

## FUNDRAISING IDEAS

The following fundraising ideas have been a proven financial success with past Mission Adventures mission teams in New Zealand:

- Hold a **Garage Sale** with items donated by church members.
- **Sponsored fun-run or other physical challenge**  
Be creative! Bike rides, hikes and more can be a great way for team members to get sponsorships from friends and family e.g. \$2 for each kilometre that they run, bike... Do this as a group, or as individuals.
- Get a local newspaper to run a **Feature Article** on the team (before and after the trip) with local businesses who sponsor the trip receiving their logo with the article.
- **Car Wash**  
You can earn extra money running this in conjunction with a sausage sizzle or drink stand. Works well on a busy Saturday, or after church on Sunday.
- **Art and Craft Auction**  
Get members of the church or community to donate works of art or craft, and then auction them off.
- **Coin Collection**  
Have containers at church available for people to get rid of any spare change. An idea is to use water bottles as the collection containers if the outreach project is a water tank.
- Make a **Support Handout** with photos and information about your mission team. Print 70 copies of this, and put each one into a separate envelope. Label each envelope from \$1, \$2, \$3... right up to \$70. Members of your church and community can take an envelope, but they must return the envelope with the corresponding amount of money that is written on the outside. Selling 70 envelopes will earn \$2485.
- **Slave Auction**  
Have members of the mission team auction themselves as “slaves”, to do tasks such as lawn mowing, babysitting etc.
- **Dinner Party**  
Sell tickets to a dinner party where the team will serve and provide entertainment to guests. You can even ask individuals to donate the food for the dinner! Think of inexpensive food and decorations, but use team members as waiters and charge restaurant prices.
- Ask your local movie theatre about hiring their venue one evening to screen a new release movie, for a reasonable one-off cost. **Sell movie tickets** at a price high enough so that you are able to make a profit. You may also incorporate a raffle with the movie tickets.

- Ask local businesses to donate items that can be used as prizes in a **Raffle**. Sell tickets outside a supermarket or other large store.
- **Band night**  
Organise a Friday night concert for youth, and ask local school bands to perform for free. Sell tickets, drinks, food etc!
- Hold a **Sausage Sizzle**. Public holidays work especially well – think of ideas like outside Mitre 10 Mega on Labour Day! Businesses like The Warehouse are often happy to help out with these and loan BBQ's for fundraisers.
- Ask for **Sponsorship from Local Businesses** in the community. This could be a one-off donation, or team members can work for the business for a day to raise money.
- Sell nice food and drinks at a **Church Lunch** after church one morning.
- Ask members of your church and community to donate nicely decorated cakes or other baked goods. Then have a **Cake Auction** at an event or church service. The highest bidder wins the cake.
- **Support Letters**  
This is a personal way for individuals in the team to ask friend and family for a donation towards the mission trip. The letter should give a clear invitation for a person to partner with the youth in prayer and financial support.
- Take up a **Church Offering** specifically for a certain project that the mission team will be doing e.g. building, healthcare.
- **Mother's Day Gift Baskets (or any other special occasion!)**  
Prepare gift baskets that can be purchased by church members to give to their mums. Include a card saying that the purchase of the gift basket is supporting the mission team.
- Do **Christmas Gift-Wrapping** for a small fee or donation outside your local Warehouse or shopping centre.
- Order and **Sell Fundraising Chocolate Bars**. Both Cadbury and Mars usually have these available.
- Approach local businesses (e.g. Bunnings) during **Stock Take** time, and arrange for your group to work a few evenings at an hourly or set rate. This works especially well if you have a personal connection with the owner or manager.
- **Phone Book Delivery in your community**  
Many local communities will allow community groups to put in a tender to deliver new phone books each year. Find out about this opportunity in your community. Many hands make light work, so ask church or community members to volunteer with the delivery to support your fundraising efforts.