

Raising Support

Why raise support?

1. Raising support attracts a base of prayer support. Prayer naturally follows financial investment.
2. Raising support stretches your faith.
3. Raising support engages and encourages others in the missionary vision of the Body of Christ.
4. Raising support develops you as a person. You realize you are limited and that God is limitless!
5. Raising support stimulates fellowship with other believers.
6. Raising support opens opportunities to witness.

Guidelines for Raising Support

1. Support letters should be sent out early enough to give donors at least three weeks to respond. Keep in mind when deposits and balances are due so they can respond in time.
2. Each team member should have full support raised before the deadline for the remaining balance is due.
3. New Covenant Worship Center, Inc. is recognized by the IRS as a non-profit organization. Donors will receive receipts for their gifts with the understanding that the disbursement of those gifts lays at the discretion of the church and that the gifts are non-refundable. Contributions will be applied to the individual and trip designated unless in the event the designated trip is fully funded, New Covenant Worship Center will apply the donation to another mission trip or where most needed within New Covenant's Missions Programs.
4. Donations can be given directly into team members' accounts online at <http://ncwc.org/ministries/missions> and click "TRIP SPONSOR".
5. Checks should be made out to "NCWC" and include the trip (Honduras 2020) and participant's name on the memo line.
6. Checks can be collected by leaders at team meetings or mailed to the church:

NCWC

Attn: Honduras 2020

1425 Newton Bridge Road

Athens, GA 30607

Writing a Personal Support Letter:

1. Write a letter to everyone you know who loves you, or Jesus, or both.
2. Letters should be no longer than one page in length. Anything longer will lessen the effect of the letter.
3. Be sure to include supplemental materials such as: Self-addressed (to you) envelope and Contribution form that includes donation guidelines.
4. Letters should include a brief description about the country/culture you are going to.
5. Letters should also have information on the sending organization and the hosting organization. The sending organization is New Covenant Worship Center. The host organization is Alpha Community Church.
6. Include a description of what the team will be doing. Mention why the team is doing this particular project.
7. Include the cost of the trip per person.
8. Mention why you want to be involved in this trip. Briefly list your strongest reasons for going on this trip. You may mention a desire to become more globally aware and develop a deeper faith. But readers would be more likely to donate money to an actual project or activity they can see.
9. State how you would like your readers to be involved. You need to address why you are asking people to contribute financially. Go back to the project description mentioned in the third guideline and ask the reader to participate in this endeavor by supporting you and contributing to the specific expenses you would incur by going. This need not be a long “sales pitch” but rather a simple request.
10. Clear instructions on how contributors are to respond, including...
 - Make the check payable to NCWC (checks should not be made payable to you if the contributor wishes to receive the tax credit for the donation) with your name and trip in the memo line.
 - Donations can be given online at <http://ncwc.org/ministries/missions> and click “TRIP SPONSOR”
 - Specific deadline of when you want them to respond

Once You Request Support:

1. Write a personal thank you note to everyone who contributes.
2. Document your interaction with each person you write. This is helpful when you are raising support for future trips.
3. Deliver on your promised report.

Other Fundraising Suggestions:

The most effective, proven method to raise individual support is to write a letter for distribution to family, friends and co-workers but here are some other ideas as well:

- Odd Jobs- Mow lawns, baby-sit, or find other creative ways to earn additional money.
- Personal Sacrifice- Cut off the cable, take a lunch to work, drink water instead of soda. Put any money saved toward the trip
- Yard Sale- Host a team-wide yard sale. Ask friends and family to donate items for the sale and split the money between participating team members.
- Make Something- Use special talents to make items for sale. Put all proceeds towards the trip.

Sample Support Letter 1
Dear {donor's first name},

I am writing to share with you two of my favorite subjects; Jesus and jet travel. You see, I have been asked by my church to participate on a mission team to Roatan, Honduras. I consider this to be an awesome privilege and responsibility and am so excited to have another opportunity to travel for the Lord! This will be my first time going overseas as well as the first time I am seeking support for this endeavor.

Our team departs the first week of June for eight days in Roatan, a small island off the coast of Honduras in Central America. We will be assisting the local church in serving the poor and undernourished local population. Our team will operate a kids' camp outreach and will be hosting a men's and women's conference at our host church.

We will have the awesome privilege of sharing the love of Jesus Christ, participating in worship services, and experiencing first hand God at work in another culture.

The purpose of this letter is not only to tell you about the trip but also to ask you if you would consider joining our team, as a prayer partner. Challenges abound as we prepare and I ask that you would please pray for safe travel and health of the team. Pray that through this experience I would come back with a greater understanding and compassion for a group of people I know very little about. Please also pray that I would be an effective and humble servant. With your prayer support, I know that God will not only use us but also bless the entire mission. You can write me a note and return it to me in the enclosed envelope if you feel led to pray for this team and me.

Also, as part of our challenge in preparing for this trip each team member has been asked to raise \$1400 which includes travel costs, lodging and most of our meals. Please also consider becoming part of our financial support team. If you would like to make a financial contribution to this team a check can be made payable to New Covenant Worship Center (with the memo reading Honduras 2020, {your name}) and returned to me in the enclosed envelope by {deadline}. You can also give online directly into my trip account at <http://ncwc.org/ministries/missions> and click "Trip Sponsor". All contributions are tax deductible. If the team is successful in raising our financial goal, all excess funds will be applied to either the needs directly related to the ministry of this trip or to fund additional mission needs.

Thanks so much for your prayers and support!

God Bless,

{your first and last name}

Sample Support Letter 2 (requires follow-up report)

Dear {donor's first name},

I want to share with you a wonderful opportunity I have to go to Honduras with New Covenant Worship Center from June 6 to June 13, 2020. As I heard about the opportunity, I really sensed God calling me to be part of this mission.

It is my prayer that as you read this letter you will consider joining me as a partner in this opportunity to minister to orphans, street kids, poor and needy adults in areas where the physical and spiritual needs are great in the name of Christ. During the mission, I will be working with street kids and caring for people who have often been forgotten and overlooked. I will also have the privilege of sharing the Good News about Jesus with the children and adults we meet.

Would you consider partnering with me both prayerfully and financially, to enable me to go and share Christ's love with those who need to hear? I need to raise \$1400 to participate in this mission. Would you be willing to invest the amount God would lead you to give to help me be a part of this vital outreach to children and adults in Honduras? If you would like to make a financial contribution to this team you can give online to my account at <http://ncwc.org/ministries/missions> and click "Trip Sponsor" or a check can be made payable to NCWC (with the memo reading {your name}, Honduras 2020) and returned to me in the enclosed envelope. All contributions are tax deductible. If the team is successful in raising our financial goal, all excess funds will be applied to either the needs directly related to the ministry of this trip or to fund additional mission needs within the Missions Department.

Thank you for prayerfully considering joining me in this opportunity to reach out to those who need to know that God is real and that He loves them. If now isn't a good time for you to give, I do understand; simply knowing that you are praying for me as I seek to raise the funds and while I go to Honduras will be a great encouragement!

I will mail a full report of my trip to you when I return.

Blessings,

{your first and last name}

"It's not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit," says the LORD Almighty.
Zechariah 4:6