

Here's a sample fundraising letter. You can print it as is and use it or change it as you see fit.

Be sure to include a self-addressed, and stamped envelope with your letter so people can easily send money to you.

Adding handwritten notes in or on the letter makes them seem less like a "form-letter" and helps people to connect with you.

You can turn checks written to "Forest Park" in to Terry Steiden.

Be sure to follow up with thank you notes, pictures or small gift whether or not your supporters sent you money.

Dear Friends & Family

As you may already know, I have been presented with an opportunity to participate in a mission trip to Nicaragua this September. Our group will be building a home and ministering in different areas while we are there. I believe God has shown me how I can contribute directly to this effort and help fulfil his commission to *go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. Mark 16:15.*

Nicaragua shares the dubious distinction with Haiti of being the poorest country in the western hemisphere. Mission trips like ours are vital to the recovery of their economy, the health of the people and the cause of Christ in this part of the world. You can read more about our hosts mission work here: <http://www.openeyes.org/>

I am writing to ask for your help in 3 areas. First and foremost I ask you to pray for the success of this trip. It's not automatic just because we show up. We've already begun planning construction, gathering the materials we need, getting passports, shots, etc., and frankly, unless the Lord is directing these efforts, I would just as soon stay home anyway. So your prayers are extremely important.

Next, I am asking for your financial support if you can do it. Some part of me cringes to ask for money like this, but on the other hand, I truly believe the Lord IS directing this project and your money will not be wasted. We need about \$3500 for building materials and my travel costs are \$1200. Your gift is tax deductible and checks should be made out to Forest Park Church and sent to me.

And lastly, I need you to pray again. Yes, the money is important, but "where He guides, He provides", so I know He will make a way, but I need to be assured that People of faith are interceding as we take on this task.

By the way, while you are praying, was your heart quickened in reading about this mission trip? Would you consider going on this trip or another in the future? Call me and I'll direct you to all the information you will need and answers to any questions you have.

Thanks for taking time to read this and thanks in advance for your support. I'd like a chance to tell you about my experiences when I return, but while we are preparing, and while we are gone, you can keep up with all we're doing here: <http://missions.blogsome.com/>.

God Bless,



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