



Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Ephesians 3:20-21

Impact Team Fundraising Guide



Getting Started

How do you walk a hundred miles? One step at a time. How do you raise funds for your mission trip? One dollar at a time. Many volunteers view fundraising with dread. They think it's going to be hard or embarrassing or that people won't support them. The truth is, fundraising is a crucial part of the spiritual growth that comes with undertaking a mission trip – both for you as well as those supporting you.

While asking for funds to support your trip does take commitment, you'll discover that many people want to be part of your journey. You are giving those who support you a gift. They may not be able to go themselves, but through you, they get to be the hands and feet of Christ and do God's work in the world.

Asking for support is not about being worthy, it is about providing others with the opportunity

to be part of something far greater than themselves. Inviting others to support you helps develop ambassadors for the poor and encourages them to develop the heart of God.

Even if you have the funds available to pay for the whole trip on your own, we encourage you to fundraise anyway. Consider raising extra funds to bless some of the families you meet while in Haiti with goats, or put a local mom to work in the market helping to build sustainability.

Are you excited about your trip? Nothing is as infectious as excitement, nor as motivating. Most of the people you talk to will get excited and want to support you in your mission when they see your excitement.

Don't hesitate when it comes to fundraising. Embrace it. Delight in it.

Team Fees

Team fees depend on the number of days you choose to serve. The cost includes all ground transportation while in Haiti, sleeping accommodations, daily breakfast and dinner, drinking water, translators, activities and project materials. Remaining funds are put toward the ongoing operations of serving the people of Haiti.

Duration	Cost per person
7 nights	\$1,050
10 nights	\$1,440
14 nights	\$1,825



Payment Schedule

- Initial deposit – \$100 – due upon commitment
- Second deposit – ½ of balance – due 90 days prior to arrival date
- Final payment – Balance – due 45 days prior to arrival date



Flights to Haiti

Each group is responsible for air transportation to and from Port au Prince (PAP). World Wide Village works with an organization called Maximum Kingdom Impact (MKI) Group Travel who can assist larger groups with finding the best flight options.

Cancellation/Refund Policy

The \$100 deposit is non-refundable in the case of cancellation for any reason, but can be transferred to the balance of a rescheduled trip.

Team fees are transferable for one year, unless cancellation occurs within two weeks before departure, thereby causing a non-refundable event of the entire team fee.

In the event WWV is required to cancel your trip due to weather or other unforeseeable circumstances, your payment will be held in reserve for a future date.



Fundraising Nuts and Bolts



Most Impact Team members send fundraising letters as their primary way of raising support. Here are some tips for writing an effective letter:

1. Determine an amount you can personally afford and set a fundraising goal.
2. Start “namestorming” by building a list of people who could possibly support you through prayer and finances for the trip. Aim for 30+ people. A great starting point is with your Christmas card list. Also think about your small group Bible study, softball team, friends from church, neighbors, extended family, co-workers, family friends, former Sunday School teachers or anyone who has built you up spiritually.
3. Write a fundraising letter that is no longer than one page. ***There is a sample letter in the last section of this handbook to give you some ideas.***

Online Fundraising Page:

When you apply to be an Impact Team Member with World Wide Village you will automatically have the opportunity to create a personal online fundraising page on the WWV website. This page will include your fundraising goal, trip dates, etc. Your personal fundraiser will be found at:

<https://worldwidevillage.org/donate-to-team-member/>

Supporters may also mail checks payable to World Wide Village:

World Wide Village
403 Jackson St. Suite 308
Minneapolis, MN 55303

*Please ask that your financial partners include your name somewhere in the envelope (a sticky note is fine), but please do not write on the check.

1. Once your supporters start sending in donations, it's time to send thank you notes! Thank-you best practices include thanking your supporters within two days of receiving the support and handwriting each thank you note.
2. If you asked for prayer support in your letter, be sure to update your supporters with ways they can be praying for you and how your prayers are being answered.
3. Always send a follow-up letter or e-mail after your Impact Trip to Haiti. Supporters are more than happy to help send you on your mission and want to hear all the details! In the letter, tell your supporters what you did, what you learned and how you saw God working on the trip. Thank them again for their prayers and/or financial support.



Simple Mathematics

We know that the amount of money you need to raise to take an Impact Trip can look intimidating at first. However, if you break your fundraising tasks down to its parts, and do a little simple math, you begin to see that fundraising doesn't need to be intimidating.

