

Fundraising Suggestions

Letters

Send letters to friends, relatives, coaches, and businessmen or organizations. Pray that the Lord will bring to your mind names of individuals whom you should contact. Go through the following list to help you think of potential contacts and begin praying for those you plan to contact:

Parents	Teammates
Family and relatives	Booster Club
Employer	Sports Information Director
Friends of parents	Personal/Athletic/Fitness Trainer
Customers/Retail employees	Apartment Manager/Landlord
Avon/ Mary Kay lady	Neighbors
Florist	Church Missionary Board
Athletic Stores	Rotary Club
Mailman	Plumber
Missionary Societies	Sunday School Class
Banker	Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Former/present teachers	Bible Bookstore
College professors	Printer
Former/present coaches	Church Friends
Dentist	Policeman
Kiwanis Club	Hairdresser
Community Leaders	Doctor
Christian businessmen/women's clubs	Nurse

Remember that sponsorship of your ROCK mission tour is NOT a tax-deductible contribution. You must disclose this in your letter. Even so, many people are willing to help a young person achieve a worthwhile goal such as a mission. One NBC tour alumna, Heather Whitworth wrote, *"I have been totally overwhelmed by the money that has been given. Nearly all of it has come back through my sending out letters to friends and family .. I have felt very small and totally overwhelmed by God's amazing grace and mercy. It has been quite a learning experience. He is constantly reminding me of His love and His wonderful surprises."* Heather used a fun newsletter format for some of her letters. Many of you have access to computer software, which make newsletters a simple and effective way to prepare a letter.

You will receive a sample press release and a letter of introduction on Timberview Christian Fellowship letterhead that you are welcome to copy and use. *If you want to design your own letter we will also include a copy of blank letterhead for your use.* You might want to use one of the examples in the following pages as an outline. The Lord will put into your heart and mind exactly how He wants you to make your goal, as you seek and pray for direction. Rest assured, we will be praying for you and we **know** that God is faithful, as we trust in His mighty ways and power.

Dear '-----'

My name is (*Your name*), and I'm a (*Year of school*) at (*Your School*). I have been attending Timberview Christian Fellowship for (*how many months/years*) I have a heart for (*personal story of ministry*).

The summer 2019 I will be going to the Dominican Republic with my youth group at Timberview Church and with the Free Methodist General Conference 2019. This mission trip will provide the unique opportunity to share Jesus Christ. The purpose of my trip is to help other Free Methodist Churches in the DR. Time will be split between painting, doing construction work, building a playground, and cleaning the landscape, as well as leading Vacation Bible Schools for the kids in the neighborhoods, and being a part of special evangelistic services at night. There's a LOT of work and ministry to do, and the people there are really happy to have us work and share the Good News!

I feel that through this mission trip I will grow to appreciate the freedom and the privileges that the United States provides for us and be an ambassador for the United States and represent Spokane, Washington. This mission to Dominican Republic will cost about \$3000. This includes 13 days of travel and accommodations. I am seeking sponsors who will help me make this opportunity a reality. Although this would not be a tax-deductible contribution, your financial support in any amount would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to take part in this endeavor by helping me financially, you can send a check made payable to me and mailed to my address. I would really appreciate it and I know the Lord will greatly bless you.

Sincerely

(*Your Name*)

(*Your Address*)

Write a letter that is meaningful to you. This has been proven to be an excellent way to raise your money, especially at Christmas time, birthdays or graduations. Make it your letter and use the above suggestions as ideas. Follow these important guidelines to help you to write a good letter:

1. Take time to write a well-organized, easy to read letter.
2. Don't make sloppy "ditto" letters. It's worth doing well.
3. Enclose a photo or put one on your letter (see the example in this manual). You may want to include a small inexpensive gift, (i.e. a bookmark) or a positive thought.
4. Make it your own - don't use plain white paper. There are great stationery designs available at copy shops.

One tour member raised all tour fees plus spending money from letters alone. Another said, "Write to everyone you can think of." She wrote to family friends, great-aunts and uncles, business owners the family had supported, and she got the local Chamber of Commerce to endorse her.