



## INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUNDRAISING LETTERS AND HELPFUL REMINDERS

- 1) **Begin your fundraising process immediately.** You may choose a letter from our website or write a personal one. Remember to personalize your greeting (i.e. Dear Graham) and avoid generic greetings such as (i.e. Dear Family, Friends). Often a handwritten note at the end of the letter adds a personal touch to your request. If you use a letter from our website, remember to edit it using the correct mission name, description, amount needed to be raised, travel and deadline dates. Proofread your letters before mailing them and add your personal signature. If you need the Children of Niger DVD to use for fundraising, please call the **LINK** office at 804-726-LINK (5465) or toll free 866-421-LINK (5465).
- 2) To insure that you receive your donations in a timely manner, we suggest that you **mail your letters out early and make your donation deadline one month from the date of your letter.** Remember your final payment is due at your second team meeting. We recommend that you enclose a self-addressed postage paid return envelope with your letter. ***PLEASE make sure that ALL your donations are mailed directly to YOU, NOT Mechanicsville Christian Center (MCC).***
- 3) **All checks must be made payable to “MCC”.** If you collect cash, you must write a personal check to MCC for it. ***PLEASE*** put your name and mission in the memo section of all checks.
- 4) Contact your family and close friends for fundraising. If you attend MCC you are not permitted to send bulk mailings to e-groups or use the church directory for mass mailings. We suggest you follow this rule for the church you may attend.
- 5) Add approximately \$800 (assuming you need all the items listed below) to your trip cost to cover your shots, malaria medication, passport, and VISA pictures. Costs may vary depending on the shots you need, your insurance coverage for malaria medication, and where you obtain your VISA pictures.
- 6) Bring your final mission payment, including your spending money, to the second team meeting.

June 10, 2009

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

You may or may not know that I have been a dental/surgical assistant on and off since 1985. In May of 2008, that career came to an end when I tore a disc in my lower back. But, God has been good and led me to work for a terrific Christian based company that does financial planning. The greatest thing about this company is their passion for missions in Niger, Africa. It has now grown to be a passion of mine as well.

Niger is located in North Western Africa and is ranked among the 7 poorest countries in the world. Every year my company sends mission teams to Niger to help in specific ways. Once a year they have a medical mission team which goes to villages around the capital city of Niamey. They try to meet the vast number of medical needs of the villagers.

I have always wanted to go on a medical mission trip. Last week I went to our missions coordinator at work and told her if she ever had a need for a dental/surgical assistant, please let know. She lept for joy as she exclaimed there is an oral Surgeon from El Salvador going with this year's medical mission group. He sent an email describing what they would be doing, such as removing oral tumors. Suddenly, as I read his email I felt an overwhelming presence of the Lord grabbing me saying, "You know exactly how to do this! Go and be My hands to these people!" It was powerful; I have always wondered what gifts I really had to be God's hands in our world.

The upcoming Niamey Medical Mission team will be in Niger from September 23 - October 7, 2009. Because of the location, the duration of the trip and the medical supplies needed, the trip will cost almost \$3,300.00. At first I said no way can I do this, because I don't have any money to spare with my son in college and working in a job that cut two thirds of my salary. But Christ is calling me and telling me he will provide a way. I have to put my faith in Him and in you to help me get there.

I know these letters can be such a hassle and a burden to a lot of people, but I was hoping you could see past that and see Christ working. I need your donation, any amount, no matter how small. It will be such a blessing to me, the people of Niger and to you for partnering with me. I need to send in all of these funds, including any spending money, by August 1, 2009. If you can give, it would also be a tax deduction. Simply make your check payable to **Mechanicsville Christian Center**, and write "Stefanie Nave, Niger" in the memo. MCC is linked together with our non-profit organization to help the people of Niger. They will be handling the money end of the mission trip. However, the checks need to be mailed to me, so I can make sure all the money is sent in on time.

