



# Fundraising Ideas For Individual Students

## Get others involved:

- Work at a BSM garage sale, get a percentage toward your trip
- Get your youth group to help raise \$ by doing car washes, garage sales, etc.
- Have your family help you out by knitting toboggans, baking, wrapping gifts, cleaning, babysitting, etc.
- Ask your church if they will help you by having a church dinner, letting you use space for a dinner or benefit concert, letting you do a bake sale or sell shirts or bracelets after a service.

## Appeal to People's Hunger:

- Sell anything on campus from cookies, to cakes, to lemonade—students, staff and professors will buy them.
- Patty sold her grandmother's tamales for two different trips!
- One student baked 60 cakes by herself and sold them at Wal-mart. Wal-mart matched the donations she received.
- Lissa took orders for lasagna and chicken tetrazzini. She made them in foil baking pans and sold them for \$25 each (cost \$5 to make). Her dad took orders at work & she would make them and send them with him to work. She made \$1000!
- Sarah made cinnamon rolls, unbaked and frozen by the dozen. This was very successful for her!

## Get Creative!!

- Design a t-shirt...however, IT HAS TO BE COOL, says David. If it is not a cool design, it won't sell.
- Are you part of a small group? Ask a few to sponsor you with prayer and by bringing a dollar to each meeting. At the end of 6 weeks, 5 groups of 5 equals \$180!!!
- One student was a licensed cosmetologist. She cut people's hair for her money.
- One student made personalized candles. She designed to show where she was going so it was also a prayer reminder.
- Some students have even sold plasma and gotten their friends to sell it for them too!

## Work Hard for the Money!

- One student raised money by babysitting for people in her church.
- Katie says they got together and collected clothes, shoes, jewelry, belts, hats, etc from anyone who would donate, and had a miniature "Plato's Closet" which is like a retail store.
- Lacey made money by Flocking! People paying for others to have plastic flamingos put in their yards!
- Taylor made prayer bracelets with Romans 10:15 on them and sold those. She made \$200!
- Eunice had people bring their own t-shirts and she tie dyed them for \$5 a piece.

## Sacrificial Giving:

Look at your life. What can you give up? A Starbucks trip a week, a movie night a month, a Nintendo Wii game, or a trip to the mall. What are you willing to sacrifice so that you or a friend can Go Now and fulfill the great commission?

## Local Church:

Churches play a major role in raising funds for many students. Not only do they give out of missions budgets, they also help do fundraisers. Some have held car washes, bake sales, and Bar-B-Qs, or have had students work in childcare or Disciple Now's. Many will let you have time to speak at a service or in a Sunday School or Bible Study class to let people know what you are doing and why you are doing it. This gives people a personal connection to the field where the student will be serving and makes them more willing to give.