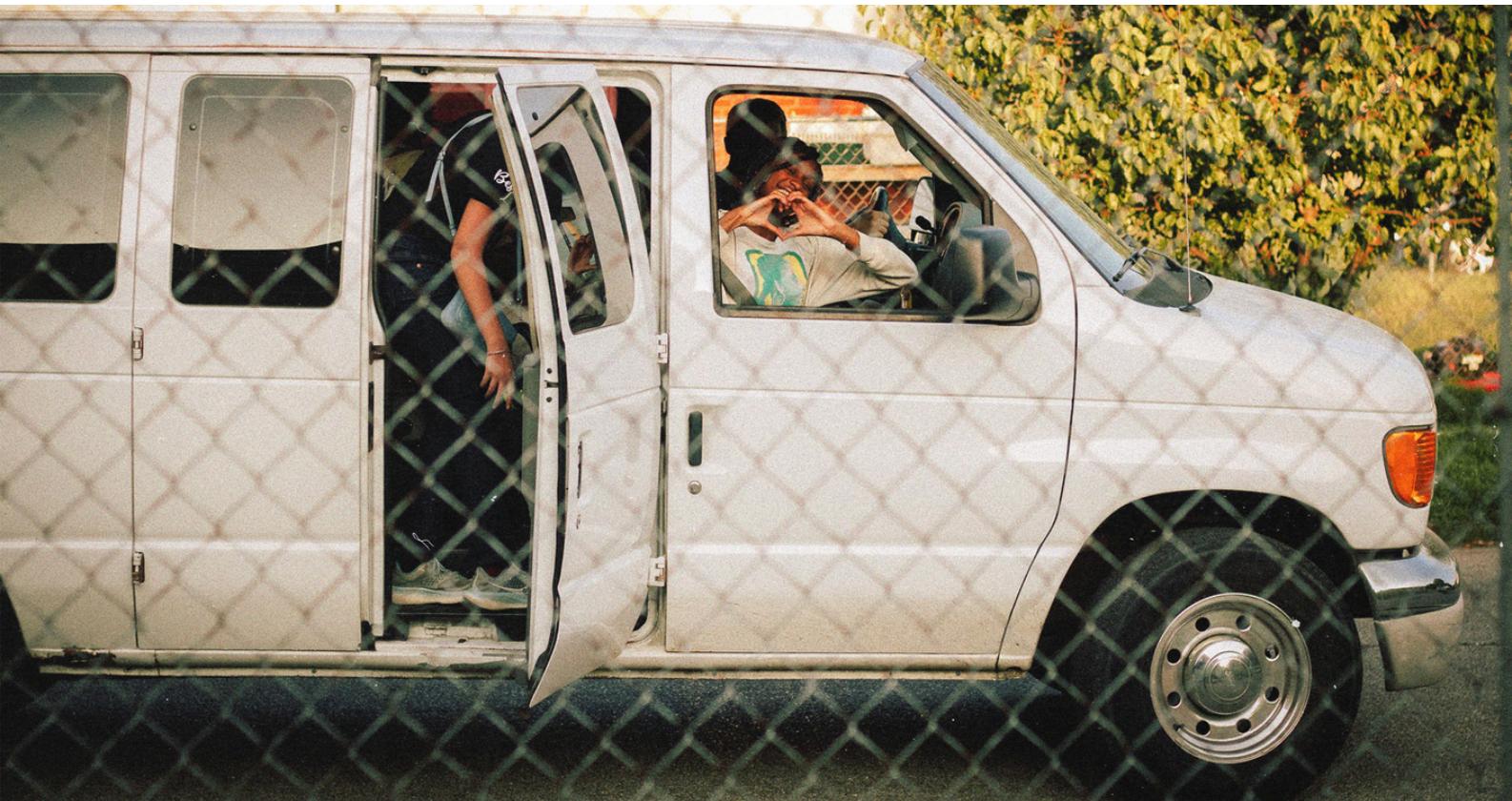
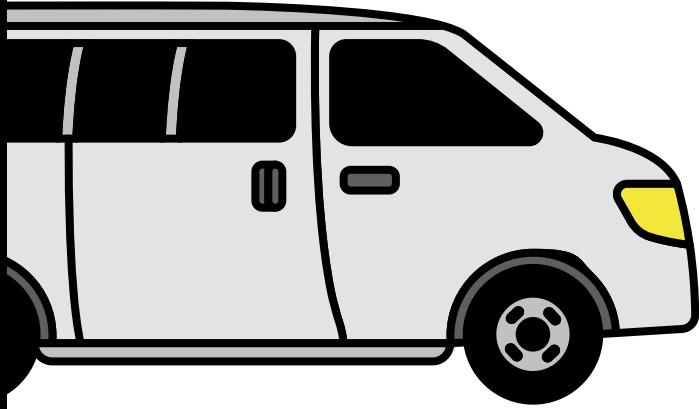




SPRING BREAK-ING
LIKE A VAGABOND
in Philly, PA

**Fundraising
Simplified**





Yo. Where we GOIN?

