
On the following pages, you will find fundraisers for groups and for individuals. There are many ways you can raise money for your trip, be creative and have fun! Remember that any money sent to GLOBAL VENTURES for your trip, must have a **Global Ventures Support Coupon** attached stating *your name & trip you are attending*. Checks made out to GLOBAL VENTURES are tax-deductible. We do not want finances to keep anyone from coming, so please stay in contact with us. If you need any help raising your funds, please call our office or email, and we will be happy to assist you.

#1 WAY

THE BEST, MOST EFFICIENT WAY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR YOUR TRIP

Support Letters

We find this method most effective. You can download a support letter from www.globalventures.tv on the Team Portal in the GV Fundraising Kit section, then click 'DOWNLOAD' under Sample Support letter. For your convenience we've already created the letter so all you have to do is input your info and it's ready to print!

Send a letter to all your church friends, family, local businesses, local clubs; everyone and anyone you can think of. We encourage you to make an additional list of 25-50 people that are not in your church. This will help you think outside of the box – you would be amazed to see who is willing to help you!

Another option is, to take the number of letters you are sending and the cost of your trip and divide those numbers. In the letter, you can ask everyone to give that specific amount. For example, "I have sent out 50 letters to friends and family and if everyone gives \$60, my trip will be paid in full."

Follow up on your Letters

THIS IS CRUCIAL! 3-5 days after you send your letters make a follow up call to everyone. Ask them if they have received your letter and if they could help send you. Many people will receive your letter and have good intentions of sending you something, but then forget – so it is important to call them. (*For local businesses a **personal** visit is best.*)

FUNDRAISING IDEAS

FOR INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS

1. Bake Sales That Work!

- **Traditional bake sale/auction** – Bake pies, cakes, cupcakes etc. Look up easy, but delicious recipes, that will not take too much time and will sell for a good price. If someone you know or in your church bakes incredible pies or cakes, you can auction it at church. (One pie can be auctioned for \$100.00) Ask ladies in your church to donate baked goods for you. Sell them at church (before and after services) or in front of a store close to where you live.
- **Cupcake Wars** – A cupcake war is a battle to see who can bake the best cupcakes. If you're looking for a creative fundraising idea for kids and adults, this is the perfect option because people of all ages can compete to win the prize. To launch your cupcake wars, you'll need to find people to compete. Ask them to pay a small registration fee and on the day of the event, have them bring their best cupcakes. People can vote for their favorite treat by placing money beside their favorite cupcake. The person that made the cupcakes with the most money is the winner!

2. Visit Local Businesses

Try to meet with managers/owners of the business and tell them about this trip. Personally, give them one of your support letters. Remember to let them know they can receive a tax-deductible receipt. (Many businesses plan their donations a year in advance – so go early!)

3. Online Fundraisers:

www.EasyFundraisingIdeas.com – <http://www.easy-fundraising-ideas.com/programs/fundraising-for-mission-trips/>

4. Meals at Work or School

- **Meals at Work** – Go to a workplace where you know folks and have a day where people sign up for a specialty meal like enchiladas, tacos or spaghetti that you fix and bring to them. Charge a pre-set price such as \$10-\$15. In some places this could become a monthly meal! (For a delicious Enchilada recipe to use contact GV offices)
- **Host a Pizza lunch** at school and sell slices! Make sure and get permission to do this.
- **Sell homemade Cinnamon Rolls** – Take pre-orders and advertise using flyers and social media posts. Charge by the dozen but offer a special discount for 2 or more orders.

5. Make a 'Pick a Number Board'

Create a large board with many different numbers on it (Chalk board, bulletin board, etc.) You can choose how many numbers to include (e.g. 1-100). You can present them on a board in a creative way. People choose a number to donate and that number is how much they give. Once they pick a number, that number is taken off or crossed out. Set it up at church, school, work, or online on social media. If you have only 100 envelopes, you can raise \$5,050. The idea is to raise enough to cover your whole trip.

