

How should we finance the mission?

The following are helpful ideas for fund raising:

1. International Night

As a way to introduce your church to cultures they may not otherwise experience, you can host an international dinner. Include national dishes from several countries along with appropriate decorations and utensils. You could gather info from the library or talk to some missionaries from your church. Be sure to include some food items & other information about the nation you'll be going to! This is a tasty way to share your vision & give the youth an opportunity to receive donations for their trip. Make pledge forms and offering baskets available along with an estimated budget for your upcoming adventure!



2. Mission Luncheons

After Sunday worship services, many people eat out, so why not serve a hot lunch in the church at a reasonable price? The members of one youth group served lunch four Sundays in May after church services. Parents were recruited to help. They prepared food such as barbecued chicken, slaw and salad, corn on the cob, hot rolls, beverages and dessert. It was an effective fundraiser & helped keep the mission trip in the minds of the congregation.

3. Rent a Worker

Why not offer to provide services in the areas of your expertise? Do you have a particular skill that you feel you are good at? Services like house cleaning, gardening, raking leaves, organizing the attic, or a variety of other tasks can be done. You decide on a fair hourly wage to be paid for your work & earn money for your mission trip this way.



4. Auction of Baked Goods

Everyone likes to enjoy fresh home baked delicacies! Can you bake? Do you enjoy decorating holiday cookies & desserts? Combine your talents with those of others who may be skilled in making home-made bread and cookies and offer them at an appropriate

location in an auction! Another idea is to take orders for cookies & baked goods and sell them at a fair prices.

5. Other Fund Raising Ideas

Lawn care services, house painting, mission pizza nights, garage sales, New Year's Eve babysitting service, talent show, craft fair, pancake breakfast, car wash, treasure hunt, gift wrap table at mall or large store, or any other creative idea that comes to mind as you brainstorm with your group.