Fundraising 101: Short-Term Mission

We are going to teach you what we believe is the best way to get funded for a short-term mission. Spring Break mission is best fundraised for in one-time/lump sum donations.

This is a different approach than what we do with our full-time missionaries who do raising support in recurring monthly donations.

Super simple, and you'll be done in no time. The basic summary?

**You'll send out letters, then follow up
with phone calls to make an ask.**

**We'll walk through
6 simple steps:**

1 Vision - Knowing Your WHY

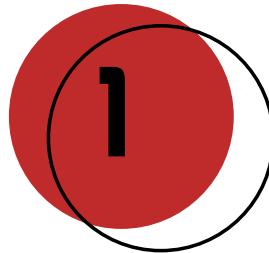
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Vision: Knowing your **WHY**

Anyone can stand on the street corner, strike up a conversation with young people in the inner city, and introduce them to Jesus.

BUT NOT EVERYONE WILL.

WHY VAGABOND YOUR SPRING BREAK?

Google “Ideas for for Spring Break” and you get some good options:

- Beach Getaway
- Road Trip
- Amusement Park
- Hike
- Relax and Recharge
- Enjoy Entertainment
- Hang out w Friends
- Get ahead on School
- Plan for the Future

When you asked us, we gave you some different options:

- Live Mission with College Students
 - Bring the Gospel to the Inner-City
 - Worship Together
 - Invite God Close
 - Surrender Control
- Soup Kitchen
 - Pray Deeply
 - Build Community
 - Be Transformed
 - Experience Joy
 - Forget Yourself
- Blessing Bags for Homeless

PRAY & CONSIDER: WHAT'S MY WHY?

What drew me to this mission? What moves and inspires me? Why am I choosing Spring Mission over Spring Break? What am I hoping for?

There is a point in time when God puts a vision on your heart that you can't explain; you can't hold back the emotion or the conviction. We all have a vision, it's all just a matter if we are going to say "yes" to it. This vision is what transforms and changes us. It causes us to go all in. The reality is, you can't be a missionary without having vision.

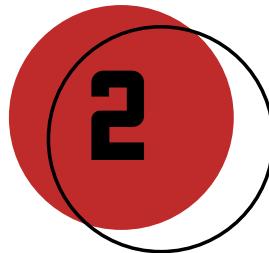


NAMESTORM - WHO'S ON YOUR TEAM?

PRAY & CONSIDER: WHO CAN I INVITE TO GIVE?

Take a moment to compile a list of those you'll invite to support you. Ask your parents for help, scroll through your phone contacts, consider people at Church or work who might be interested in supporting you financially and spiritually on your Spring Break Mission. Write out their names and contact information below. 20 is the minimum to write out...ready? GO!

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Holla:

Sharing your
WHY

“Those who have nothing can share nothing; those who are going nowhere can have no fellow travelers.”

- C.S. Lewis, *The Four Loves*

THE PRACTICALS OF SHARING YOUR WHY

Once you are convicted of your **vision**, you want to share it with others. Fundraising is one way of inviting others into your vision, and inviting them to see a different way of relating to their resources. Fundraising is a blessing to us AND to the person giving. We read that God will abundantly reward those who give: “God, who loves a cheerful giver...will enrich you in every way for your great generosity.” (2 Cor 9:7; 11)

Jesus tells his followers (you!) to seek first the Kingdom of God and He will take care of everything else - food, money, clothing. (cf. Matt 6:33)

He tells us that HE will take care of our basic needs. HE will be our security. We can trust HIM with the things that we need. Support raising allows us to place our bets on the radical generosity of God. Scripture tells us that in the Kingdom there is no grasping and no scarcity. God provides for all and there is always enough.

In practice, short-term missionaries focus on asking for a handful of one-time donations. Here's the flow of our best practices:

LETTER WRITING:

Have your **Namestorm List** from part one handy for this section! Feel free to use our letter template on the next page as a starting point for your own letters. Note the following tips:

- Personalize the letter as much as possible. Type out their name for the “Dear ____” or handwrite each one in. Sign your name at the bottom and consider writing a quick note to each person.
- The following letter is just a template! Customize it to fit your writing style and personality.
- The important thing is to introduce the mission/your role, make an ask, and let them know you will be following up with a phone call
- Format the letter nicely. Make it engaging and appealing.
- Get the letter printed in good quality - Staples, OfficeMax, etc.
- Try to send letters to a minimum of 20 people.
- Consider sending the letters in two batches about one week apart



SPRING BREAK FUNDRAISING LETTER TEMPLATE - PHILLY

Dear _____,

I pray this letter finds you well! I am writing to let you know about an exciting opportunity I am embarking on this Spring Break and asking for your prayers and support.