7. Cracked Eggs

This is a very inexpensive (messy) way to raise money. Make sure you take someone with you. Buy a few cartons of eggs. Go door to door and tell them why you are raising money and that they can buy an egg for one dollar and smash it on your head for 5 dollars. People won't just buy an egg; they will want to crack it on your head. Just think, that is \$60 a carton. One girl that did this made \$60 in one hour. You may also ask to do this at church picnics.

8. Seasonal/Holiday Fundraisers (PRE-SELL as many of these as you are able)

- **Christmas:**

- Breaded Bread Dough
- Candles
- Make personalized ornaments and sell them
- Make and sell Christmas cards
- Make and sell berry or individualized wreaths (with missions' motif)
- Clean houses for the holiday season
- Holiday Gift Wrapping (Talk to your local stores or set up pick-up/drop-off services with church members or friends).

9. Puzzle Fundraiser

Purchase a 500+ piece puzzle and sell each piece for \$10. As you sell the pieces you will write their name on the back and put your puzzle together. Once you have your puzzle put together you can frame it with their names showing. You will have raised a considerable amount of money and you will have something to remind you of the people that helped!

10. Make a 'Pick A Number' board

The idea is that supporters can 'Pick a Number' to donate. Use a large board with a bunch of numbers on it. (Get creative with it, it's going on social media ☺) Include every number from 1-70. They can be on the board in order or mixed up. Once the donor picks a number, that number is taken off the board or crossed off. You can set it up and post it on social media to maximize your viewing audience. Once all numbers are taken, you'll raise \$2,485 and no single person had to give more than 70. Depending on the fund you need to raise, you can adjust the numbers on the board.

KIDS FUNDRAISERS

1. Lemonade Stands and more

The most common way for kids to raise money is to set up a lemonade stand, but don't let your creativity stop there! You can sell other food, drinks, and products to raise money.

You can either set up an online storefront where parents can use their credit cards to purchase merchandise, or you can go the old-fashioned way and set up a table or booth with your food, drinks, or products.

Make sure that you have a sign that explains why you're raising money and put out a container for tips or donations.

2. Pancake Breakfast

Host a pancake breakfast. Kids can mix pancake batter and serve plates. Charge per meal.

FUNDRAISING IDEAS FOR GROUPS

Just think...If your group does one of these a month for 10 months, and each person raises \$300 at each fundraiser – you would have all the money you need plus extra!

1. Professional Pictures for People or Pets!

Fall festival/Halloween (Harvest Festival), Christmas, Easter

Find someone in your church or area that is a professional photographer. Ask them if they can donate their time and give a great discount for the pictures (or donate the cost of pictures as well).

- Decorate a photography set in the lobby of your church according to the holiday. You may even have an optional dressed up Easter bunny people can add to the set. Announce the dates the pictures will be taken (before and after church services). Optional – Sell tickets for this in advance with an actual appointment for their picture. Set a minimum price for the pictures or package deals. (Don't have a low minimum – remember how many people line up with their children to take a picture with Santa.) Have your photographer deliver the pictures on a specific date. Make it available for families to purchase more pictures once they are developed if desired.
- For "Harvest Festivals", have a set with bales of hay and fall decorations at the party. (Every parent wants a picture of their child dressed up in a costume.) *Optional – entrance fee for church functions and all money goes toward the mission trip.* (Remember to announce these in advance and share that all funds will go towards the mission's trip)

