

Participant Accounts

Upon acceptance, every participant will receive access to their own personal Managed Missions account. These accounts are a helpful tool for participants and/or parents to track payments, donations, paperwork, goals and tasks. Please take advantage of this tool. It will make your life easier!

Getting Started

Each participant will receive an invitation to Managed Missions by email once he or she has been fully accepted by RIM. This email will come from **GoInfo@realimpact.com**. Please add this email address to your “safe list” so that you don’t lose it in junk mail or spam.

- **Step One: Receive email invite from RIM**
- **Step Two: Click link in the email and choose a password for your account**
- **Need Help? Call RIM at 1.800.774.6746 from 9am-5pm EST, Monday-Thursday**

NOTE: This email goes to the participant’s email address (from their application) and cannot go to multiple addresses. If you would like to use a parent’s email address instead, please call RIM.

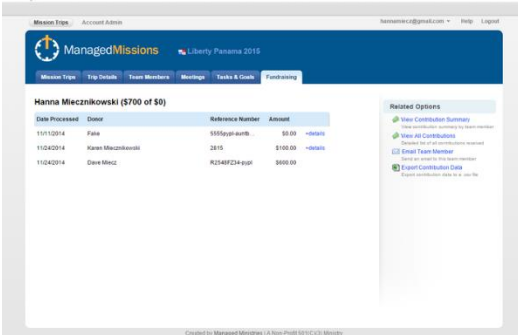
To Login

Visit <http://app.managedmissions.com> and enter your email address plus the password you selected during “Getting Started” above. Then select your trip (ex. “Guatemala II” or “Nicaragua Medical”).

To Check Your Balance

Login to your account and then follow these steps:

- Click the **Fundraising** tab
- View your payments and donations
- Click **+details** for additional donor info



The screenshot shows the Managed Missions app interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with tabs for Mission Type, Trip Details, Team Members, Meetings, Tasks & Goals, and Fundraising. The main content area displays a fundraising summary for Hanna Mieczkowski, with a total of \$700 of \$0. Below this, there's a table with columns for Date Processed, Email, Reference Number, and Amount. The table lists three transactions: 11/11/2014 for \$0.00, 11/24/2014 for \$100.00, and 11/24/2014 for \$600.00. To the right of the table, there are related options like View Contribution Summary, View All Contributions, and Email Task Manager.

Date Processed	Email	Reference Number	Amount
11/11/2014	Felix	3355646466	\$0.00
11/24/2014	Hanna Mieczkowski	3815	\$100.00
11/24/2014	Dave MHC	R2149234-ppt	\$600.00

To Check Deadlines

Login to your account and then follow these steps:

- Click the **Tasks & Goals** tab
- View upcoming deadlines and check if you’ve met fundraising goals/submitted forms

To Create a Public Profile

****EXTREMELY IMPORTANT: THIS IS AN AWESOME TOOL!! DON’T MISS OUT!!****

Keep reading on the next page to find out how this works...

Creating Public Profiles

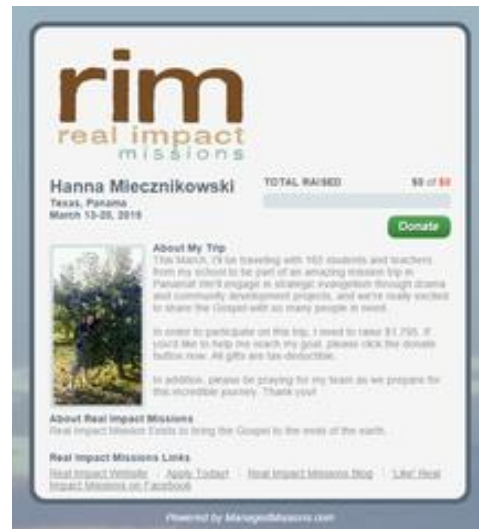


It's called SOCIAL GIVING... Real Impact Mission's public profiles are one of the most effective tools we provide to help you raise money for your trip. The power of peer-to-peer fundraising when combined with modern technology is incredible! God has given us

some amazing tools to raise money in ways we never have before. Last year, we saw one student raise \$1,314 in 9 days and another raise \$2,400 in two weeks!

How to Create a Public Profile

- Login to <http://app.managedmissions.com>
- Click {Your Trip Name}
- Click **Edit my public profile** (top right)
- Write a note to supporters
- Add a picture (clear, just you, not goofy)
- Click **Submit for Approval**
- Notice your personal **Public Profile URL** link
- Run several campaigns (ex. once a month)



How to Run a Campaign

- Choose a specific financial goal (ex. \$500, your first fundraising deadline)
- Choose a specific set of dates (ex. 3 days the weekend after you're accepted)
- Post a Facebook status 3-5 times a day each day about your trip that includes your link
- The first few updates should tell people that you're going on a trip and need their help
- Subsequent posts should give updates about how much \$ is raised between posts
- At the end of the time, post thank you messages and final results
- Encourage your close friends and family to SHARE your posts throughout the days
- Repeat this once a month between now and your trip
- Consider using Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, Periscope, Pinterest, etc.

