

## **Fundraising**

For many, coming up with the money needed to go on a Missions Team is a challenge and a huge step of faith. Over the years we have seen God's faithfulness to provide many individuals. Do not let this be the one thing that holds you back from going. Listed below are some of the suggestions regarding fundraising:

### **Personal Support Letters**

Personal support letters sent to family, friends, co-workers and even your employer is the single most effective way to raise support. Once you have registered for a team, we will send you a sample support letter that you can customize and send out. Over and over people are surprised by the generosity and responsiveness of individuals they never would have imagined would give.

### **Personal Employer**

Some companies have a fund specifically to support employees to good works locally and around the world. Be sure to take a moment to talk to your employer to tell them what you are doing and if they have a special giving fund.

### **Limit the Number of Solicitations**

How often can you tap people in your network? We recommend limiting requests of friends and family to once or twice every couple years. Family members may be open to supporting you more frequently. Within the church we ask that you limit the amount of requests to ten people.

### **Personal Sacrifice**

Often a commitment to go requires serious personal sacrifice. Here are just a few ways to sacrifice and raise additional funds:

- o Reduce or illuminate luxury spending (coffee, eating-out, entertainment, etc.)
- o Possibly get a temporary part-time job or ask others if they need help with special projects
- o Collect and sell unwanted items on ebay or craigslist

### **Team Fundraisers**

The team will collectively plan one or two fundraisers depending on the amount of need, but do not advise for you to depend on this to raise all of your funds. This money will also go towards team projects on-site.

### **Keep E-mail Addresses Private**

Don't send group emails that show the addresses of all the recipients. You've got to be sensitive to privacy and not opening people up to others "replying to all" and flooding email in-boxes or borrowing email addresses for future solicitations. Use the "Bcc" or "blind copy" option so recipients can't see everyone else's e-mail address

## **Give Thanks**

Please make sure to write thank you letters and include a picture if possible, once you return home, for those who have donated to your trip.

## **Payments and Accounting**

Please note the following regarding fundraising and accounting process and policies

- All deposits/payments/contributions are non-refundable and non-transferable
- Deposits/payments/contributions can be made online or by mailing in a check:
- [Click here](#) for online deposits/payments (or visit lakemount.ca and click the “give” tab)
- Checks should be made payable to Lakemount Worship Centre and should include the appropriate team name member’s name, destination country and year (ex. Joe Doe Swaziland 2011) and sent to: Lakemount Worship Centre 54 North Service Rd, Grimsby, ON L3M
- Weekly financial updates will be sent to each team member listing all payments/contributions
- We ask that each team member follow the payment schedule as closely as possible, as each payment is connected to individual expenses due such as airline tickets, insurance, project costs, etc.

## **Questions/Concerns**

If you have any questions or concerns regarding fundraising, please feel free to email [becky@lakemount.ca](mailto:becky@lakemount.ca).