2. Restaurant or Coffee Shop Fundraiser

- **Restaurant** – Locate a popular restaurant. A local restaurant works great. Create a flyer that invites everyone to go eat at this specific restaurant on a certain day. Meet with the manager of the restaurant and explain where your team/group will be going overseas and what they will do. Ask the restaurant if they will contribute 20% or more of each person's bill towards your group's mission trip. To receive the contribution, everyone must present the flyer to their server when they eat at this restaurant. In this way the restaurant receives greater publicity, an increase in business that day and a tax-deductible gift for the total amount donated. Have everyone going on the trip pass out as many fliers as possible to friends, family, and strangers. *(Announce this fundraiser to the congregation and also on Social Media. Also have fliers available to be picked up in the church lobby.)* * Make sure all fliers are done with excellence and are easy to read. To save paper, you can have 2-3 fliers per sheet that you cut.
- **Partner with a Coffee Shop** – Host an event at a coffee shop! Many coffee shops have outside areas where customers will sit and sip coffee. You can host human-exclusive fundraising events, but it's much more fun to get the pooches involved too! You can have pet fashion shows, competitions, and other events at the coffee shop.

3. Selling T-Shirts via Bonfire.com

Sell shirts online through a campaign. Sell online through Social Media and by creating your own campaign page where anyone can check out. When your campaign ends, Bonfire will ship products directly to your buyers and send you the profits.

4. Fall / Spring Cleaning & Residential Repairs/Maintenance

Locate nice neighborhoods (perhaps a neighborhood someone in your church lives in). Go door to door letting people know that you have a team available that can do any kind of work. For example, clean windows inside and outside, clean garages, raking leaves, mowing, weeding, mailbox painting, and any other housework. Have a nice flyer with prices and suggested donations listed next to each job. Let them know that all money collected will go towards your team's mission trip. Have a phone number and contact person they can call and schedule an appointment with. Your contact person will then coordinate who and when these jobs will be performed. You can also advertise this on Facebook and neighborhood apps. *(Perhaps someone from your church or someone you know has professional cleaning supplies that you can borrow.)*

5. Golf Tournament Fundraiser

Believe for a good weather day. Advertise in various ways i.e.: Social media, flyers, and visiting local businesses, in order to promote event. There are three ways to make money on this fundraiser.

1. You will need to sign up players into team of 4 (ahead of time if you can) to play in the tournament, having them pay the set amount before game day. After all fees have been paid, the rest will be divided by all team members participating in the tournament.
2. Each team member can go to any and all business and ask if they would like to purchase an 8x12 advertising sign to be placed on the tee off areas all over the golf course. Find an inexpensive company to make said signs and the difference in cost is pure profit for that team member alone. (www.dirtcheapsigns) is a good company.
3. Have “add on’s” at the event to make more income. Like, “Longest drive”, “Pink Ball tournament”, “Shortest putt”, etc. Descriptions of each can be found on google. These will be all profit to split between all members working event.

You will need to have gift bags for each player and prizes for the winning team, and possibly the runner up, as well as the “add on’s” Try to get everything donated, like lunches, prizes, gift cards, this will ensure you get a bigger profit to divide between the team members working the event.

7. Compile and Sell Recipe Books

Compile and sell a cookbook that contains favorite recipes. Have members of your church and community contribute their own favorites. You can sell the recipe books at another fundraising even or list them online through social media or an online storefront.

You can print them yourself or find a sponsor that will do it for you. You can organize a day cooking and shooting photos for all the recipes. Recipes can be featured alphabetically or split into chapters based around regions or types of dishes. Have all recipes in the same layout with a clear index making them easy to find. Have friends, family or church members purchase the cookbook as a donation to your trip.

8. Host a Seasonal Fundraiser

Christmas Lights/Decorating/Wrapping Presents - Advertise online through Social Media and with flyers door to door in neighborhoods letting them know that you are available to put up their Christmas lights and that all proceeds will go towards your team’s mission trip. You can also approach local businesses and restaurants. Have a minimum price or a list of cost per hour. Have a contact person’s information on the flyer for people to schedule appointments.

For church members, you can organize a time when everyone brings their presents to a central place. Find a store where you can set up gift-wrapping services or request to use your church building. Ask a local store to donate wrapping paper or buy it in bulk. *Some people may want you to help them with their Christmas tree or other Christmas decorations. Make sure there is a person they can contact to coordinate when the tasks can be performed.*

9. Spaghetti or Lasagna Dinner

Designate a night for a dinner event. Advertise in the church with flyers and on Social Media. Ask the church to use a large room to set up an area with table for a nice dinner. Borrow decorations, tableware, etc. and try to get food donated. Provide childcare. You can charge \$30 per couple or \$15 for individuals.