Thank you for listening to this call the Lord has laid on my life. Even if you can't help financially, please pray for our team and the people of Niger! If you can make a donation please mail it to me at using the envelope enclosed.

Also, please include your email address and you will be sent updates of our mission trip. For more information visit [www.linkniger.com](http://www.linkniger.com). LINK stands for Leading Innovatively Niger to the Kingdom.

Christ's servant,

Sara Jane  
1234 Money Street  
Richmond, VA 23226

Dear Sara,

I have recently made the exciting decision to go on a mission trip with Mechanicsville Christian Center "MCC" and the LINK (**L**eading **I**nnovatively **N**iger to the **K**ingdom). MCC has been involved in Niger for more than 10 years and taken teams from all around the country to Niger for construction, organizing Kid's Camps and Evangelism. This year, I want to go to Niger.

The **LINK** is a ministry totally dedicated to bringing hope to a country that is predominantly Muslim, suffering in an AIDS epidemic, truly needing and wanting the hope found in Jesus Christ. I cannot think of a better way to spend my time than sharing the Gospel with others and seeing my life changes as well. If you would like to see some of the videos and information about past LINK teams, see the website at [www.linkniger.com](http://www.linkniger.com) or [www.mccag.org/ministries/niger.html](http://www.mccag.org/ministries/niger.html).

Niger is located in North Western Africa and my team will be working in the capital city of Niamey. I will be leaving on CHOOSE: (construction date) January 23, 2005 (Kids Camp) July \_\_, 2005 (francophone) December 6, 2005 and returning home on CHOOSE (construction date) February 1, 2005 (kid's camp) July \_\_\_\_, 2005 (Francophone date) December 14, 2005. The total cost of this trip is \_\_\_\_\_ which includes all expenses: airfare, accommodations, food, and training.

I cannot accomplish this task alone, so I am asking you to be a part of this mission trip either in prayer, finances, or both. During the next several weeks, I will be working vary hard to raise a prayer team and the finances to go. My financial deadline is CHOOSE: (construction date) Monday, December 6, 2004, (kid's camp) Monday, May 23 (francophone) Monday, October 24, 2005.

Any amount that you can give will be greatly appreciated. If you would like to support me financially in this opportunity, please send your tax-deductible donation payable to "MCC" in the envelope provided to my home address.

Your financial and/or prayer support is a key part of seeing fruit on the field this summer and in my personal growth as a child of God. If you have any questions, please call me at (insert #) \_\_\_\_\_.

Thank you for your consideration. Your prayer and support is greatly appreciated!

God Bless You,

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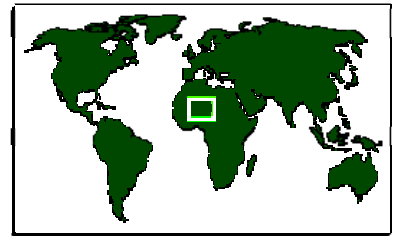
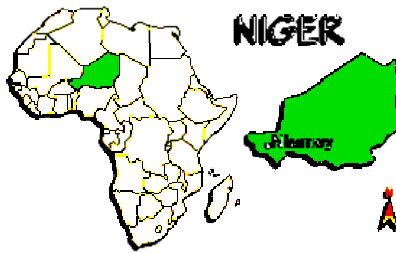
\* Yes I will pray for you. Please sent me your prayer requests.

\* I would like to receive updates via e-mail at:\_\_\_\_\_.



# Amy's African Adventures

# THE LINK



Well Hello Everyone!! For those of you that know me well...I have found my country. I went to Niger, Africa this past Thanksgiving (Nov. 04) and everything hit me. I feel drawn to the people working there, living there and the people organizing things here. I have made the exciting decision to go on another mission trip with Mechanicsville Christian Center "MCC" and the LINK (**L**eading **I**nnovatively **N**iger to the **K**ingdom). MCC has been involved in Niger for more than 10 years and taken teams from all around the country to Niger for construction, organizing Kid's Camps and Evangelism. **This summer, I want to go back to Niger.** Niger is the second poorest nation in the world and 55% of the children die before the age of three. How can they have hope? Christians in Niger will tell you they have found hope and that hope is in Jesus Christ. But how can the rest of Niger find this hope? As Christians we have an obligation to spread our hope in Jesus Christ to those with no hope. With a simple "yes," Niger can become a Christian nation by the next decade and say that "Hope Lives." This is a large country that seems to not have hope. But, because of churches and organizations like MCC, there is hope and that the hope is growing.

