



## Fundraising Packet

Raising a large amount of money for your trip can seem like an impossible task, but it is possible with God. There are many different ways to raise money for your trip. Throughout this packet we will give you some ideas to get your family, friends, church family, and community involved to help send you to the nations! As you rely on the Lord to give you faith throughout this entire process, we pray that you will continue to remember that God will provide for His children when He calls us to His work. There are two main parts of fundraising, however raising money is in no way the biggest part. Prayer and spiritual support will be a huge factor as you prepare for your project. We pray that you will see the value in those that will commit to pray for you as you prepare and go on your project.

Below you will find some ways in which you can raise money for your project. Please read through this entire packet and feel free to get creative with your fundraising as well! First of all, it is a good idea to make a list of those who you think would be willing to support you either spiritually or financially. You can divide your list into groups. Below are some ideas of people to place on your contact lists.

- Your church missions committee
- People in your church (a church directory can usually help with names and addresses)
- Friends and contacts of your parents
- Relatives
- Neighbors
- Christian contacts at your school
- Close friends
- Parents of your friends
- The church you grew up in (if different than current)
- Friends that are involved in other churches or ministries

Some people will probably automatically stick out as people that you know will want to help you in some way with your trip. There may also be some people that have already expressed interest in supporting you. These types of people will be listed in your 'Top 10' list. Continue to make lists of people by prioritizing them into groups of tens. This will allow you to know who to contact first, without having to contact every person that you know. It is likely that by just contacting your Top 10 list, you will raise a large portion of the money for your trip. It is important to remember a few things when asking people to support you financially, so we have given you a guide to help in this process. It is listed on the next page.

1. Ask appropriately.
2. Figure out how to best contact those on your Top 10 list and what gift range you would like to ask them to consider giving.

Contact ideas:

- Fund-raising letter telling about your call, the project, and your need for support (some great examples are provided in this packet)
- Face-to-face financial presentations
- Phone call followed up with an information sheet about your trip
- Church presentation
- Other creative options such as a car wash, garage sale, hanging Christmas lights, etc.

**\*\*Don't forget to talk to your church financial office/person about setting up an account for people to designate funds for your trip. By requesting that they make the contribution to your church and designate the money for your trip, you will have help tracking the money.\*\***

3. Pray as you prepare and contact each of the people on your Top 10 list and be sure to set a timeframe in which you wish to have each person contacted.
4. Do not forget to follow up with each person individually as you planned to do.
5. Continue these steps with your second list of ten people and so on until you have raised the funds that you need for your trip.
6. Please make sure to make thank you calls or send thank you notes to your supporters. People will also want to know how your trip went, so don't forget to follow-up with them after you return!

Asking people for money can be very difficult, however, do not forget that the Father will call people to support you just as He has called you to go. The above method has potential to provide you with a large amount of the funds needed for your trip. As you pray for guidance throughout the fundraising process, you may feel called to sacrifice personally to be able to go on your trip, and that is great! Here are some additional ways in which you may want to consider raising funds:

1. Ask for money towards your trip for your birthday and Christmas.
2. Volunteer to clean out flower beds for widows in your church and ask for donations in return.
3. Save any extra money you earn and put it towards your trip.
4. Make and sell T-shirts.
5. Any other creative ideas you can think of to raise money!
6. Continue to prayerfully seek the Lord's guidance in all aspects as you prepare for your project.

But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD.

Jeremiah 1:7 & 8

## Example of support letter for overseas project

Dear [NAME],

I have the opportunity serve with Go Students in [PLACE] this summer. During [TRIP DATES] I will be joining other students from all across Oklahoma to spread the Gospel to the nations. [Insert a short explanation of the call you feel to serve].

Our project will be focused on building relationships with locals in order to share the Gospel of Christ with them. [Based on which location you will be going to, include a brief description of what you may be doing n location. For example: While in East Asia, we will be working with local students and teaching them English. By spending a large majority of each day with the students we will be able to build relationships with them and potentially share the Gospel with them for the very first time.] I know that God is already at work in [Place] and I am so blessed to have the opportunity to be a part of the work He is doing in the lives of others.

I am very excited about the opportunity that lies ahead of me. I ask that you will consider being a prayer supporter as I prepare and go on this project. Your prayer support is so important to me during my journey to [PLACE]. As you can imagine, a trip like this also requires financial support. I have to raise [\$TRIP AMOUNT] by [DEADLINE]. I pray that you will prayerfully consider supporting me financially. If you are able to support me either financially or by committing to pray for me, I would be very grateful. As it says in Philippians 4:6, “Don’t worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God”. I am trusting that the Lord will provide the support I need for this trip.

If you would like to be a part of this mission opportunity through financial support, please send a check to: [Insert church name and address here]. Please make your check payable to [Church name] and write [trip location, ex: East Asia] and my name in the memo line.

While financial support is a very important need, it is a distant second to my need for your prayer support. Prayer is very important when it comes to the success of this mission project, and I would be blessed if you would commit to pray for me and my team, as well as the people we will be sharing Christ’s love with. [\*If you are able, it would be a great idea to create bookmarks or cards to insert into the letter and hand out at church for people to use as a reminder to pray for you daily.]

In Christ,

[Signature]

[Your Name Typed]

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### Example of Support letter for domestic project

Dear [name],

I have the opportunity serve with Go Students in [place] this summer. During [TRIP DATES] I will be joining other students from all across Oklahoma to spread the Gospel to the lost. [Insert a short explanation of the call you feel to serve]. On our trip we will be ministering to locals through [insert a brief description of what you will be doing on your projects. For example: While I am serving in Colorado I will be helping with Bible clubs throughout the community...] It will be an incredible opportunity to serve others!

I am excited about the call that God has placed on my life to serve in [place]. I am writing to ask for your support as I prepare for this project. Since a trip like this also requires funds to go, I need your help. I will need to raise [\$TRIP AMOUNT] by [DEADLINE]. If you feel called to support me financially for this mission opportunity, please send a check to: [Insert church name and address here]. Please make your check payable to [Church name] and write [trip location, ex: Portland] and my name in the memo line.

Please prayerfully consider being a part of this opportunity to advance the Kingdom of Christ, for I know that you too will be blessed through this opportunity. Thank you for your time and consideration!

In Christ,

[Signature]

[Your Name Typed]

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**BAPTIST GENERAL CONVENTION OF OKLAHOMA**  
**GOSTUDENTS STUDENT MISSION PROJECT**  
(Please return this form with any payments)

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(Donor Name – please print)

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(Street Address or P O Box)

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(City, State, Zip)

Name of student I (we) are supporting for this mission project:

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(Student Name)

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(Amount of Financial Support)

***Please check one option below***

I (we) desire to make an irrevocable contribution to the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma in support of a participant on a GoStudents Mission Project. I (we) understand that if the participant I am supporting is unable to participate in the program this year for any reason my (our) contribution will be used by the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma to support another worthy student participating in the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma's GoStudents Mission Projects. I (we) also understand that if the Project must be canceled or moved to another country/city my (our) contribution will be used to support the project in the new location. I (we) understand that my (our) contribution will be receipted as a gift by the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma and will be tax deductible as allowed by law.

I (we) do not desire for our support to be an irrevocable contribution to the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma for a GoStudents Mission Project. If the student I am (we are) Sponsoring is unable to participate, I (we) wish to have a refund of my (our) support. I (we) understand that my (our) support is not a tax deductible gift and that Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma will not provide a contribution receipt for the support I (we) provide.

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(Sponsor's Signature)

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