10. Dog-and-Car Wash

No, this fundraiser doesn’t raise money by having dogs wash cars. It’s all about washing cars and pooches. Many people would be willing to pay to have their car and dog cleaned.

You’ll obviously want to plan for a warm and sunny day and advertise by hanging up flyers and posting on social media. Then, set up two stations: one for cars and one for dogs. Have someone be in charge of explaining the prices for each wash and collecting the money from customers.

Make sure that you explain where the funds are going during the car and dog wash and encourage more donations. People will drive off with shiny cars and fresh- smelling pups, and you’ll raise money for your trip!

11. Parents Night Out

To Shop for Christmas / Day after Thanksgiving / New Year's Eve

Advertise inexpensive babysitting for parents to go shopping the day after Thanksgiving or a few days before Christmas. Babysitters can be scheduled to go to people's homes to babysit or all parents drop off their children at the church. The children's church and Nursery could be used to take care of children while parents are shopping. Pass out fliers and advertise on the church's FB page or in FB church groups stating that the day after Thanksgiving you can drop off your children at church from 8am to 12 noon for only \$10.00 a child. Have a special price for those with more than 3 kids or infants. *Note: Babysitting can go beyond the hours suggested, you can have the doors open all day for drop off and pick up.*

For Christmas, you might want to select several evenings for parents to have inexpensive babysitters and go shopping. Have team members spend the night with kids while parents go out for New Year's Celebration. Schedule your group to babysit at people's homes. *Note: Make sure everyone in your group has a criminal background check and are trained to babysit. We also recommend 2 people per sitting job for accountability.*

12. Community or Church Garage Sale

Let everyone know that there will be a Big Garage Sale on a certain day. Have everyone look in their garage and attic to see what they could donate towards the garage sale. Create an inventory sheet with everyone's name and what they donated. Have this garage sale at a great location; either on the church property or someone's home. All remaining items can be given back to the person by looking at your inventory sheet. Another option is to take all remaining items and do another garage sale the next week. ****You can also host an online Garage sale through social media on places like Facebook Marketplace. This is great for larger items like furniture.**

You may check with certain storeowners if they have any items to give for your garage sale. Furniture stores may have furniture pieces that are 'nicked' or are slightly broken and can't sell.

Note: Make sure you do this garage sale on a day where no other major events are happening in your city and that it is 'the season' for garage sales.

13. Local Festivals

Check the local Chamber of Commerce, Facebook Events for local/area festivals (sell food, dunking booth, crafts, etc.) Organize a booth to sell something!

Important Notes:

- *Take note of what is happening in your local area and capitalize on the situation. In Tulsa in 2008, there was a disastrous ice storm that caused trees to fall in people's yards and neighborhoods. GV CORE interns located a truck with a trailer and cut the remainder of trees down and cleaned up people's yard. This was the most successful fundraiser of the season.*
- We recommend you put your church's website on all fliers so that people can have a point of reference and it will also let people know about your church.

Make sure all "jobs" your team will be performing, are done with excellence and that everyone is trained in the task they are to do.

- Helpful hints to help make an impact in the neighborhoods:
 1. Do everything with excellence; as though you were paid millions to do it.
 2. Go door to door with boldness and SMILE when you talk.
 3. Do not talk more than 3 minutes at the door and be very polite.
 4. Listen carefully to any instructions they may have for you to do (write it down if it's a long list – they will notice that you care).
 5. Do not make long conversations when you are at the person's house to work; remember that they are busy, that is why you are helping them!
 6. If your youth group is involved in the fundraiser, always have an adult or leader with each teenager at every job and as you advertise door to door.
 7. Make sure that you don't go to the same neighborhoods for all your fundraisers.