



## Ten Steps to Raising Support for Your Internship Program

1. Trust in the Lord to provide all of your financial needs. Go to the Lord in prayer and specifically ask God for his provision.
2. Compile a list of people that you can request support from. These could include:
  - Friends from church
  - Friends from school or work and their families
  - Alumni from your school
  - Relatives
  - Your parents' friends
  - Neighbors
3. Write personal letters and/or emails to each person on your list. Describe what you will be doing during your internship along with your specific needs for funds. Request that people make their check out to Orphan's Heart and to write on the check that it is for your internship program. Gifts to Orphan's Heart are tax deductible.
4. Include with your letter a self-addressed stamped envelope that people can use to send you their gift. Follow up with phone calls as necessary to make sure that people received your letter and/or email. Also, let people know that they can make a contribution toward your internship program with a major credit card on the Orphan's Heart website.
5. Ask your pastor if you can do a brief presentation at your church about your mission trip or to conduct a fundraiser at the church.
6. Be creative. Hold car washes, bake sales, garage sales, and other types of events to raise money.
7. Be willing to make sacrifices. Determine what you can personally give toward your trip. Ask family and friends to make a contribution toward your internship program for Christmas or your birthday.
8. Call and thank people immediately upon receiving a gift. In addition, follow up with a thank you note.
9. Once you return from your trip, send out letters and pictures sharing stories from your summer and thanking your supporters again for their prayers and financial support.
10. Trust God to provide, and give Him thanks!

Please know that we are praying for your success during this time and are here to support you in any way we can. Please feel free to contact us at (305) 271-4121 if you ever have any questions or need additional ideas on ways to raise your support.