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Every year the Assembly of God of Niger holds kid's camps in Western and Eastern Niger. It is an opportunity to have them for one week and introduce them to the life saving love of Jesus Christ, as most of them come from Muslim homes. Every year children are saved, healed, delivered, and baptized in the Holy Spirit. The team will serve at the camps in the Western region and help with the program, puppets, sports, crafts, serving meals and logistics.

Niger is located in North Western Africa and my team will be working in the capital city of Niamey (I've included a map at the top for those visual people like me ☺). I will be leaving on **June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005** for Kids Camp and returning home on **July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2005**. The total cost of this trip is \$2,400 which includes all expenses: airfare, accommodations, food, and training.

I cannot accomplish this task alone, so I am asking you to be a part of this mission trip either in prayer, finances, or both. During the next several weeks, I will be working very hard to raise a prayer team and the finances to go. My financial deadline is Monday, May 23 2005. I have conducted a Virginia Diner Fundraiser and will be having a Partylite party too. Guys and Gals can come to the party and buy candles to help support my Niger trip!!

Any amount that you can give will be greatly appreciated. If you would like to support me financially in this opportunity, please send your tax-deductible donation payable to "**MCC**" in the envelope provided to my home address.

Your financial and/or prayer support is a key part of seeing fruit on the field this summer and in my personal growth as a child of God. If you have any questions, please call me at **804-301-1863**. I would love to get together before or after my trip to share pictures and memories with you. I would also be interested in doing a presentation for your group if you would like me to talk about missions.

Thank you for your consideration. Your prayer and support is greatly appreciated!

God Bless You,

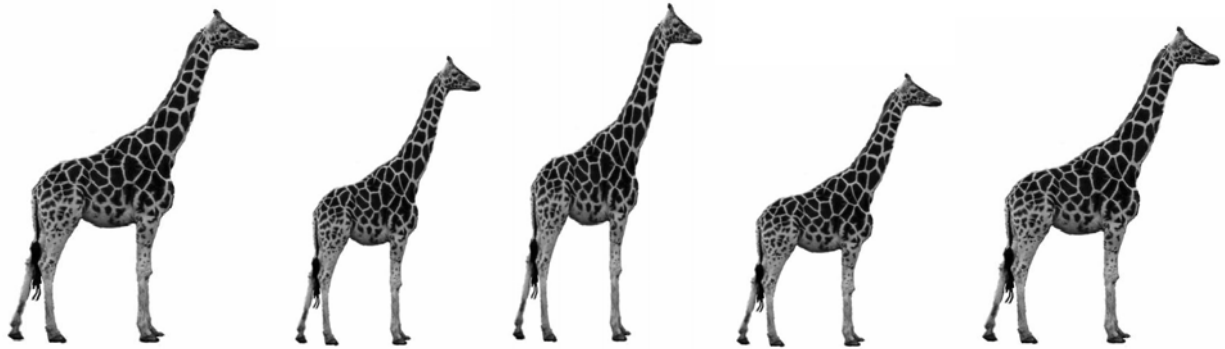
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\* Yes I will pray for you. Please send me your prayer requests.

\* I would like to receive updates via e-mail at: \_\_\_\_\_.



May 18, 2006

Dear Tim,

As you know in October of last year, after years in corporate America and four years as the Executive Director of a national women's organization, I left my job to pursue my life long desire for missions. For years my heart has been called to Africa...I did not know why. I often told my family and friends that I believed one day God would open up a door for me to go. It wasn't until I accepted a full time position as Project Coordinator of the Chain of Change, the grassroots fundraising arm of the **LINK** (Leading Innovatively Niger to the Kingdom) ministry, that I fully understood God had finally answered my heart's desire.

