

FUNDRAISING

We're going to let you in on a little secret, your trip starts NOW, not when you arrive in-country. The entire process... the application, the confirmation, the training, the fundraising, the packing, the traveling, the serving, the returning home are all individual steps in an amazing journey that is marked by God's thumbprint. You must have faith in each step of this experience, because God has faith in you.

If you truly believe God has called you to GO, then boldly call upon others to come alongside you. Do not be intimidated by raising money for your trip. This is not a pleading for money, this is an invitation for family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, associates, coaches and teammates to be a part of your journey. It's an opportunity to educate, to share, and to involve others in the Kingdom work being done by God through this GO Team.

By faith, you have been called to action, so let's get ready to GO!

FAQS

Q – Question: What if I can pay for my own trip, should I still fundraise? A – Answer: We believe it is in the best interest and health of the GO team participant to be sent by their community. It is our hope that every GO team participant will invite their community into partnership both in the area of finance and in the area of prayer so that they will be sent by a group of fully invested friends and family.

Q – Question: What does my trip cost cover?

A – Answer: Your trip cost covers everything you will need from the time you arrive at the Indianapolis Airport for departure to the time you land at the Indianapolis Airport for home arrival except for spending money for items like souvenirs and snacks. Your trip cost does NOT cover: passports or vaccinations, please plan accordingly for those extra costs.

Q – Question: If I raise more than what my trip costs, what happens to my overages?

A – Answer: You have a few options here. If you want to give the overages to your team, they can be divided in whatever way you choose to your teammates. You can also save the overages to put towards a future GO Trip. Finally, you can choose to give the remaining balance directly to the ministry your trip is partnering with.

Q- Question: What if I need extra funding outside of the trip cost to cover things like, passports, vaccinations, childcare while I am out of the country, etc. or I want to carry my overages into a future trip?

A – Answer: When budgeting for your entire GO Team trip, it is important to include costs that incur due to your absence (child care, dog-sitting, etc). If you need funding for trip expenses over and above the Northview “trip cost” you are welcome to use cash received through fundraising efforts to help curb these expenses. Please keep in mind that Northview will not give cash donors tax credit for their donations. We ask that you clearly state in your fundraising letters or online posts that ONLY donations given directly to Northview Church by check or through your Focus Missions Public Profile Page will receive charitable gift statements at the end of the year.

Q – Question: If my donors want to donate through Northview for tax credit, how do they do that?

A – Answer: Your donors can use one of two options for donating towards your trip for tax credit:

1. For Online Donations - Donors can give directly through your Focus Missions On-Line Giving Link and it will be processed as a gift to the church, which qualifies for tax credit.
2. For Checks – Donors can make their checks out to **NORTHVIEW CHURCH** and mail those directly to you. **Your name should NOT appear on the check in the memo.* You can collect those checks and either bring them to your team build or mail them to **Northview Church 12900 Hazel Dell Parkway Carmel, IN 46033**. Please mark envelope to the attention of Global Outreach - GO TEAMS.

Q – Question: How do I check my balance on my GO trip?

A – Answer: Each confirmed team member will be given an account in our Focus Missions program. This will be your team dashboard to find all info about your trip, including your account balance. You will also be able to see upcoming team meetings, access important team documents and update your personal info.

FUNDRAISING HINTS & TIPS

Letter / Post Card Campaign: Email or send letters to raise support. This is by far the main source of support for GO Team participants. People who know you well tend to be the most generous supporters. Personalize your letters so your heart and your passion for helping others shines through. Also, take advantage of this opportunity to educate about the country, culture and people you will be serving.

Mission Trip Monday: Utilize social media to share your journey as it unfolds. Ask for support, share pictures and tell your story, but make sure to send a shout out of LOVE, THANKS and GRATITUDE recognizing those who have contributed. This really creates excitement and a buzz about your upcoming trip within your network, as well as tagged supporters' networks.

BE BOLD: Your networks are bigger than you realize. Never underestimate the power of the personal ask “Will you support me at \$___ amount?” Don’t forget to ask coaches, everyone on your Christmas card lists, local businesses, life groups, neighbors, co-workers and people at church.

Get creative: Design a t-shirt, set up a virtual garage sale, babysit, mow lawns or wax cars. Advertise your willingness to serve locally in order to serve globally. Take a leap of faith and work by “donations only” basis and see how others are moved to bless you in this journey.

TEAM FUNDRAISER IDEAS

Meals for Missions: Have the whole team cook the meals for a day and then have people sign up to purchase them and pick them up to feed their family.

Dine to Donate: Team up with a local establishment to earn a percentage of dinner profits for the GO Team. Restaurants that have held fundraiser's before...

- Chick-fil-A
- City Barbecue
- Chipotle
- McAlister's
- Which Wich
- Fazolies
- Papa Murphy's
- IHOP

Concession Stand Volunteers: Work a concession stand at a local sports or civic event. (Indianapolis Indians game, Ruoff Music Center, Indy 500, etc.)

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