

What follows are multiple examples of ways to raise support for our Spring Break Mission trip to San Jose, Costa Rica. It is our desire that every student be able to attend this trip if at all possible. We have worked really hard and budgeted stringently to get the trip to be as affordable as possible. With that in mind, we are offering as many ways as we can fathom to help students raise support. Donor or support letters have proven to be an amazing resource in years past. Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, neighbors, and mentors all love and support your child and would typically give to them for a good cause.

The trip cost for students is \$750. If you send out 30 letters and each person gives \$25, you will have already raised \$750. The reality is that most people are willing to give \$20 if not more. I (Chris Conner) raised over \$5000 for a mission trip via support letters when I was in college. It is possible. **It's key to follow-up with a phone call a week or so after mailing out your letters.** Once you get back make sure to contact your supporters and say THANK YOU and let them know how God used their generosity to impact your life and many others.

Like mentioned earlier, we want every student to attend this trip. We believe missions are life changing. There is nothing like seeing a student experience Christ for the on a mission trip. Please let us know how we can help.

Thank you for allowing us to influence your students,

**Mountaintop Student Staff**

Date

Dear Family and Friends:

I want to share a challenging ministry opportunity God has given me. On March 25th, I will be departing on a mission trip to Dallas, Texas for 7 days with a group from Mountaintop Community Church. We will be going to share the Gospel and show the love of Christ to the people that region. I am considering this trip as not only an outreach to impact people for Christ but also an opportunity for me to grow in my faith as a Christian. I am looking forward to the challenges that taking a step of faith will bring and also the rewards in spiritual growth. But it is the opportunity to serve others for our Lord Jesus Christ that really excites me and offers me the greatest joy.

Our areas of ministry will be:

- Showing and teaching about God's love.
- Pitching in wherever there is a need (painting, cleaning, cooking, doing Bible lessons with the children, etc.)
- Supplying food and essential items to those in need.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve and minister and I ask you to join me in ministry. I am seeking your support and prayers for this mission trip. If you are able to assist with this trip, I would ask that you forward any donation in the enclosed envelope with the check or money order payable to Mountaintop Community Church (with my name in the envelope but not on the check itself.) The trip is being funded entirely through donations and by those going on the mission trip. Every penny collected will be used to directly benefit the outreach to the people of New Orleans.

I thank you in advance for your prayers and your financial support. May God bless you richly!

In Christ's Service,

Week-long summer trip to Mexico

Dear [ name ]

I have an opportunity this summer, March 25 – April 1, to join ministries around the Dallas/Ft. Worth metroplex. On our trip we will be holding vacation Bible schools for the children of Juarez and working on different construction sites around the city. What a chance to minister to others!

I am excited about what God is going to do in my life and in other people's lives through this ministry this summer. I do, however, need your help. We riding on charter buses to Dallas, Texas.

I will need to raise \$279 before March. Anything you can do to help will be greatly appreciated.

Please be a part of this awesome opportunity, for I know that you too will be blessed. Thank you and

God bless

In Christ,

[the bottom third of the letter was a response form to be returned]

Dear Friends and Family,

This spring break, March 8 – 15, I have the amazing opportunity to travel to El Salvador with Liberty Christian School high school students on a Real Impact Missions Trip. We will be staying in the city of San Salvador, the capitol of El Salvador. Due to this being the capitol city, San Salvador has become a melting pot of many races and cultures. There is an increasing breakdown of social stability, family life, and government corruption, poverty in villages, crime domestic violence, and gang/drug involvement. There is such a need for stability that can be found only in Christ. Campus Crusade for Christ is a Christ-centered organization that we will serve with in San Salvador. They have seen a great number of people's lives change as they come to know Jesus! I have been on several other mission trips and know the blessing and responsibility of being a part of God's work. I am excited about working alongside of Campus Crusade and the possibility of bringing the good news of Jesus Christ to this area of the world.

We will do ministry in a variety of ways. The team will proclaim the message of life and hope through a drama and street evangelism. We will also be involved in work projects within the community where we can show by our actions how much God loves them. As we work alongside local churches and pastors, specifically Campus Crusade, we will reach the nation for Christ.

