

Thank you for your interest in Missions! Money should never keep you from being on mission. Here are some ideas about writing fundraising letters~

Don't be shy about who should receive letters from you. We recommend friends, family, extended family, coworkers, non-believers, anyone who might want to know what you are up to and might be able to help. We include non-believers because your letter may be an opening for you to share about why you are going and what you will be doing. It may be an opportunity for you to share the Gospel with non-believing acquaintances.

You should send out a lot of letters. In general, more letters raise more funds than fewer letters. Ask the Lord to help you come up with a recipient list. Allow Him to be creative and bold in this. You will be amazed how God will raise funds for you as you let Him direct you. If you have genuinely been called for this trip, He will not pull the rug out from under you. God can really surprise you through the generosity of others.

You should write the letter yourself, have someone check it for spelling, and grammar. Avoid a standard "form" letter if possible. The body of the letter can be the same for all recipients but if you can, try to personalize an opening remark or closing comment for each letter you send. Limit your entire letter to no more than two pages. Use a type font that is easy to read (12 or 14 point). You should cover the following:

- Your call and motivation to go.
- When and where you are going.
- Who else is going with you and what organization is sponsoring the trip. (E3 Mission, formerly Global Missions Fellowship)
- What you will be doing.
- To whom you will be ministering.
- What you want from those who get your letter: 1. prayer, 2. financial help.
- A few things you want them to pray for.
- Specifics regarding financial gifts. (amount needed, address, tax deduction info, campaign code, notation on the check, using a credit card to donate, etc.)
- Thank them for praying and supporting.

If you have any more questions or need help. Please contact Mark Spence, minister of Global Focus, at North Richland Hills Baptist Church, 817-284-9206 or mark@nrhbc.org.