It has been nine months since I began this new journey. It is challenging and God is stretching and growing me in places I have never been before. I continually ask God to open up doors for me to sow, trusting He will water the hearts of those who learn about our ministry. I have enjoyed speaking to family, friends, churches, pastors, mission leaders and business owners about our ministry in Niger. I continue to ask Him each day for courage and direction as I move forward. It has been wonderful so far to watch Him at work in me and through our projects in Niger. Since 2001, our ministry is growing and God is using us to help him complete his Great Commission. What a privilege it is to be a part of helping lead an entire nation to Christ and growing God's Kingdom.

I will be going to Niger for the first time on a Vision Casting Mission October 19-25. Our team will work with our missionaries in the field and meet members of the Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) and business owners in the capital city of Niamey. We will discuss their needs and offer assistance in order to help them grow new businesses and new job opportunities during a time of famine. We will also be able to see our 9 Priority Projects in

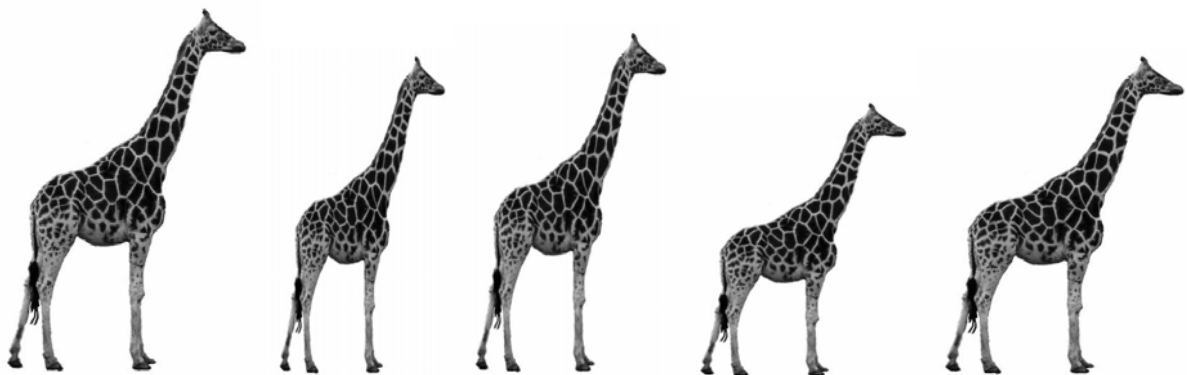
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action as we visit the churches, work with the children in the schools and orphanages, and young adults in the bible schools. I have enclosed a Chain of Change brochure and newsletter for you to see how our ministry is working in Niger.

I believe God is calling me to witness first hand what He is doing through the Chain of Change. During this year, our ministry will send over 10 teams to Niger. Each member is responsible for funding their own trip. I am asking that you prayerfully consider how you can team with me. Whether by donation or simply keeping me in your prayers, you will truly be partnering with me as I go to extend God's hand in Niger. If you chose to send a tax deductible donation, your check should be made payable to ***Mechanicville Christian Center***, and mailed to me in the enclosed self addressed envelope ***no later than Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>***.

Thank you for your love and support. I can hardly wait to go and I'm looking forward to bringing back many wonderful stories to share with you. May God continue to bless you so that you may be a blessing to God's people all around the world!

In His Love,



Yes (insert your name)  
I want to help you go to Niger for the (insert mission name)  
I will:  
Support you financially with a gift of: \_\_\_\_\_  
I will pray for you:  
Prior to the mission: \_\_\_\_\_ During the mission: \_\_\_\_\_

Please add me to your email list to receive mission updates.  
My email address is: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please return this card in the envelope provided.  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Thank you and may God bless you.

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