I will be spending my 2026 Spring Break serving with Vagabond Missions. Vagabond Missions is a Catholic inner city youth ministry currently serving in 9 different cities across the United States! Their mission is to equip young adults as Catholic missionaries to share the Gospel with teens in the inner city. Through outreach, Bible studies and youth group nights, Vagabond missionaries develop friendships with teens and invite them into a relationship with Christ and the Church.

I will be joining the missionary team in Philadelphia and will get to live, pray, and do mission in community with the missionaries there. For one week, I will get the opportunity to enter into a truly missionary way of life, tangibly practicing the works of mercy not only with teens in the area, but also by serving in soup kitchens, food pantries, and working with the unhoused population.

One of the blessings of this opportunity is to gather a team of supporters around me and this mission. I am seeking to raise \$500 to cover my personal and mission expenses for this Spring Break.

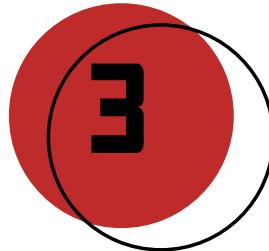
Would you prayerfully consider a gift of \$50-100 to help me serve on mission this Spring Break?

You can scan the code below or mail a check (with my name in the memo line) to:
Vagabond Missions
PO BOX 53109
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Without you these efforts would not be possible! I'll be calling you in the next week to share more about Vagabond Missions and my Spring Break plans. Thank you so much for coming alongside me in this incredible place of need!

In Christ,





Holla Back:

Following UP

"Courage is sustained, not only by prayer, but by calling up anew the vision of the goal."

- A.G. Sertillanges, O.P.

THE PRACTICALS OF FOLLOWING UP

So far, you've grown more convicted of your vision, and you've shared that vision with a carefully chosen team of potential supporters. What now? Well, life is busy, and our letters might have been read or maybe they weren't. Maybe our potential supporter was impacted, but maybe they forgot as time passed.

Your next task is following up with phone calls. Follow these basic logistics:

PHONE CALLS:

- Recall your vision, praying for peace and confidence to wash over you.
- Call your potential supporters 7 - 8 days after sending the letter
 - Call even if they have donated already - this just turns it into a thank-you call!
- Plan a set time to call a minimum of 5 people at a time.
- General times that work well: weekday lunch; evenings after dinner; Saturdays 10am - 7pm.
- Have a copy of your letter with you. If someone didn't get it or have time to read it, you can cover the gist over the phone.
- See Phone Scripts below (including Voicemails).
- Have your giving link ready to text or email to them.
- Have Vagabond's national address ready to share with them for check donations (the P.O. Box address from your letter).
- Be ready to ask for financial support.
- Be ready for the three potential responses (yes, no, maybe).
- Regardless of their answer, be prepared to send a follow-up text or email.

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SPRING BREAK FUNDRAISING PHONE CALL SCRIPT

“Hi _____, How are you?! Is now a good time to chat for a few minutes?”

(Ask how they are and catch up a little on life.)

Well, thank you for taking the time to talk. I am calling because I wanted to follow up with you about the letter I sent last week.... Did you have a chance to read it?

If they say “YES, we read it...”

(Did you have any questions about Vagabond or this Spring Break Mission?)

That’s great! I am really excited about this opportunity. I am so grateful for your prayers and taking the time to read the letter. Have you had time to consider making a financial gift to help me reach my \$500 fundraising goal? (Zip your lip!)

If they say “NO we did NOT read it...”

(summarize the letter and need for support)

I am really excited about this opportunity. I am so grateful for your prayers and taking the time to listen! Would you consider making a financial gift to help me reach my \$500 fundraising goal? (Zip your lip!)

POSSIBLE RESPONSES:

YES

WOW! Thank you so much, that means so much to me! You can give online, I can email or text you the link... You can also write a check (give details if this is the option they prefer). I’ll send a follow up (email or text) with all of this info.

NO

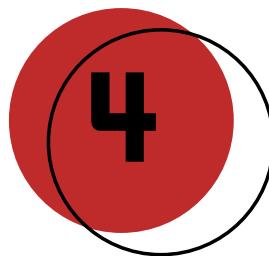
I totally understand! Thank you for taking the time to learn about this internship. Would you be willing to pray for me? Is it ok if I include you on my email update that I’ll send after the mission? I’d love to share the fruit of this time with you!

MAYBE

I totally understand! Thank you! Would it be ok if I reach out to you on _____ (three days from when you are talking to them)? I can call you back then to see what you have decided! Thank you so much!

