

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

- Your commitment to go on this trip may be recent, but God has known about it all along. Trust Him; He has it all figured out. Once you see it, you will be overwhelmed by HIS power and provision.
- God will make the provision for you to participate in this trip in all areas of your life, including the financial aspect.
- With all of this in mind, the following steps and suggestions can help you assemble your financial support team.

How Do I Raise Support? **The majority of team members write a support letter to send to family and friends to gain a team of supporters. You may choose to email the letters/or mail letters. Always include the link to your Public Profile Page for online donations. You may also choose to have a fundraising event.**

What Happens if I Raise More Money Than I Need? **Any “extra” funds God provides can be used in several different ways. The extra funds could be used to support other team members and purchase additional Bibles, reading glasses, vitamins, or supplies to distribute to the villagers. After the trip is totally funded, you can hold your extra funds over for a trip the following year. You must notify Amazon Outreach, in writing, within 30 days of returning from the trip, of your intentions to use the extra funds for a trip the following year.**

Where Can I Not Use Raised Funds? **Excess trip funds cannot be used for passports, immunizations, travel meals, gifts or souvenirs, translator/boat crew gifts, or reimbursement of fundraising costs.**

What Happens if I Do Not Raise Enough Financial Support by the Deadline(s)? **Your trip leader will discuss with you prior to the deadline(s) to determine what kind of plan can be used as a backup if your financial support does not arrive. Additionally, your funds may be held for up to one year if you are unable to participate due to insufficient funds.**

If I Have to Cancel My Trip, Can I or My Supporters Receive A Refund? **Amazon Outreach does not typically refund money because we are a 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt non-profit organization. Please note that the funds you raise must be solicited and donated with the understanding that Amazon Outreach has complete discretion and control over the use of all donated funds. For the funds donated to allow a tax deduction, they are not yours or contingent upon your ultimate participation, but Amazon Outreach’s funds, and are to be used to further its charitable purposes.**

Steps in Raising Support

STEP 1: Pray

Where God guides, God provides. Trust God, and He will expand your faith.

STEP 2: Make A List Of Prospects

Prepare a list of people you want to contact regarding your trip, but be sure to pray and see if there is someone else in particular that the Lord may want you to contact. It might even be a non-Christian that the Lord will use you going on this trip to open the door of salvation to them! Send your letter to as many people as possible.

STEP 3: Write The Letter Soon

The sooner you send out the letters, the sooner you will see God's power to provide for your needs.

STEP 4: Where should I pay? Where do my supporters pay?

Please encourage everyone to pay on the Managed Missions site using your "Public Profile." You will receive the link once you register for your trip and you PUBLISH your Public Profile. The link will be in the top left-hand corner, highlighted in gray.

Some people will want to write a check. These checks must be made payable to Amazon Outreach (or your sponsoring church) with your name, trip name, and trip date written in the memo line of the check. Have your supporter send the check to you, and you give it to your trip leader. Give them to your leader *as checks come in*. Do not wait until "the end" to turn them in.

STEP 5: Thank You

"Thank" before you bank. Thank your donors when you receive their donation and again when you return. Send a short note, pictures, or video so they can see how their support changed lives.



Sample Support Letter

Dear _____, On (insert your date) I will be going to the Amazon River Basin in Brazil on a short-term mission trip with Amazon Outreach.

“People will not believe the words of your mouth until they feel the touch of your hands.” Dr. Richard Walker, missionary to Brazil.

Amazon Outreach mobilizes short-term mission teams to assist Brazilian churches in making disciples by sharing the love of Jesus in the Amazon River Basin. We will employ Jesus' holistic approach, which simultaneously meets physical, relational, and spiritual needs. We will meet physical needs through the distribution of medical, dental, and eyeglasses. Spiritual needs are met through men's and women's ministries, children's VBS, and sports ministries. AO finds that meeting physical and relational needs builds a powerful bridge for the gospel.

Please consider partnering with me in prayer and support for this mission. Since many of the villages we visit are inaccessible by road, we will be working and staying on Amazon Outreach's large mission boat, which we will depend on for transportation, food, and lodging.

Please pray for our team as we prepare for the mission trip.

- Safe travel for the team, luggage, medicines, equipment
- Safety, health, and effectiveness of the team members
- Unity among the team
- Villagers to have open hearts, minds, and ears to receive the Gospel
- The enemy and his schemes and plans are to be thwarted

I would love for you to partner with us in prayer and/or support. As a team member, I am encouraged to raise {insert the cost for your trip} personally. Amazon Outreach is a 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization. For the funds donated to allow a tax deduction, they are not mine. If I have to drop from the team, Amazon Outreach will use the funds raised to further its charitable purposes. For more information, please visit [Amazonoutreach.org](https://amazonoutreach.org).

Thank you for your willingness to be involved with me as I embark on my mission to the Amazon. I am honored to be called to serve the Lord with you in this capacity.

We purchase airline tickets 60 days in advance, let them know the date. All funds must be received 30 days before {Insert your departure date}.

You can donate through my link: {Insert your Public Profile Page link from Managed Missions}, or you can donate by check. All checks should be made out to Amazon Outreach with my name, our trip name, and the trip date written in the memo line of the check. Please send those to me at {Insert your address}, and I will turn them into my trip leader.

Other Ideas

- Create a fun email using pictures from the website or a previous trip. Add details from the [website](#), [mission handbook](#), or this fundraising handout.
- Personalize the letter. The more personalized the letter, the more the recipients will feel led to be involved.
- Some donors prefer a personal letter.

Social Media Fundraising

Below is an example of a support email/text from 2020.

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MISSION TRIP



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May 27-June 4, I will be heading to the Amazon River Valley in Brazil to provide medical care and share the Gospel.

There are over 30,000 Villages along the Amazon River with no Gospel presence. With your help we can share Jesus with them.

WE CAN SHARE JESUS

WHY WE GO

The villagers feel they are a “Forgotten People.” They are impoverished and receive very little humanitarian aid. There are over 35,000 villages on the Amazon and 80% have no Gospel presence. We go to serve them by providing clean water, medical, dental and optical care. This creates a great opportunity to share Christ’s love for them.

As a team member, I am need to personally raise \$2970.00 for the cost of this trip. 100% of the funds raised will go directly to our mission in Brazil. This mission trip is expensive since the villages we will go to are difficult to reach. This is one of the reasons I would love your help. The villages on Lake Manacuparu have no road access so we will be traveling by boat. This will also be our home for 9 days. Thanks you for considering to be involved with me as I embark on my mission to the Amazon. I am honored to be called to serve the Lord with you in this capacity. We purchase airline tickets March 27 and all funds have to be in by April 27.

**YOU MUST PUT IN YOUR OWN!!!
public profile**

I would love for you to partner with me in prayer/support. You may donate through my link below or you may pay by check. I have included check information in my email. This public profile is currently published at: <https://ao.managedmissions.com/MyTrip/bellejoyner1>



Insert one of your pictures or I can send you several to choose from. You could write a brief explanation.