**Note: It's important to post multiple times per day because of social media algorithms. Facebook needs at least 3 posts at different times (5 is better!) to make sure all your friends see it. Twitter needs at least 8 posts per day.*

Fundraising Guide

Getting the Finances...

Often, this feels like the biggest obstacle to people as they prepare for their mission trip, but it is also the greatest opportunity to experience God's provision and miraculous intervention! Here are some practical tools and biblical encouragement as you work to raise your funds:

- **God will supply all of your needs.** Read Philippians 4:19. It's a promise! Cling to this... If God has truly called you to go on this trip, He will provide all of your needs.
- **Missions is God's heart.** He is the One who told us to "Go into all the world." God would not instruct us to do this if He didn't intend to help us complete the task.
- **Pray.** At RIM, prayer is the foundation that we build our mission experiences on. Pray for God to multiply your efforts, increase your finances and bring you prayer partners.
- **Make a list of prospective partners.** Fundraising is less about money and more about relationships. God has given us relationships for a variety of purposes. He uses relationships to reach the world! Good stewardship of your relationships means including people in what you are doing overseas. Think of all the people you know that can join with your trip either financially or in prayer. Write down names of friends, relatives, church members, local businesses, business owners, etc. that you can send a support letter to. In addition, begin to think of ways to use social media to tell even more people.
- **Prayer Partners.** Choose 5 people and ask them to commit to pray for your trip. Provide them with the schedule, country information, your personal needs (like finances) and have them pray especially for ministry effectiveness.
- **Write a letter for support.** This is a great way to let people know what you are doing and what God is doing in your life. Send letters to at least 30 people.
- **Follow your letter with a phone call.** We know this sounds scary, but it is actually really fun! 2 weeks after you send your letters, make a personal phone call to each person. Ask if they received this letter. Take this opportunity to explain more about your desire to go. Ask them for prayer/financial commitment.
- **Create a Public Profile and plan social media campaigns.** See page 14. These days, social media allows us to connect with hundreds and thousands of people who want to be a part of what God is doing around the world!!
- **Be creative.** Think of some different ways to get money... Check out page 23 for ideas!
- **Trust God.** Once you have done all that you know to do, look to God to do the rest. He'll do "exceedingly, abundantly above all that we can ask or imagine." (Ephesians 3:20)

Creative Fundraising Ideas

If you find yourself at a loss for ideas, try these:

- **Sponsor a Day** – Divide your trip cost by the number of days you'll be gone. (ex. \$2,095 trip divided by 15 days = \$140 per day) Ask people to choose a date (ex. August 2nd) and sponsor the entire day. Keep track of who sponsors which day. After the trip, show them your pictures and journal entries of what happened that day.
- **Per Mile Traveled** – Have people pledge to sponsor you for a certain number of miles (that you will travel from your home city to your ministry). Example, if your trip is \$2,095 and your journey is 4802 miles, people can sponsor you for \$0.44/mile.
- **Youth Sunday/Special Offering** – Ask your pastor if your team can share during one of the services and then take up a special missions offering.
- **Sell Stuff** – Bake sale, garage sale, jewelry sale, t-shirt sale, candy sale, flower sale...
- **Serve People** – Car wash, babysit, yardwork, walking pets, cleaning houses, painting...
- **____-a-thon** – Host a walk-a-thon, bowl-a-thon, rock-a-thon. Get sponsors for a 5K, etc.
- **Media Fast/Sugar Fast/Caffeine Fast** – Choose one of these to give up between now and your next deadline. Have people sponsor the number of days you go without TV or chocolate or soda or coffee. Show them you're committed to this trip!
- **Local TV/Radio/Newspaper** – See if they'll support you, interview you or write an article about what you're doing and how others can get involved.
- **Tournament** – Host a golf tournament and invite local business men to participate for a \$100 donation as their entrance fee. Consider other spots and hosting a 5K as well!
- **Concessions** – Sell candy and soda pop at special events.
- **Stadiums & Theme Parks** – Find out about opportunities for your whole group to clean up after a game and/or run a concession stand for a whole day in exchange for a donation.
- **Design** – Create custom hats, t-shirts or wrist bands and sell them.
- **Sponsors** – Ask a local business to match other donations you receive dollar-for-dollar.
- **Auction** – Live or silent. This could be a good one to do as a group!
- **Music** – Ask a local band or drama team to do a benefit performance.
- **Coffee** – Host a coffeehouse or sell lattes after church. Why not dessert too?
- **Collect Change** – Label mason jars for your trip and have people collect spare change.
- **Recycle** – If you live in a state that encourages it, there may be money to earn from this.
- **Arts & Crafts** – Have people donate handmade items and sell the donated items.
- **Get a Job!**

The opportunities are endless... Be creative. You can do this! Trust God and work hard!!

