Missionary Student,

You have been given the awesome opportunity to go over to Louisiana and serve at either Junior High Mission Camp or High School Mission Discovery. You will be serving through vacation bible school, working on homes, and reaching out and loving the people with the gospel of Christ. Along with that opportunity comes an awesome responsibility, which is to fundraise to cover the cost of traveling to our mission field, eating and having somewhere to sleep while we are there, and most importantly paying for the supplies we need for the projects we will do that minister to the people we are going to serve.

The most effective way you can raise funds is through fundraising letters. Example letters that you may use or modify for your use are available on our website for download. The process is simple.

1. Brainstorm at least ten people, family, friends, co-workers of your parents, whoever cares about you and about people.
2. Print out enough letters, sign your name at the bottom and send them to the people you think of.
3. In the envelopes you send your letters in, include a return envelop with the church’s address on it so it will be easy for those who give to you to send them back
4. Pray that God moves the people you send letters to to give generously and that they will be blessed by their gift.

On the lines below you can start to brainstorm who you can send your letter to.

1. __________________________
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9. __________________________
10. __________________________

Don’t forget, cost should not keep you from going, God will provide if you make the effort. Be proud to ask for a gift to the work of service for God and for people that you are serving; remember the promise of the verse below for all those who you ask to give. I know if you send out these letters you will raise lots of your trip cost, maybe even so much the extra can go to funding all we are doing for missions. God bless you in your efforts and I look forward to serving on the mission trip with you.
Dear friends and family,

Can you envision a land where cows are holy, animal sacrifices are a weekly occurrence and human cremations take place daily? I want to share with you a challenging ministry opportunity God has presented to me. During March 28 - April 10, I will be going to Bangkok and Nepal with a team from First Christian Church.

Our two-week trip will focus on Hindu and Buddhist cultures in this area of the world that is often referred to as 'the heart of darkness.' The purpose of our trip is fourfold:

- First, we will be allowing God to work in our lives through the personal enrichment that comes from this type of a mission trip.
- Second, this Prayer Journey will help us focus our individual prayers by traveling to a foreign land and praying 'on-site with insight.' We will pray for the Hindu and Buddhist people that God may open their eyes and hearts to the message of Jesus.
- Third, we will be visiting an 'unreached people group' of which less than 1% is Christian. First Christian Church has adopted the Newar people group and is assisting in bringing them the gospel. We will be working with some Newar churches to help them grow in their Christian walk.
- Fourth, we will encourage local Christians in Bangkok and Kathmandu. Our presence will bolster their spirits and support their work. We will visit many small villages in Nepal where we will develop relationships with the Christians there.

I'm excited about the opportunity and experience that lie ahead. I hope you see the value in what we will accomplish. As you can imagine, a trip like this requires financial support from a number of people. I need to raise $3,000 by March 20th. If you can support me in a financial way, I would be very grateful. And, most importantly, I also need your prayer support. Prayer is the fuel that will allow us to be successful as we follow God's leading in ministry in these countries. Without prayer, nothing will happen.

If you would like to be part of this mission through your financial support, send a check to: [insert church address here]

Envelopes are enclosed for your convenience. Please make your check payable to First Christian Church and write "Nepal" and my name on the memo line. All contributions are tax deductible.

While money is important, it comes in a distant second to my need for your prayer support. Since prayer support is so important to the success of this mission, I would like to know if I can count on you in that area. Enclosed is a bookmark that you can put in your Bible, on your bathroom mirror, on the "fridge", or anywhere else you will see it at least once a day. Please pray daily for the areas listed.

Because they haven't heard,

(Signed)
Dear Uncle Snerdly,

I have an opportunity to go to Sabinas, Mexico for a construction/medical/evangelism project during the Christmas break. The Work and Witness team is sponsored by Southern Nazarene University. People will be coming from all over the south central United States to participate.

I've been praying about going. I feel like this would be in the Lord's will for me. It will be a dream come true if I can come up with the money to participate.

The group will leave Oklahoma City on Dec. 26. We will:

- Help some Sabinas congregations complete their unfinished church buildings
- Do medical work in the poorest sections of Monterrey
- Evangelize children and young people in VBS programs

Last year, some people came to know Jesus at the dedication of a building the SNU team built. Two years ago, the medical part of the team treated 500 patients in four days! Three Mexican young men who have helped the team in the past are now enrolled in SNU. I know God is going to accomplish some great things through us this year.

Could I enlist you as a prayer partner? The trip costs about $509, plus travel to Laredo, TX. Where will I get that money? I don't know. Will you join me in praying that it will be provided? Just thirty people feeling led by God to give $25 each would make it possible. It will take a miracle and I believe in a miracle-working God.

