

## SUGGESTIONS ON RAISING SUPPORT FOR OPERATION BARNABAS

In your acceptance packet, you received the following information (this information is also posted on the website):

**OB Support Money Policy**  
**General Outline and Suggestions for support letter**  
**Sample Support Letter**

Please review this information carefully. The following are suggestions for how to raise support.



**1. Consider your own savings and resources which are available.**

This opportunity is as valuable as school or other things for which you might set aside finances.



You may be able to earn a portion of it by getting a part-time job, babysitting, or doing odd jobs for friends and neighbors.

OB team members and families should expect that they will need to raise at least part of their OB support themselves. Mom & Dad, think of the money you will save this summer not feeding your hungry teen out of your weekly food budget!

**2. Ask for support from friends and relatives.**



This is a missions experience.

You could send a general support letter (see sample from the acceptance mailing), call them, or write personal letters.

Some students have even gotten donations from local businesses or matching fund contributions. Don't be afraid to ask!

**3. Talk to your Pastor about:**



- A. General church support. How much can they help? Perhaps you could give your testimony in church, put an announcement in the bulletin, have your name presented as a prayer request at prayer meeting.
- B. Perhaps a youth group, adult Sunday school class, church women's group, or other organization could take on your support as a special project.
- C. Other means of support in your district or community. Some civic organizations may help and this could be an opportunity to share your faith.

**4. Don't fear expressing financial needs, but do be tactful.**

**5. CE National keeps records of those who contribute to your support.**

You can receive a status report of your support level and your donors. Cheryl DeBoest works with entering all support money into your account and will have the most current totals. You can contact her by email: [dataentry@cenational.org](mailto:dataentry@cenational.org)

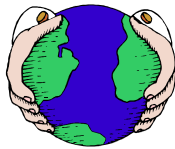
**When your total support level is raised, you are responsible to inform your church and donors.** And make sure you send a thank you note or call each of your donors to express your appreciation.



**6. The more people who contribute to your support, the greater responsibility you have to communicate thanks and to report on your ministries (before, during, and after).**

**7. Leave it in the Lord's hands.**

Thank the Lord for His goodness and trust Him that He is doing what's best for you - whether you struggle at gaining support or not. Take initiative in seeking ways to get your support needs met. One of the neatest times at OB orientation is when we hear testimonies of how God has supplied thru various circumstances and people for the OB students to participate!



**8. Begin to raise support now.**

After the January 15 confirmation money deadline (\$100), the next support money installment (\$850) is due by **March 10, 2010**. The deadline for your total OB support to be in the office is **May 10, 2010**. Your support must be here in full for you to go on Operation Barnabas. If the deadline becomes near and you do not have your support in, please call the office to discuss alternatives.



**Our experience here at CE National has been that the Lord does supply our needs and we have never seen an OBer who knew that he/she was supposed to go on Operation Barnabas not be able to go because of finances. Our God is great and there are all kinds of ways that He uses to surprise and delight us with His blessings!**