

Fundraising Information and Ideas

Fundraising for a missions trip can be a daunting task. But with God and some hard work, you can make it happen! We recommend that you make it your goal to raise at least half of the funds and pay the remainder yourself. Don't forget to start with prayer! God will provide.

The best place to start is writing support letters asking people to sponsor your trip. Send a letter to at least 25 people to have a good start on your fundraising. You can send letters to anybody that you like: family, friends, co-workers, etc. Your fundraising letter should explain where you are going, why you are going, what you will be doing, and how much it costs. If you would like help with your support letter, Pastor Chris would be happy to help. Just shoot him an email and he will take a look at it for you (cbuford@evangelkc.org). **There will be no group fundraisers organized by Evangel or your team leader.**

Please note: do not send letters to individuals in the Evangel Church family unless they are of special significance to you. We do not want to overwhelm individuals with support letters, plus they probably give to Kingdom Builders already which is helping with trip costs. You know people that no one else on the trip knows, so keep them all for yourself.

Below are a couple of instructions that you should pass along to your donors as to how they can give. It is important that donors give directly to Evangel and not you for accountability purposes as well as tax deductions for the donor. There are a number of ways to give toward your mission trip

Check: You can place a check in the Sunday morning offering or mail it to:

Evangel Church
1414 E. 103rd St
Kansas City, MO 64131

All checks must be made out to Evangel Church to receive tax credit. Please write "TRIP NAME and YEAR Mission Trip" with the name of the team member you wish to support in the memo line. Example: "Costa Rica 2019 Mission Trip"

Cash: You can place cash in the Sunday morning offering or mail it to Evangel Church, see address above. Please place in an envelope and indicate by written note which trip and team member you wish to support.

Credit Card: Credit card payments can be made through our online mission trip management software called Managed Missions. When you officially join a team you be given a webpage to share with friends and family to receive donations. Pastor Chris or your team leader will help you get this setup when you join a team.

If you need to raise more funds after sending support letters consider other fundraising options. Here is a list of other fundraising ideas:

- Make room for at least \$100/month between now and your trip date in your regular budget. Think of what you can give up for a few months to have the trip of a lifetime.
- Sell items on Craigslist, Facebook Marketplace, or a garage sale.
- Instead of birthday or Christmas presents, ask people to donate toward your trip.
- Do a search for other fundraising ideas on the internet. There are so many ways to raise money, you can do it!

****Please include this note with all support letters that you send.****

All tax deductible donations to Evangel Church are accounted for and distributed at the discretion of the Evangel. However, every effort will be made to distribute mission trip donations made in the support of a named individual as requested by the donor. No refunds of tax deductible donations will be offered for individual trip cancellations.