

MISSION TRIP 2024 SUMMER

HOUSTON 5TH-WARD

HOUSTON, TX

JUNE 10 -15TH

REACHING THE HOMELESS

FIGHTING HOMELESSNESS IN INNER-CITY HOUSTON

AGORA Ministries is a Christian-based non-profit headquartered in San Antonio, serves on the frontlines every day ministering to the homelessness and preventing vulnerable children from falling victim.

Church groups, campus ministries, and small groups come to AGORA to experience firsthand how to serve on the frontlines of homeless victims, and preventing children from falling victim to either of those situations.



OUTLOOK

MISSION MEEETING
DECEMBER 1ST

MISSION TRAINING
SPRING 2024

ZOOM MISSION MEETING
MAY 2024

SUMMER MISSION TRIP JUNE 10TH – 15TH



EXPECTATIONS

Mission trips are an important part of growing as a Christian. Not only do you learn what it means to be **selfless** and put others before yourself, but you also grow as a person in learning **how to listen**. Mission trips tests you at your core and if you aren't careful, you can have a **really bad attitude** on the trip, making YOUR experience and OTHER people's experience **AWFUL!**

You may be out of your comfort zones on the trip. There may be growing pains on the trip. You may not always have it your way on the trip, but for everyone to have a successful trip you must be friendly flexible & full of grace --- AND you must keep to these expectations. They are **REQUIRED**.

FRIENDLY

Willingness to work with your teammates in a friendly manner, throughout the duration of the trip.

FLEXIBLE

Willingness to adjust to the changes or requirements on the trip. Whether convenient or not.

FULL OF GRACE

Always responding to people & situations with kindness and patience. No **SNARKY** remarks or **COMPLAINING**.

EXPECTATIONS BEFORE THE TRIP

YOU MUST RAISE YOUR BUDGET IN ORDER TO GO!

don't worry, we'll help you

You have to update your trip leader on your support raising progress each week.

You **MUST** attend mission meeting & mission training.

if you can't make one, plz communicate with team leader immediately!

EXPECTATIONS WHILE ON THE TRIP

YOU **MUST** LISTEN TO YOUR TEAM LEADER!

You **cannot wander** from the group without a **CLEAR** approval from the team leader!

More information & expectations will be communicated to the group on the trip!

The expectations for the trip is set to ensure the safety & a positive experience for each person.

If concluded by the team leaders that a certain individual is unable to consistently comply by these expectations, such an one may be relieved from the trip prematurely.



AGORA MINISTRIES

TRIP INFO

MEETING DEC 1ST

BUDGET: \$350

\$50 DEPOSIT DUE FRIDAY DEC 1ST

Students will raise money to go on the trip. Finances cover all the basic needs for the trip such as: housing, feeding, transportation, emergency funds etc.

FUNDS MUST BE RAISED BY **MAY 5TH**

\$350 BUDGET RAISING BREAKDOWN



3 PEOPLE
\$100 GIFT

1 PERSON
\$50 GIFT

OR

7 PEOPLE
\$50 GIFT



BUDGET DUE DATES

SUN MARCH 3RD

\$100

MON APRIL 1ST

\$200

SUN MAY 5TH

\$350

SUPPORT RAISING

- Writing out an **appeal** for the mission trip to ask potential donors (we help you with this).
- Creating a **list of people** you know as potential donors (use Facebook friend list)
- Begin making contact with individuals for support
- **DO NOT PROCRASTINATE.....**
- Mission Trip leaders & staff leaders will check up on you and guide you as you raise funds.

SUPPORT RAISING INFO

"GO, THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL
NATIONS..."

BIBLICAL BASIS

Asking people for money??? What?? Don't worry!
Support raising is a tool God has used since Moses!
God knows when we are doing work in His Kingdom,
there will come a point where financial needs will
have to be met.

Raising support for these will not just benefit you,
but it will benefit the giver as well! Here are a few
scriptures that give **Biblical basis** for support raising
and for encouragement!

1 KINGS 17:7-16

2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-9:15

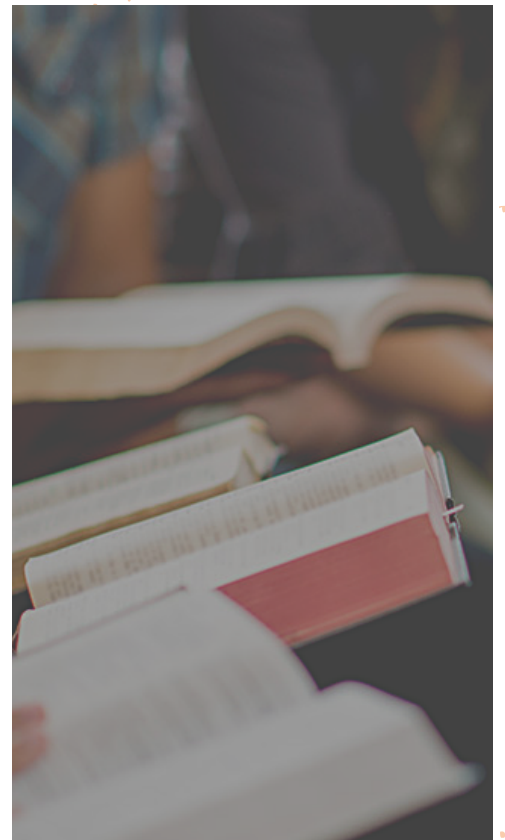
PHILIPPIANS 4:10 - 20

I CHRONICLES 28:1-29:20

NEHEMIAH 1:1 - 2:9

MATTHEW 7:7 - 12

ACTS 4:32 - 37



WHERE TO BEGIN??

