

# RAISING SUPPORT FOR MISSIONS

God is our provider, not people. Trusting Him to supply for our trip is a spiritual adventure of faith. It is part of your growth that God will take you through to prepare for the task ahead.

## WHY WE RAISE SUPPORT

- ***It will generate a prayer team***

When people are challenged to give financially, they are likely to pray for you.

- ***Your faith will grow***

Support-raising is a faith journey. When days go by and your support level does not increase, you may be prompted to question your call to missions. But those are the days to be reminded that God has called you and that He will supply every need. Often the best faith lessons appear as we wait on God. That's when we learn that we are limited and God is limitless.

- ***It broadens the missionary vision of the church***

You are the best recruiter for world missions. When you share your passion with others, you are able to communicate your vision and your call. Your enthusiasm and dedication stimulates and challenges interest and involvement in missions.

## HOW WE RAISE SUPPORT

Our church will raise at least half the total trip cost per person through various fundraisers and offerings. You are responsible for faithfully going above and beyond to raise the remaining amount due.

### Points to consider

***Look outside the church.*** Friends, relatives, teachers, co-workers, and neighbors (even unbelievers) will feel blessed to invest in you and God's leading in your life. Seek their support.

***Only ask those whom you have a relationship with.*** Don't randomly ask people or send mass emails to people you don't really know or don't really know you.

## **YOUR SUPPORT LETTERS**

- Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope in your support letters with your home as the return address. *Make copies or keep a list of the checks you receive before turning them into the church.*
- Bring the checks to *training meetings as they come in;* otherwise they may get lost in the shuffle.
- Checks should be made payable to **“Northcliffe Baptist Church”**

Supporters who wish to deduct their support on their taxes:

- Must **NOT** designate this gift to you anywhere on their check (Include a note to designate whom the assistance is for).
  - Understand the giving is to the church and trip that will then support your participation.
  - Any funds above and beyond your trip will be used at the discretion of the church for mission-related activities.
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- Follow up each gift with a personal thank-you note as you receive them. Don't wait until the trip is over – do it when you get them.
  - Upon return from the trip, send a report letter to *all the people from whom you have requested prayer and financial support, not just those who have given money.*