



Methodist Habitat

Fundraising Ideas

- ❖ Write letters to friends and family for individual sponsorship. Write about your mission, what motivates you to serve God and others, where you will be going and offer to share your experience with them upon your return.
- ❖ Benefit Dinners: Cook something like spaghetti or try something Bahamian and charge by the plate. Have the team members serve the meal and also provide some kind of group entertainment (skit, dance, sing, etc.).
- ❖ Car Wash
- ❖ Stock Exchange: Sell stock certificates valued at any dollar amount. This gives people the chance to feel like they actually had a part in what you are doing. Print nice certificates and have a dinner honoring shareholders upon your return. Present stock certificates at that time. The bigger deal you make about it, the more people feel like they had a part in it.
- ❖ Offer time and service to the community in your area. Offer to do yard work, wash windows, rake leaves, etc. for a donation to your mission trip.
- ❖ Rummage Sale: Get people within your church and your team to donate things for a rummage sale. If you post a large sign notifying people of your mission, they might make a donation even if they don't buy anything.
- ❖ Auction: Get local businesses involved by asking them to donate new things to be auctioned to raise money. Ask restaurants to donate gift certificates. You may also ask people in the church or community to donate next-to-new things. Babysitting is also a good thing to auction. Have a local auctioneer come out if possible or just get someone who can talk really fast to help you out. Charge a small fee to get into the auction (\$\$). You can also sell food and drinks during this event.
- ❖ Raffle: Ask local businesses to donate prizes. Have tickets printed with the prizes listed. (That is usually inexpensive.) Get your friends and family involved by asking them to help you sell tickets. Hold the drawing and sell food/drinks to benefit your cause. If you are really motivated, combine the drawing with another event on this list!
- ❖ Penny War: Have jars set out with different teams, example: boys against girls. Coins count as positive points and dollars count as negative. The object is to have the most points in your jar at the finish date.
- ❖ Bake Sale: Sell baked goods before Sunday School or at other functions at Church.
- ❖ Cake Walk: Ask people from the Church or community to donate cakes to give away at the cakewalk. Tape numbers to the floor in a circle. Have participants walk around the circle while playing music on a radio and randomly turn it off. When the music stops draw a number out of a hat and whoever is on the number gets a cake.