Take a deep breath, look at the numbers and trust in God. Below is a sample of a breakdown for fundraising the cost of an Impact Trip with World Wide Village.



	Scenario 1		Scenario 2		Scenario 3	
Total Cost	\$1050		\$1050		\$1050	
Minus Deposit	-\$100		-\$100		-\$100	
Today's balance	\$950		\$950		\$950	
Minus 25 people @	\$10	-\$250	\$25	-\$625	\$35	-\$875
Balance	\$750		\$325		\$75	

Other Fundraising Ideas

Sometimes you have to go an extra mile to raise the funds for your trip. Here are a few ideas that have been used successfully by individuals and teams:

- Hold a garage sale with all proceeds going toward your trip
- Organize a bake sale at your local church
- Sell homemade greeting cards or cookie dough
- Get friends and family to help you put on a Saturday car wash
- Get determined and save, save, save! Giving up a daily cup of Starbucks or packing a bag lunch instead of eating out can add up quickly

World Wide Village also offers 10% off the cost of your trip for each new student sponsor you recruit! Simply spread the word about the WWV student sponsorship program to friends and family. One new sponsor = \$105 off your trip; two new sponsors = \$210 off your trip; 10 new sponsors = free trip to Haiti (not including airfare).

One Mission Fundraising is another great organization that sells fun products such as t-shirts, candles, soaps, mugs and more to help you reach your goal. Visit www.onemission.fund for more details. Because they have a heart for Haiti, they even sell Haitian-made products! 40% of each purchase goes directly toward your Impact Trip.





Final Fundraising Tips

- For a donation to be tax-deductible it must be received by World Wide Village. All supporters will receive a tax receipt. Contributions made to individuals are not tax-deductible.
- Funds raised in excess of the trip cost are typically considered a donation to World Wide Village's ongoing efforts in Haiti and are very much appreciated. Excess funds may also be applied to future trips or may possibly be reimbursed toward airfare costs.
- Don't wait until the last minute to start fundraising. Start now!
- Never apologize for asking for support for following God's call to Haiti.
- Pray and put it in God's hands!



Sample Letter Format and Response Card

Letter:

Date:

Dear _____,

An exciting opportunity has come up for me to take part in an international project sponsored by World Wide Village and Renovation Church! I will be going to Haiti with a team from Renovation Church from January 2nd-9th, 2018.

We will be spending most of our time working with children in the schools (or building a house, or working in the medical center, or help build up small businesses, etc.) Our plan is to show the love of God to the community, and then at the end of the week share with them about the love of Jesus.

I am excited about the opportunity to go on this trip because...(fill in your own reasons here)

In order to make this possible, I am looking for a team of supporters who will have a huge part in sending me on the trip. This is a great opportunity for you to join with me in making a difference in the world and in eternity.

First, I need people who will commit to praying for me prior to and on the trip. Prayer is vital in making this trip happen. If you can help me in this way, I would love to email you with some prayer requests before the trip.

There is also a financial aspect in preparing for the trip. Each member of my team needs to raise around \$1,850, which includes transportation, lodging, meals, and ministry expenses. All gifts are tax deductible, and there are multiple ways you can give (see enclosed response card).

Thank you for your consideration to be on my team of supporters for this trip. It is an incredible opportunity for all of us to partner together to influence the world for Jesus Christ, and I am so excited to go! My first payment is due October 2nd, so it would be a huge blessing if you can respond by September 25th. Otherwise, my final payment is due November 14th. Thank you so much for your prayer and consideration!

Sincerely,

YOUR NAME (PHOTO??)

Response Card:

If you are able to support me through prayer and finances for my Impact Trip to Haiti, please give online at [enter the specific url for your fundraiser here] or return this form in the enclosed envelope with your check by [date]. All gifts are tax-deductible and you will receive a receipt from World Wide Village.

Thank you for helping me follow God's call to Haiti!

Supporter's Name: _____

Team Member's Name: _____

☐ Yes, I would like to support you with a financial gift of \$ _____. (Make checks payable to World Wide Village and write "Haiti" on memo line. Please don't write my name on the memo line, or the IRS won't consider the gift tax-deductible).

☐ Yes, I would also like to support you in prayer and receive prayer requests.

E-mail: _____