But I can't do this alone... I need your support to help me go to El Salvador and spread the love of Christ. But before you commit to my cause of going to El Salvador, please prayerfully consider what your role can be in supporting Liberty's ministry in El Salvador. Our two biggest needs are for your prayer support and your financial support. Each missionary is responsible for raising his or her own funds. Please know that your gift would be an investment in someone's eternity. The cost of the entire trip is \$1895, and we have payments due in November, January, and March. If you choose to give, please make checks payable to Real Impact Missions (do not put my name in the memo section of the check for tax reasons). Please fill out the small donation coupon included in this letter so that the gift will be appropriated towards my account. No gift is too small, and all are greatly appreciated. You can mail your check to Real Impact Missions, PO Box, 1532, Gainesville, GA, 30503. If you would like to make an online gift, go to [www.realimpact.com](http://www.realimpact.com) and at the bottom of the first page click on the "Donate" icon. Enter in dollar amount and credit card information, press "Review Donation and Continue" and on the next page click on "Donation for:" and type in the student's name and click "Donate"

Even if you can't support me financially I would greatly appreciate your prayerful support for me, my school, and that Christ will greatly change the lives of the El Salvadorians. Thank you for your time in reading this letter and I hope you have a blessed day.

Sincerely,

Your Name

Dear Family and Friends,

Each year, Liberty Christian School sends a group of high school students on a mission trip to spread the word of Jesus Christ. This spring break, March 8-15, I have the amazing opportunity to travel to El Salvador with my fellow Liberty Christian School high school students with an organization called Real Impact Missions. ([www.realimpact.com](http://www.realimpact.com)) This will be my first mission trip, and I am excited about bringing the good news of Jesus Christ to this area of the world.

We will do ministry in a variety of ways. The team will proclaim the message of life and hope through drama and street evangelism. We will also be involved in work projects within the community where we can show by our actions how much God loves them, as we work alongside local churches and pastors, we will reach the nation for Christ.

We would love for you to be a part of this ministry in two ways. First and foremost, you can begin praying as we build our team and prepare to go. The second way you can be part is by giving financially. If you feel led to give this work, it would be a great blessing to us. The cost of the entire trip is \$1895, and we have payments due in November, January, and March. If you choose to give, please make checks payable to Real Impact Missions (do not put my name in the memo section of the check for tax reasons). Please fill out the small donation coupon included in this letter so that the gift will be appropriated towards my account. No gift is too small, and all are greatly appreciated. You can mail your check to Real Impact Missions, Attn: Liberty El Salvador Trip, PO Box, 1532, Gainesville, GA, 30503. If you would like to make an online gift, go to [www.realimpact.com](http://www.realimpact.com) and at the bottom of the first page click on the "Donate" icon. Enter in dollar amount and credit card information, press "Review Donation and Continue" and on the next page click on "Donation for:" and type in the student's name and click "Donate".

We look forward to sharing with you how you were a partner in the ministry to El Salvador. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

In Christ,

Student

1 Thessalonians 2:8 “We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us.”

# Creating Your Mission Trip Support Letter

It is so important that your first impression to those to whom you are writing is a good one. You want to spend time writing your mission trip support letter.

Makes sure to include the following:

**First paragraph** - You want to succinctly introduce the mission in which God has called you. Include how you came to this decision of accepting the call Most importantly! ASK what you want your reader to do. (Stand with you in your mission by supporting you financially and prayerfully)

**Body of the letter** – Give a personal story of how you came to realization that you are called to go on this mission trip. Include information about the country and the people you will be ministering This is a great place to give statistics If you're returning, tell about your previous experience Give information about the group you will be going with. Give details of who they are, how long they have been in ministry, and what you will be doing. Ask for prayer and for financial support. It's always good to state your goal of how much you have to raise. Folks like to see your final goal.

**Conclusion** – Thank them ahead of time for their support.

Dear Friends and Family:

How are you doing? I hope that God is doing as many wonderful things in your life as He is in mine. I am having a wonderful year at Central High School, and feeling God's will to do more for the world around me.

I want to share with you a challenging ministry opportunity that God has presented to me. From June 10 through June 20 God has offered me the chance to go to Indonesia with a youth group from First Calvary Church. This 10-day missions trip will be reaching out and spreading gospel to the Indonesian people while also learning more about the people there and their culture.

While God has opened up a door for me to develop a greater heart of compassion for His people around the world, the exciting part is that you will be able to share in this compassion in several ways. First, you can help pray for me and my fellow students. We will need prayers that God will prepare us for our visit and bless our efforts as we minister to the people of Indonesia. We will also need prayers that our financial needs will be met. At this time we need to raise \$3,000 each to attend this trip, and that is quite a challenge!

Another way you can be involved is to help provide that financial support. Would you consider supporting me with a small donation? I have included a postage-paid envelope for you to use if you feel led to contribute. I will need to raise all my funds by May 1 in order to pay for airline tickets and other items. Please make checks payable to First Calvary Church. Whether you feel led to contribute financially, through prayer, or both, all of your support is appreciated.

I look forward to doing God's work in Indonesia and letting you know all about how God has worked through this team when I return in June.

God Bless,