

## The Support Raising Process

(A little help with the most uncomfortable job in the world)

Support Raising is an important part of your service as a Service Crew member. **Do not wait! Start immediately!** As a missionary, it is important to build a group of supporters for your ministry. This is known as deputation. It is important to gaining the spiritual support you will need for your ministry at Stony Glen. You will need a group of people praying for you in order to have the strength and focus necessary to succeed in the spiritual battle that you will be a part of at summer camp this year.

First, go to a pastor of your home church. Go to the pastor you are most comfortable with. Let that pastor know that you will be serving as a short-term missionary this summer at Stony Glen. Let him know your responsibilities (see the *Service Crew Job Description* in the How To Become a Service Crew Applicant) and that you need his prayer and support. Ask the pastor if you can present your mission to the board and/or before the congregation. The pastor may give you an appointment to speak to either group or may go to the group on your behalf.

Next prayerfully consider a list of individuals to send a pledge letter to. This list should consist of family members outside of your immediate household, friends and anyone else that may be willing to keep you in prayer through the summer. Even if you have presented your need to the congregation at church, do not overlook sending an individual mailing to members who know you personally.

When you present your needs to groups or an individual, always be sure to let them know the basic responsibilities and spiritual objectives of your summer ministry. Be brief yet clear. Make sure that copies of your pledge letter are available to them. Use the sample pledge letter as a base for your letter. With this you can enter you personalized information before printing. Be sure that your support letter includes the donation form from the bottom of the sample. It has also proved advantageous to include a preaddressed, stamped envelope with your letter if possible.

Be sure that all pledges are mailed to the address on the pledge form on the bottom of the sample letter. Pledges should not be coming to you or your parents. However, should this happen please forward it to the address listed on the form immediately. This procedure is important to accommodate proper processing of each pledge and for getting you a complete list of pledgers

God bless you as you build a team of support to help in your success as a counselor at camp this summer.

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