VOICEMAIL SCRIPT:

“Hey this is _____. I hope you got my letter - I was calling to follow up on it. You can call me back at _____ or I’m happy to try you again in a few days if I don’t hear back. Thanks so much, hope to chat soon. God bless!



Preciate You:

Giving
THANKS

"In everything give thanks."

- 1 Thessalonians 5:18

THE IMPORTANCE OF GIVING THANKS

Giving thanks isn't just about completing a checklist. Jesus comments on the lack of gratitude he witnessed in 9 of the 10 healed lepers:

"One of [the ten healed lepers] when he saw that he was healed, turned back praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus said, 'Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' And he said to him, 'Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.'" (Luke 17:15-19)

We appreciate our health most when we feel sick, don't we? If we feel healthy we don't spend the day thinking about our health, but if we feel sick it's overwhelms our experience until we are well again!

In the same way, after fundraising. we can confuse our experience of relief with appreciation. Once you have fundraised the amount you need for Mission, you'll feel relief. A weight will be lifted. But this relief is not other oriented - this is aimed at yourself (which makes sense - relief is a good thing!). Appreciation is different, though - it is aimed outward. And it doesn't just happen like relief does - it has to be chosen! After you have received your support, we encourage you take a moment and give thanks to God and to each of your supporters.

GIVE THANKS

Thanksgiving to God:

- If spontaneous prayer of gratitude is difficult for you, consider slowly reading one of the following: Psalm 100, 136 or 138.

Thanksgiving to your supporters:

- A personal phone call expressing gratitude means a lot when someone has freely given.
- Handwritten cards are always appreciated.
- Collecting prayer intentions to bring on mission with you, and intentionally praying for them offers spiritual repayment.

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Vagabonding: Going on **MISSION**

"I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of our hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you." (Ephesians 1:16-18)

BRING YOUR SUPPORTERS ON MISSION

Remembering your vision, sharing your vision, and giving thanks have now brought you to MISSION! St. Paul's quote on the previous page reminds us to bring others with us into this mission! Leading up to and throughout the week of mission, we encourage you to keep your supporters and their intentions in your heart and mind. Truly bring their intentions with you, just as you have asked them to remember you and those you will be serving in their prayers.

Take pictures that you can share with your supporters, and make note of what experiences you want to share with them. Maybe even write them a thank-you note during the week, sharing the fresh experiences with them from ground zero.



WAYS TO REMEMBER YOUR SUPPORTERS

- Keep a list of names and intentions in your journal to pray for intentionally
- Bring thank-you cards to write during your Mission Week
- Take pictures throughout week to share
- Text your supporters to let them know you're on mission and so grateful for their help to make this a reality

VAGABONDING



Giving Witness

Sharing the FRUITS

"Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." (Mark 5:19)

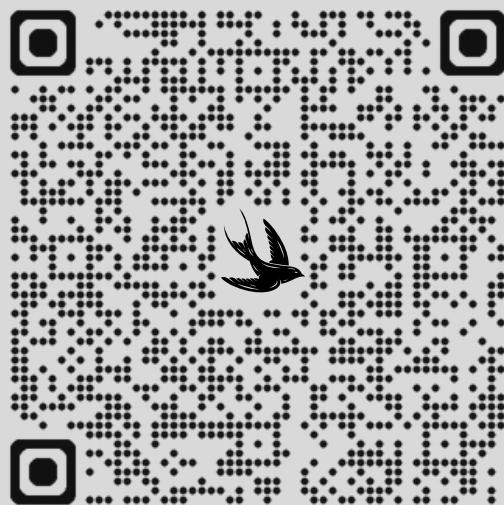
SHARING THE FRUITS OF MISSION

This final step is a huge gift both to your supporters as well as to you! If we don't intentionally take a moment after Mission to "gather the graces," we will quickly forget all the Lord has done in and through us! Our brains are made to forget, unfortunately!

Israel was told to remember what the Lord had done for them, and to drill it into their children so that they would not forget. So twice every day the Jewish people pray the Shema: "Hear O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might." (Deut 6:4-5)

We don't have these reminders built into our days - we have to choose them. Both to share appreciation as well as to REMEMBER what the Lord has done and is doing, we recommend writing and sending out a recap of the week to your supporters. This is a time to share the pictures and thank-you notes you wrote during the week. Share what struck you, what was difficult and what was rewarding. In a word, remember, and let your supporters be reminded that God is working in hidden ways! We recommend a simple template, and you can either email it or send it in the mail. Let your supporters see the impact their spiritual and financial support made!

CANVA TEMPLATE TO USE FOR SPRING BREAK RECAP:



Make it your own by adding your pictures
and written testimonies!

WITNESS

**You got this.
Get after it!**

Questions? We're here for it!

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