

# **The Sponsorship Program**

## **The Gospel Preachers Association youth missions program**

### **(This is how to go about raising the money for my mission trip)**

This program is designed to help each Youth Missionary, and Youth Missionary Counselor to raise the needed funds for the cost of the trip and to help replace any amount of lost income during the time of the trip. It is an easy program to follow, but in order for it to be effective, one must follow the program closely, the closer you follow the program the better it will work for you. The first thing to be aware of is, the earlier you start the better, that way if you don't raise as much as you thought you have time to expand the program to reach more people.

The program is very simple, you simply make a list of possible supporters, send each one a letter asking for their support, \$60.00 is a full sponsor. Then do some follow up to secure those who are a part of an organization, or those who might tend to forget. Let's just go through it step by step.

Step One. Determine the amount needed for the trip.

1. Start with the amount of the trip itself.
2. Add your cost to reach the airport of departure.
3. Add the cost of any wages lost during the trip.
4. Add any other cost you might have in order to make it possible to make the trip.

Example: Seven day mission trip GPA cost:.....	1,000.00
Airfare from your city to the departing airport.....	150.00
One week part time pay.....	250.00
Spending money for the trip.....	100.00
 Total cost.....	 1,500.00

Step Two. Determine the number of sponsors needed.  
Take the amount of money needed and divide by 60.

1500.00 divided by 60 is equal to: 25, so you will need 25 sponsors to make this trip.

Step Three. Determine the number of letters you should send out. This is typically the number of sponsors, times three, so  $25 \times 3 = 75$ . You should send out 75 sponsorship letters.

Step Four. Make a list of people and organizations to send letters to. You might need to get someone to help you with this step, your parents, your Pastor, a trusted School or Sunday School teacher, a close friend or even a co-worker. Of course you want to start with relatives, Mom and Dad, Brothers and Sisters, Grandparents, Uncles and Aunts etc... But most of the time this will not be enough, next is close friends, co-workers, fellow students, Churches, Sunday School Classes, Christian businessmen, and Christian businesses, and anyone person or organization that might consider helping you with the cost of the trip. Make sure you get good address for everyone you wish to send a letter to.

Step Five. Compose a form letter to send out. Start by stating who you are and what you are doing, also state why you feel led to go on this mission trip and what you expect to accomplish. Then state what you hope to learn from the trip. Follow then by making a simple request that they would consider supporting you for a full sponsorship but also state that any amount would be helpful. Make sure you tell them to send any money to the desired location you and your pastor, youth pastor, or leader has decided to send the money to. If a church is handling your money discuss with the person in charge whether they should make the check payable to you or the church. Make sure the check is either made out to yourself or your church or a mission agency that is taking care of your support. Again discuss with your pastor your options. It will ease the person's mind that is sending you the money that they are helping you and only you for the purpose you are asking for the money. End with a nice conclusion asking them to be sure and pray for you even if they do not feel led to support you as a financial sponsor. Note: See sample letter included.

Step Six. Mail the letters and pray that God will bless your efforts

Step Seven. After a few weeks, do any follow up needed to secure the amount to cover your trip. If you raise more than you need you might consider sending the extra support in for those who might be having a harder time raising the support they need. Remember, keep back the cash you need to cover your personal expenses, you need only send in the GPA set amount for the trip, unless you wish to help support another Youth Missionary.

If you have any question you can call Billy Sampson at 219-805-8826.

May God Bless you as you raise support to do the work of the LORD.

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