



Creative Ways To Help Raise Funds for the **Teach • Reach • Bless Campaign**

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Thank you for your interest in helping to raise funds for the Teach • Reach • Bless campaign. There are many creative ways to raise funds. Some require more time and effort and others don't. Find the idea that fits your church's or organization's needs and abilities. Feel free to use the ideas listed here and to research others on the web. Most importantly, seek the input of those around you — they are the richest resource we have. Blessings as you venture out in faith and support this important campaign.

Collect a “Mile of Pennies”

A mile of pennies, laid edge to edge, would require 84,440 pennies and would equal \$844.40. Challenge your church or organization to collect a “Mile of Pennies” and help raise funds for the Teach • Reach • Bless campaign. Set out collection containers (large water cooler-type jugs work well) and the fun begins. Check with your local bank to see how it would like the pennies turned in (i.e. wrapped or in 50-lb. bags) and check if the bank will use its machine to count them for you. For a twist – have a competition between groups to see who brings in the most pennies. For another twist on this idea, collect nickels, dimes or quarters.

Hold a “Special Dinner”

One thing many churches do well is hold dinners. Designate one dinner and give all of the proceeds to the Teach • Reach • Bless campaign. Ideas include: spaghetti dinners, cabbage roll dinners, salad bar dinners, fish fry dinners, chili dinners, Valentine's Day dinners, baked potato bars ... the list goes on and on. One twist is to make extra food and freeze dinners that people can purchase and take home for use whenever the need arises. Another twist is to make a dinner a “cook-off” and have a competition. One church raised funds for Teach • Reach • Bless by holding a chili cook-off. Be creative!

Hold a “Dessert Fund-Raiser”

Many churches hold special choir concerts for holiday programs. Afterwards, many of the attendees go out for coffee and dessert. So ... gather donations of desserts, put on the coffee and set out a donation basket. Decorate using candles and subtle light following a concert or service.

Hold an “I Am Blessed so I Bless Africa University” Collection

Invite members of your church or organization to collect funds for the Teach • Reach • Bless campaign based on the blessings they find in their homes. Make a list of things you might find in your home that would be found in a dormitory room. The format would be, “Give 50 cents (or \$1) for every bed you have in your home.” The list could include beds, blankets, pillows, desks, chairs, etc.

Some other ideas:

- Car Washes
- Cake Walks
- Clean Up Days
- Bake Sales
- Rummage Sales
- Golf Tournament
- Gift Wrapping Service
- Variety Show
- Sub Sales
- Google fundraising ideas and see what great creative ideas are out there.

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