8 TIPS FOR RAISING SUPPORT

- 1. Pray!
- 2. Make a list of people (a master list) to whom you could send a support letter. Include family members, church acquaintances, friends, teachers, co-workers, etc.
- 3. Write out a rough draft that includes the following:
 - Your current situation, God's work in your life, studies, ministries, praises, etc.
 - Your heart for reaching the lost through the church, missions, etc.
 - Your current Spring Break opportunity
 - An invitation to join in prayer support
 - Specific prayer requests
 - An invitation to join in financial support
 - Current needs (include your plans to contribute to your expenses)
 - Make checks payable to: The Master's College
 - Include the pre-printed envelopes
- 4. Write a final draft
 - For goodness sake, use a computer!
 - Use quality paper
 - Beware of photocopy machines...print out each letter
 - Have your letter proofread by someone else
 - Mail promptly! (It could take up to a month for a response)
- 5. Some extra helpful hints
 - Keep it brief (i.e., one page max). Don't overwhelm people with info.
 - Keep it neat. Type it out.
 - Make it interesting. Don't provide useless details.
 - Be creative. Write a short hand-written note in the margin. Use pictures.
 - Include prayer requests (for you and team). 2-3 is enough for people to pray specifically.
 - Include vital information: Date of departure, arrival back to TMC, etc. Tell them what their support will cover.
 - Mention that their gifts are tax-deductible.
 - Be thankful. Thank people for their prayers and support.
- 6. Write follow-up letters and postcards. Send an itinerary of trip schedule for them (once you have it) for them to follow you daily.
- 7. Take your mailing list with you on your trip.
- 8. Keep praying! Every step of this process should be prayed through and the results left with the Lord. Wait on Him to provide what He knows you need!

SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA—SPRING BREAK 2010



Greetings from The Master's College! I am now in my second year at the college, and am so glad to be here. We are just about to wrap up this semester, and God has taught me so much. It is amazing to think how quickly the semester has flown by. The Lord has taught me to depend on Him for strength and grace as I finish up 20 units of

schoolwork this semester. I can't believe Christmas break is only four days away, and am looking forward to spending quality time at home with family, friends, and church this Christmas break.

One of the things I appreciate about Master's is the emphasis placed on outreach and missions. During our annual Fall Outreach Week, we break up into small teams and work with churches in the LA area. During my two years here, I have been able to participate in leading children's Bible clubs and also in sharing the gospel on a local junior college campus. Both of these were great experiences and it was encouraging to see the Lord work in people's lives.

This spring break I have the incredible opportunity to go on a short-term ministry trip to Sioux Falls, South Dakota. We will be meeting together regularly to prepare and plan for our trip, and plan to leave TMC on Saturday, March 6th, and return March 14th. There are many exciting outreach opportunities that we will participate in, such as: music to 3-year-olds in the greater downtown Sioux area, trampoline ministries of all kinds, and youth ministry. I consider it a privilege to serve the Lord in Sioux Falls, and look forward to sharing the gospel with the people there. I am also excited about what the Lord will do in my life as a result of this ministry.

We desperately need your prayers for this ministry. Some specific requests are: 1) that the Lord would grant wisdom in preparing for this trip; 2) that God would prepare the hearts of the people to whom we will be ministering, and; 3) that our team will be unified in our commitment to prayer and God's Word.

Any financial support would be gratefully received as well. I will need to raise approximately \$600.00. I will contribute as much of this as possible, but other means will likely be needed. If you are able to help at all with this outreach, please send a (tax-deductible) check payable to "The Master's College" and mail it to:

Church Ministries, #44 The Master's College 21726 Placerita Canyon Rd. Santa Clarita, CA 91321

I will keep you updated on the progress of our trip. Thank you for the encouragement that you have already been in my life. Please keep me in your prayers as I look forward to serving God in South Dakota this spring break.

In Christ,