

So you are going on a Missions Trip.....

Get ready to experience God in new and amazing ways!

Prayer is the best place to start. "The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results." (James 5:16 NLT)

Build a prayer support team.

Make contact either verbally or in writing with all possible financial support members. Contact family, neighbors, and friends from work, school and church. (See the attached Support Letter Guidelines and Sample Letter)

Attempt to raise your own financial support. Plan your own fundraisers. Babysit, do yard work, bake, etc. Be creative and work hard. God may want you to use some of your own resources.

Complete the attached "Missions Fund Request" and return it to the Missions Committee Chairperson at least sixty (60) days before your departure date.

Write thank-you notes to your supporters as this is an act of gratitude to God's faithfulness.

After your trip, send letters to your supporters telling about your experience and again thanking them for their support.

Consider keeping a journal while on your trip. Organize your thoughts and remember the details of your experience.

GIVE YOUR TESTIMONY. You will be given an opportunity to share with the congregation.

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SUPPORT LETTER GUIDELINES FOR MISSIONS TRIPS

1. Make your letter personal, as if you are talking to that person. Try not to sound like you are preaching. Using a few verses of Scripture is fine; avoid using passages. Write the name of the person you are sending the letter to, and sign your name at the bottom.
2. Include information about where you are going, the missions organization you are going with, what you are planning on doing, and how long you will be there. Have someone proofread your letter for you. Try to keep the letter to one page.
3. Be clear about your needs and how supporters can be involved. Are you looking for prayer and/or financial support? Include deadlines; whom checks should be made payable to (ex Missions Organization Name); and where the checks should be mailed.
4. Your efforts to contact those from whom you seek support should be on a personal basis – either in person or an addressed letter. Please do not stuff all of the church mailboxes with letters.
5. You are encouraged to cover some of the expenses of your trip.
6. Make note in the letter how any excess funds will be used if you receive more support than you need. Ask the Missions Organization how this will be handled.
7. See below "**Support Letter Sample**".

Support Letter Sample

Dear _____,
God has provided an opportunity for me to go to _____ with _____ (Missions Organization Name). I am leaving on _____ returning _____. I see this is an opportunity to take the Gospel to those who have not heard and to help those who have other needs.

I am looking for partners who will pray for me, support me financially, or both _____ (description of your work & the Missions Organization goals).
The goal cost for the trip is \$ _____. If I receive more funds than I need to cover the cost of my trip, I will give the extra to _____.

Please prayerfully consider how you can partner with me.

If you would like to help me, please fill out the form below and return it to me. Checks can be made payable to: _____. Detach the tear off portion below and mail to: _____ (insert address).

Thank you for your support.

_____ (sign your Name)

..... (Please detach and return with your
donation)

___ I am enclosing a check for \$ _____ to support your trip.

(Please make check payable to _____)

___ I will pray for you. Please let me know your prayer requests.

Donor's Name

Email Address