



RAISING SUPPORT **GUIDELINES**

One of the first steps of your mission effort is trusting God to provide the funds. Raising support is an exercise in faith. It can be a time-consuming process, so get started as soon as you are accepted to the trip. Don't procrastinate. There are several ways to raise support and we believe that there are multiple steps involved in the process.

PRAYER

Prayer is the fuel for any mission trip and that it is always the starting point when raising support. Be prayerful about your trip, the needs of your team, and the people that you are going to ask to partner with you. The goal is to develop a team of partners, not just raise money. Ask people to join you on the journey, to pray for our team, and to invest financially.

PERSONAL INVESTMENT:

While raising a team of partners is important, it is also an exercise in faith for you to invest your own money in your trip. Each trip has a minimum personal investment that you must invest in the trip. Your team leader will know your minimum investment requirement.



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TRIP STORY:

Once you have applied for your trip and have been accepted into Focus Missions, you will have an opportunity to setup your profile page. On that page, you will see a menu option titled, “Trip Story”. This is where you will explain to potential partners where you are going, why you are going, and ask them to partner with you prayerfully and financially.

Once you save your trip story, you can find a public link to send to potential partners on your main dashboard page. They will be able to read your story and give securely online.

****BEFORE SENDING OUT THIS LINK, PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR TRIP LEADER TO ENSURE THAT YOU ARE FOLLOWING PROPER SECURITY PROTOCOLS (ESPECIALLY PEARL ISLAND TRIPS).**

As people give online, your Focus Missions dashboard will reflect your progress. If you have someone that is uncomfortable or unable to give online, you are more than welcome to mail them one of the CVC Missions Contribution Cards found on the last page. Please note that all gifts are tax deductible and all donors will receive an end of year giving statement.



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FAQ:

How many people should I contact?

We recommend that you contact at least 30 people for most trips.

To whom should I send my story?

Ask the Lord's help in coming up with your support list. Don't be shy about sending the information to friends, family, extended family, coworkers, non-believers, and anyone who might want to know what you are up to and might be able to help. Your trip page may provide you with an opportunity to share the Gospel.

What should I write?

You should write the trip story yourself and have someone check it for spelling and grammar. Avoid a standard "form" type letter if possible. While you will send the same link to everyone, it is a good idea to include a personal note to each person with your link. Below is a template to help guide you when writing. Be sure to customize these to accurately reflect the details of your trip and include the following:

- a. Your call and motivation to go
- b. When and where you are going (Southeast Asia)
- c. What you will be doing and to whom you will be ministering
- d. What you want from those who get your letter
 - i. Prayer - give specific ways to pray for you and those you are going to serve.
 - ii. Financial Help - mention your financial deadlines
- e. Details regarding financial gifts
 - i. The amount needed
 - ii. Tell people to contact you personally if they would prefer not to give online.
 - iii. Tax deductible nature of contributions.
- f. Thank them for praying and supporting you



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Physical Donations:

Some people are uncomfortable giving online. If you encounter people that would prefer to give via a physical check or cash, you can get CVC Missions contribution cards at the front desk of CVC or you can get them from your team leader. Send the card to potential partners in the mail or give it to them personally. There are instructions on the card for how to return their donation.

CVC MISSIONS SCHOLARSHIP:

God has called all of us to go into the world and make disciples. We also believe that, just as God has supplied both the power and the means for the disciples to take the gospel to the world, God continues to be the one who provides everything that we need to engage in missions. The CVC Missions scholarship is meant to be one of the ways that God provides through the generosity of others.

While our desire is to do everything possible to equip the people of CVC to participate in CVC sponsored mission trips, it should be noted that scholarships are reserved for those with genuine financial need. The intention of this fund is to be a blessing to those who have invested personally and who have fulfilled their responsibility to raise prayer and financial support for their trip.

The receipt of a scholarship is never guaranteed. Below are the factors that aid in determining the decision to award missions scholarship monies.

- Available money in the CVC Missions Scholarship Budget
- The applicant is a member of CVC or attends CVC as their home church on a regular basis.
- The individual has made the effort to write their trip story and send their page link to friends, family, and other contacts.
- The individual/family has invested the personal trip minimum requirement.
- The timeliness of the scholarship application is appropriate.

Application process:

1. CVC Missions scholarship requests should be submitted no later than 1 month prior to the departure date of your trip.
2. If approved, the Missions Coordinator will send you an email concerning your scholarship request no later than 1 month prior to your trip.



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3. The scholarship application is available upon request. Email missions@cvconline.org to find out more information.