

## RAISING SUPPORT FOR YOUR SUMMER MISSION TRIP

### **WHEN DO I BEGIN?**

- **NOW! IMMEDIATELY.**
- **GOAL:** *To have Most of your support raised over the Christmas Break.*

### **WHERE DO I BEGIN?**

Here are a few suggestions to help you as you seek to **communicate your desire to go on the GFBM Summer Missions Trip** this summer. Keep in mind that **communicating your burdens and needs during the CHRISTMAS BREAK is IMPERATIVE!**

- **Show your teams website**
- **Give your testimony**
- **Send out your letters**
- **Make phone calls**
- **Write emails**

**WORK HARD, PRAY HARD, and TRUST HARD!**

### **A. There are two important steps in communicating your needs to others:**

#### **Step One: Making a Contact List**

Begin by compiling a list of as many people as you know.

- **HOME Church contacts**, both past members and present church members, your Pastor, Youth Pastor and workers, Sunday School teachers, children's ministry leaders, etc
- **Relatives**. Grandparents, uncles and aunts, cousins, brothers and sisters, and of course, parents.
- **Friends**. Roommates, suitemates, floor leaders, and consider those with whom you have shared hobbies, sports, or other interests.
- **OTHER Contacts**. Don't forget your **teachers, Dorm Supervisor, doctors, dentists**, those whom you have **worked for as an employee**.

**Helpful suggestion:** Ask someone close to you, a parent or friend, to review your list. They'll often can think of people you've forgotten.

#### **Step Two: Communicating to those on your Contact List**

The #1 method is **One-on-one communication** followed by phone calls, letters, and presentations.

As much as possible make **personal contacts** with as many of those on your contact list as you can

1. to share your burden
2. to tell them how **they** can be a part of the Lord's work through what you'll be doing this summer.
3. Then tell them you will be **sending them a letter**.

### **B. Keys to Raising Support:**

**Rule #1:** Whether you are making a personal visit, calling on the phone, or giving a presentation, always **seek to communicate**

- **What you will be doing and**
- **How they** (as your supporters) **can be part of God's work!**
- **Where** you are going, **when** you are going, **why** you are going, and **with whom** you are going.

**Rule #2:** When giving your presentation or a brief testimony about the Missions trip always **STAY POSITIVE** and **BE SPECIFIC**.

1. State that you are part of a team sponsored by *Youth Outreach Ministries*.
2. INFORM SUPPORTERS:
  - That the **FINANCIAL DONATIONS** given through YOM are: **tax deductible** and **will be receipted**.
  - They will need the name of your team, AND **YOM's address**
3. DONATIONS
  - Checks
    - to be MADE OUT TO Youth Outreach Ministries
    - They need to write the **students name and team name in the MEMO space on the check**. (So that the money goes to the right person!)
  - Online
    - Go to [www.yomteams.com/Donate](http://www.yomteams.com/Donate)
4. The trip is **to encourage and help missionaries** through
  - Tract distribution,
  - Bible Clubs,
  - Medical Clinics,
  - Evangelistic Campaigns,
  - Puppet Ministries
  - Church Services,
  - Public School Outreaches and more.
5. State that you are going on a summer mission trip because
  - **God HAS directed you to do so**.
  - Share a **Bible verse** God has given to you
  - Give your testimony on **how He has led you** to make this decision.
6. **BE SPECIFIC** in communicating the following:
  - a. The exact **amount of funds** you need for the trip.
  - b. The **time deadline** by which money is needed
  - c. State the **purpose for the funds**:  
(for airfare, lodging, food, transportation in the country, country exit fees, missionary supplies, ministry materials, etc.)
  - d. **How they can help**.
    - **PRAY** for you and your team as you prepare
    - **PRAY as you go and serve**.
      1. Effective **language skills**,
      2. **Protection** for health and in traveling
      3. For **souls to be saved and missionaries encouraged**
    - **Give** whatever God lays on their heart
    - **Donate** missionary items, Bible, tracts, etc.

Your Support Letter may have already been written for you, if not here is a link to an example. [YOM Prayer Letter example](#)

**Step one: PRAY! Start NOW!**

**Step two:** Begin your Contact List.

**Step three: Make contact** with those on your list.