Should He lay it on your heart to help me, I would be grateful. I want to be a part of taking Jesus to Sabinas. Our biggest need, however, is not money, but prayer support. Please be one of my prayer partners.

Your loving niece,
Dear __________________

I'd like to share with you a trip that I am going to take that will hopefully be a life changing experience for the people I come in contact with, as well as myself.

I was happy to find out that I have been selected to go on a Missions trip with MissionTripS.com along with about ______others from my church. Our team will be traveling to the country of __________________ from_______(date) to____________(date). While we are there we will be ministering to the people of _______________ through drama, music, street witnessing, and possibly construction. We will also be helping the missionaries in any way that we are needed. Through this we hope to win many souls to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now, all I need is the money to get there. We will be involved in fundraisers to earn money, however, I will need sponsors. Right now I am looking for 40 people to sponsor me for $_____ toward this once in a lifetime experience. However, I realize that this amount may not be possible, so any amount that you might be able to give would be greatly appreciated. If you are sending a check, please make it out to_____________. I believe that with prayer and God's help my financial need will be met.

Please pray for me as I prepare for this mission and while we are there. Pray that people will see the love of Jesus through us and will be touched in some way. My prayer is that this trip proves to be life changing for the people of _______________ even more than for myself.

Thank you for letting me share with you what will be one of the most meaningful experiences of my life. If you cannot help in a financial way, please help support me with your prayers.

In His service,

Your name
Dear [Name],

Greetings to you in the Lord's name. My purpose for writing is to let you know about a great opportunity that the Lord has laid on my heart. Grace Church has put together a short-term missions trip to ______________. I am excited about going on this trip and the possibility of using my skills and abilities for the glory of God and the good of the people in ______________.

On this trip, I will be part of an eight-member team of tradesmen. We will be refurbishing two buildings desperately in need of repair for the purpose of housing incoming missionaries. I am excited about this because this is where my skills lie. In addition, I am trusting that God will use this trip to expand my vision for the world and use me to help reach more people for him.

The importance of prayer for our ministry, safety, travel, and that which God intends to accomplish through us, is absolutely essential. Would you please participate in this ministry with your prayers. Of course, there is also a cost to this trip. It will be approximately $______ . Please consider giving. Any contribution you make would help this ministry and would be tax deductible. Please make your check payable to ______________. I’ve enclosed an envelope for your convenience.

I am eager for your prayer support and partnership in this ministry, and I greatly value your friendship and help in this venture of faith. Thank you so much.

Your friend in Christ,

(With the letter, include a self-addressed envelope, so that it will come back to you. That way you can keep accurate records, know who is on your prayer-support team, and know to whom you should write "Thank you" notes.)
Dear <name>,

I have an exciting opportunity coming up this spring break that I’d like to share with you. As part of my growing desire to join God in serving people in need all over the world, I will be traveling to Juarez, Mexico with other students from InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at DSU and SDSU for a 1-week service project. The team of 20 or so students and staff will be departing on March 1st and returning March 9th. I am writing is to invite your financial partnership with me in this endeavor.

We will be helping the nationals in Juarez with their ongoing outreach programs to local children, schools, churches, as well as offering our service to work projects on local children and village homes. We will also be serving with Equipping the Saints ministry. Our team will be staying in Juarez and will experience the culture through language and environment.

Juarez is located across the border, south of El Paso, Texas. It is a racially diverse city with disparities between very poor and rich. The city has grown in size tremendously in the last few years. The city itself has a population of approximately 2 million people. About 40% of Mexican people live below poverty. The spring break project is unique in that we can offer service as well as helping Equipping the Saints develop God-exulting relationships with nationals and local churches.

(In this next paragraph, write something personal about what you are looking forward to, how you are expecting God to grow you, etc. something like “I also hope that God will be expanding our hearts and giving us a broader perspective of His involvement in the whole world.”)

I am writing to ask for your help in getting to Juarez. To participate with this trip I would love your prayers for my preparation and travels. Also, for travel, room and board, and other travel expenses I need to raise approximately $500 dollars by February 22. If 10 people give approximately $50 in the next couple weeks, my goal would quickly be reached.

If you decide you’d like to support my attendance on this mission project, please make your check payable to “Jackrabbit Christian Fellowship-Missions”. You may send your donation in the self-addressed envelope I have provided. Thank you so much for prayerfully considering if this is something you’d like to participate in. May God bless you for your time and support.

Sincerely,