

Fundraising Principles for Findlay Evangelical Free Church

At Findlay Evangelical Free Church, we are blessed to be part of a church fellowship that is very active in missions and is very generous. In order to bring clarity to the process of meeting the financial costs of various mission trips, the Elders have outlined the following principles for those seeking funding:

Mission Trip Fundraising Principles

God bless you for taking this step of faith to be obedient to Christ's Great Commission to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation" (Mark 16:15). We wanted to supply the following information so you are aware of how to seek funding, if needed, for your mission trip, if you are accepted.

Before beginning the fund-raising process, we encourage much prayer, knowing that God can abundantly supply all your needs when you act in faith.

Matthew 6:26, 30 "Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?" ... ³⁰ "But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more clothe you? You of little faith!"

The funding for your trip can come from three primary sources:

1. Diligent work and disciplined saving, as the Lord provides.

1 Thessalonians 2:9 "For you recall, brethren, our labor and hardship, how working night and day so as not to be a burden to any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God."

1 Thessalonians 4:10-12 "But we urge you, brethren, to excel still more, ¹¹ and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own business and work with your hands, just as we commanded you, ¹² so that you will behave properly toward outsiders and not be in any need."

2. Asking Your Church Family

- a. We encourage you to supply support letters to friends and/or members of your own Family Group or Community Group, asking them to consider prayer and financial support. We encourage giving people ample notice before the departure date of the trip.

2 Corinthians 8:3-4 “For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability, they gave of their own accord, ⁴ begging us with much urging for the favor of participation in the support of the saints.”

3. Missions Planning Team (MPT)

- a. Complete a mission team application (either through FEFC or the sending organization), indicating your request for funding on the application. Turn this in to the church office. The MPT may ask for additional information.
- b. The MPT considers requests for funding and typically helps with a portion of the cost of the trip when a person is eligible.
- c. For those going on their first mission trip, the MPT has a special *Jehovah Jireh* (meaning, God Supplies) fund. For those who are eligible, the MPT can (but is not obligated to) decide to donate up to 50% of the trip cost, not to exceed \$1000.
- d. Making a request of the MPT with ample notice will help ensure a smoother trip preparation process.