



How to Raise Financial & Prayer Support for your XMA Mission Trip

Most people would love to go on a mission trip but fear they can't raise the money to go. Raising the money for your XMA mission trip is very possible and Biblical. I would even go as far as saying that you can raise 100% of the money for your XMA mission trip in one month.

What we learn from the Bible about support:

Read Nehemiah 2:1-9

- Nehemiah shares his heart and says what he needs (he was even specific) to accomplish the vision God has given him.
- The lesson you can learn from Nehemiah is to be bold and take a risk. Nehemiah asked the king face to face. He didn't write a support letter. Nehemiah shared the vision God had given him and shared what he needed to accomplish the vision.

Read 1 Kings 17:1-7

- You think asking for something is difficult? God required Elijah to ask the widow to give him the last of her flour and oil. Asking is difficult but you are not asking for yourself. You are asking so the vision God has given you can be accomplished. It's not for your. It's for a third party – those the Lord wants you to reach. This is the Biblical perspective.

Read Luke 8:1-3

- Do you believe Jesus can do anything? Sure He could have! Couldn't He have met the needs of His ministry all by himself? Absolutely! Jesus had the power to do anything but chose to depend on others for support.

Read Philippians 4:10-19

- The Philippians were concerned for Paul, but could not show it until he gave them an opportunity to give.

Here's the plan:

Week 1

- Set up five appointments with people that love you and love Jesus.

Week 2

- Go to the appointments set up last week. Do what Nehemiah did. Share the vision the Lord has given you. Share what it's going to take for you to go on the upcoming XMA mission trip and invite them to pray about being on your prayer and financial support team by investing \$50, \$100, or \$200 in you to go on this trip. Tell them you will call them next week after they've had some time to think and pray about it and make a decision.
- Set up five more appointments for next week.

Week 3

- Go to the appointments set up last week.
- Call people you met with last week and ask if they've made a decision.
- Set up five more appointments for next week.

Week 4

- Go to the appointments set up last week.
- Call people you met with last week and ask if they've made a decision.
- Set up five more appointments for next week.
- Write thank you letters to all.

Continue this process until you are at 100%. If you want to reach the goal more quickly just do what it takes to meet with more people weekly. Meeting with ten people per week would get you there twice as fast.