How to Write a Support Letter

The most important thing to remember in writing your support letter is that you are not just asking a bunch of people for money. Rather, you are giving people an opportunity to go on your trip with you... to share in the experience of proclaiming God's love to people who may never have heard the Gospel before. You are giving people who can't go on a mission trip themselves a chance to be an active participant in the Great Commission!

Basic guidelines for writing your letter:

- **Share your heart.** Explain what God has done in your life to bring you to the point of going on a mission trip. In a few sentences, describe why you picked this particular trip.
- **Tell about the place.** Write several facts about the country you will serve (see page 18), the ministry you will do (see page 19), and how long you will be gone.
- **Relate the need.** Explain the cost of the trip and your financial need. Communicate what you will be doing on your own to help with the cost (odd jobs, babysitting, carwash, etc.).
- **Invite people to participate.** Ask potential supporters to join your team by giving or praying or both. Be sure to let them know that all donations should be made out to Real Impact Missions and are tax deductible, but they should not put your name on the check.
- **Explain how to give money.** Provide them with details about giving online through your personal Public Profile URL or the realimpact.com/donate website or by sending a check to RIM.
- **Close with thanks.** Let them know how much you appreciate them and thank them for their involvement. Encourage them to pray about how God would have them give.
- **Include a self-addressed envelope (stamped if possible)** and a commitment card for your supporters to send back. Make it easy for people. Do most of the work for them!

See! This isn't as hard as you thought it would be... If you need any additional help, feel free to call Real Impact Missions at 1-800-774-6746 or to email us at goinfo@realimpact.com.

We're here to help!!

VERY IMPORTANT:

Be sure to tell your supporters that your name cannot appear anywhere on the check they send or else their gift will not be tax-deductible. They should fill out the commitment card you provide or just put a note with their check explaining who it's for and what trip.

Sample Support Letter

Dear Uncle Bob & Aunt Janet,

In the past few weeks, our school has been studying missions, and God has showed me His heart to reach the lost. My youth group is going on a mission trip to Panama with Real Impact Missions (RIM) this summer, and I have decided to join the team.

Because of the US legacy in Panama, citizens who live in big cities or near the Canal have access to many things that Americans have...safe running water, cars, TVs and good jobs. Many of them also speak English, even though the official language is Spanish. But at the same time, Panama is also home to several tribes of Amerindians who live in abject poverty and don't have access to adequate educational opportunities. The distance between these two groups is mere miles. They're next door neighbors.

The one thing they have in common is their need for Jesus. Throughout Panama, most people are religious and place cultural importance on rituals and traditions, but very few know a personal God who wants to have an intimate relationship with them as Savior and Lord. My team and I will be learning an evangelistic drama that opens doors for us to perform in public schools. Following our presentation, we will use one-on-one conversations with students to share our faith. A recent team saw 1100 students give their lives to Jesus in just 3 days! RIM's main ministry partner, Campus Crusade for Christ, has asked for more teams to come immediately.

*My youth group will be responding to this need. Our trip is August 1-15, 2016 and costs \$2,095. I am babysitting and doing odd jobs to earn part of this money, but I need help reaching my goal. Please consider sponsoring me with your tax-deductible financial gift and, most importantly, prayer. The deadline for my initial payment is December 15th; so, if you can help me, please consider dropping a check in the mail today or giving online at {insert personal profile URL here or realimpact.com/donate/}. Your gift would be an investment into someone's eternal life. Please pray and do whatever God leads you to do. To receive a tax deduction, it is very important that you **do not put my name on the check**. Instead, include a note or commitment card with my name and ministry location. Make your check payable to Real Impact Missions and mail it to: {insert your address or RIM's address}.*

More than anything, I ask for your prayers concerning this trip. You can see updates while we are gone on www.realimpact.com (click "BLOGS" and find my trip) and on their Facebook page [facebook.com/realimpactmissions](https://www.facebook.com/realimpactmissions). I sincerely appreciate your concern for the cause of Christ. May God bless you as you pursue Him and the establishment of His Kingdom. Together we can make a difference around the world!

Pursing Christ,

{Your Name}

Donation Coupon

When people donate by check, they can make their checks payable to *Real Impact Missions* and send them to the address below. They need to include your name and ministry location on a note with the check, but they must NOT write your name on the check itself (or else it will not be tax deductible for them). You might consider creating a card to include with your support letter that already has your name and location on it that they can simply include with their check.

Alternately, people can send their checks directly to you (still payable to *Real Impact Missions*). Every time you have a batch of checks and/or about a week before each of your financial deadlines, you should fill out a RIM donation coupon and mail it with all the checks to the address above.

RIM's address is:

*Real Impact Missions
PO Box 1532
Gainesville, GA 30503*

All donations must arrive on or before payment deadlines to be counted toward that deadline!

