a separate note that states it is for [My Name/ Trip]. Please return your check to my home address at:

Your Name  
Street address  
City, ST ZIP  
Phone

[Include some form of thanks]

Together for the Gospel,

Name

## IDEAS FOR PUTTING TOGETHER A MAILING LIST

There are probably more people than you think who would like to share in your mission endeavors. Following is a guide to help you assemble a potential mailing list. Most people find that 10 to 40 letters are adequate. Ask God to lead you to the people.

- Co-workers
- Distant Family Members My Parents Know
- Family Members
- Friends
- Friends from Church
- Parents' Friends
- Parents' Business Associates
- Others

## OTHER IDEAS FOR FUNDRAISING

- Share your donation letter and link to your **iTravelIQ** fundraising page via email or social media account. Your trip leader/admin can direct you to where to obtain this link.
- Send out Support letters (see above details). Support letters are **VERY EFFECTIVE!**
- Pick up side jobs with family and friends. Let them know you are willing to work to make extra funds for your trip. (examples: car washing, yard work or babysitting) Let your employer know that you are looking for extra hours for your mission trip.
- Do a video blog and share your heart for reaching the lost and going on the trip.
- Ask the family to forgo birthday or Christmas gifts and put the money into the mission trip.
- Start a mission trip savings account and put money away consistently for the next trip.
- Share your vision with key people who you know want to invest in your life.
- Establish a new budget for yourself and see where you can cut weekly expenses and put the extra money towards your trips. Fast from daily/weekly "wants" that are not "needs".....Starbucks, eating out, drinking just water...God will honor your sacrifice.
- Have a family yard sale with proceeds going to your trip.
- VBS Concessions Crew/Snow cones at Special Events (Talk to Trip Leader or Pastor Kevin about this).

Remember every little bit helps. Think small steps...pray hard, work hard, and watch God work!

**If you have any questions email the Missions Department at [missions@fbcn.org](mailto:missions@fbcn.org).**

