

# Missions to Mexico

## *Fund raising Ideas*

Fund raiser ideas based on material by Kevin Paszalek, Houston (TX) Southway Community Church

### **Building financial support through a letter to family and friends**

- On the average, \$250 can be raised through well-written letters sent to about 75 people who know you: family members and friends.
- Some groups prepare a fund raising letter in a downloadable form so participants can easily personalize it.
- Spread the word widely; don't limit the letters to Christian friends and family.
- Send thank-you letters for every financial gift. Sometimes, "thank you" notes will even bring follow-up gifts.

### **How local churches can help come up with the needed money**

1. Give official blessing or sanction
2. Provide letters of endorsement on church stationery [ more info ]
3. Let individuals share with the congregation in services
4. Allow pleas for donations during services
5. Host informational meetings about the trip
6. Publicize the trip
7. Information in the congregation's monthly newsletter
8. Inserts in the weekly church bulletin
9. Call attention to those that get involved in local ministry when they return or decide to go long-term as a result of going short-term.
10. Provide direct financial support
11. Provide partial funding from the church budget.
12. Help in getting out a support raising letter.
13. Organizing prayer support .
14. Organize fund raising events within the church .
15. Auction off 6 hours of the trip participant's time.
16. Hold dinner/auction of baked goods.
17. Auction of baked goods with pie-in-the-face.

### **Other ideas**

Car Wash: Sell car wash coupons

Organize dinners or dinner theaters and sell tickets

Hold giant garage/rummage sale

Sell barbecue

Organize and teach an Internet beginners' course

Sell tubs of frozen cookie dough

Find a restaurant that will donate part of the cost of a meal or provide meal