HOMWORK!

Write out **30 to 100 people** that you are associated with (**NOT STUDENTS AT PV**). This could be mother, father, co-worker, friend from high school, professors, church home, etc. If you know someone who is gifted at support raising, ask them for references! Not everyone you ask will give and that is okay! But there are those who are willing to give!



WHAT TO SAY

PHONE CALL SCRIPT:

"Hi! How're you doing? I'm calling because I have an opportunity to go on a mission trip this summer. I'm with Chi Alpha, a campus ministry and we're partnering with a ministry in Houston called AGORA. They minister to the homeless in inner-city Houston. My budget for this trip is \$350. That means roughly 4 people who donate \$100 or more. Would you be willing or able to give to support me to go on this trip?"

VOICEMAIL SCRIPT:

"Hello____, I hope you're doing well, I was calling because I have this opportunity to go on a mission trip to inner-city Houston to serve a ministry called AGORA. I will call you again in 2 days if I do not hear back from you! Thank you! God bless!"

WHO WE ARE

I'm a part of chi alpha campus ministries (not a frat/sorority), but a national **Outreach Ministry**

Links for people to see PV website and national Chi Alpha website

www.PVChiAlpha.com

www.ChiAlpha.com

FOLLOW UP!!

If the person you contacted does not respond, leave a voicemail, and wait 2 days before contacting them again.

If you've left 2 voicemails and you hear no response, move onto the next person. Continue looking at your list and/or get references from someone who is trained in support raising for help.

SEND MONEY TO:

ALL DONATIONS SHOULD HAVE:

Donor Name

Donor Address

Your name - Houston 5th WARD

MAIL

Moriah Offord:

Prairie View Chi Alpha

PO Box 2189

Prairie View TX 77446

WRITE CHECK TO:

Prairie View Chi Alpha

In memo: (name of student)

for Houston 5th Ward.

Cashapp- \$PVXAMissions

ZELLE- missions@pvchialpha.com

QUESTIONS?!

SUPPORT RAISING

EXPERT

Sir James Offord

346-303-0884

WEEKLY EMAIL CHECK UP

Since this may be your first time support raising, and because this the only way for this to be effective, **accountability is important!** Please email your team leader **every Sunday before 11:00pm**. What that email consist of will be how many people you have contacted through the week, how much money you are raising, and then sharing your thoughts on the process, and any other question you have.

EMAIL OUTLINE:

Hello [Team Leader Name],

I contacted _(# of people)__ this week.

I have raised _(amount)_____ so far

This week was pretty cool, because I was able to raise \$50! I was nervous to ask my professor for funds, but she ended up giving me \$20! Also, I have a question: Do I continue contacting Hilary Banks even though she has not responded yet?

Sincerely,

[your name]

Links for PV website and national Chi Alpha website

- www.pvchialpha.com
- www.chialpha.com

Make sure to **PRAY** and seek God for help! He wants to provide for you. **ALLOW HIM** to do that!

FAQ's

Frequently asked questions!

WHY SHOULD I GO ON THIS TRIP?

You have an opportunity to change people's lives. It will positively change your life and eternity.

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO THERE?

Team will work with AGORA ministries to outreach to underprivileged individuals in the community.

WHERE WILL WE STAY?

Hotels or air BnB are the expected accommodations.

WHY IS THE BUDGET SO HIGH? WHAT DOES THE BUDGET COVER?

Budget was set based on the outreach needs. It covers accommodation, feeding, travel and everything else needed for the trip.

HOW DO I GET THE MONEY?

The money will be fund raised. The team leaders & staff will guide you on the fundraising process.

SHOULD I RAISE THE MONEY? WHY CAN'T I JUST PAY FOR IT MYSELF?

No one should have to pay for the trip. The trip is a cause, and you are invited to share the cause with your friends and family and ask if they'd be willing to support you in this cause.

WHAT IF I CAN'T RAISE THE BUDGET?

You will be able to raise the money. No one has not gone on a mission trip because of an inability to raise the funds. No one!

HOW DO I KNOW WHEN SOMEONE HAS GIVEN MONEY FOR MY TRIP?

We will walk you through the raising process. Managed missions will show you the progress.

FAQ's

Frequently asked questions! pt. 2.

WHAT IF I CHANGE MY MIND AFTER RAISING SOME OF THE MONEY? IF I DON'T GO ON THE TRIP DOES THE MONEY I RAISE GET REFUNDED?

No. Whatever is raised goes to the collective budget for the trip. That budget is used to acquire needs for the trips. Those funds cannot be returned. Donors will receive a tax deductible receipt.

MY PARENTS AREN'T COMFORTABLE WITH THE TRIP, WHAT SHOULD I DO?

The Chi Alpha Staff are glad to communicate with your parents about the trip if need be. Also, these documents are meant to give you & them an idea of what the trip is about.

WHO SHOULD MY PARENTS TALK TO ABOUT THE TRIP?

The XA staff.

MY PARENTS THINK I'M BEGGING FOR MONEY, WHAT SHOULD I DO? I WAS TAUGHT NEVER TO ASK FOR MONEY.....

Many non-profit organizations raise money for their independent causes. This is no different. This is a cause you're raising money for. You're appealing for the spreading of the gospel. The gospel is worth raising money for. You're not begging.

WHAT HAPPENS TO ALL THAT MONEY? DO I GET TO KEEP SOME?

Everything raised goes to the collective needs of the trip. Neither you nor anyone gets to keep the money. See team leaders for budget breakdown.

CAN I MISS A MISSION TRIP MEETING?

No, unless absolutely necessary. See team leader for information.