

Greetings in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ,

You are receiving this letter because one or more members of the congregation you serve has volunteered to be part of the upcoming CLC Mission Helper Trip. As you can well imagine, the financial cost of such service to the Lord is rather large and, in many cases, more than one individual is able to provide through personal savings. The cost of the trip is approximately \$3,000 - \$3500. This estimated cost does not include the vaccinations required for travel to a developing nation.

Each volunteer is required to raise their own financing for the Mission Trip through personal savings, personal sponsorship, and with the help of their congregation. Therefore, the CLC Mission Helper Program suggests that your congregation assist the volunteer/s in your midst by starting a Mission Helper Program Sponsorship Fund. You will need to speak to the volunteer in your congregation to determine their level of financial need. An initial down payment of \$2000 to cover the cost of airfare and other trip expenses will need to be raised and sent to the Mission Helper Program by late February.

Establishing a Mission Helper Sponsorship Fund provides an effective and simple avenue through which individuals may contribute toward the expenses of CLC Mission Helper volunteers. As you consider this suggestion and implementation of this effort please keep the following in mind:

- Funds received by the congregation will be issued directly to the Mission Helper as needed or may be sent directly to the MDF-Mission Helper Program **only at the request** of the Mission Helper.
- **PLEASE DO NOT** send funds received directly to the Mission Helper Program until and unless specifically directed by the Mission Helper from your congregation.

It is our prayer that your congregation will whole-heartedly support the efforts of the Mission Helper Volunteer/s in your midst with your prayers and by establishing and promoting a Mission Helper Program Sponsorship Fund in your midst. Of course, not everyone within a congregation is able to volunteer for overseas service, but we can certainly offer our support to those who are eager and able to carry out Christ's great commission in this way. Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

In Christ,
Todd Ohlmann