

# Fun with Fundraising

Consider some of these ideas to raise money for missions:

## INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR

Schedule an International Food Fair at your church. (This would be a good variation on Wednesday night suppers.) At least a month in advance of the event, ask volunteers to sign up to bring an ethnic dish they like to cook. Promote the event through church media outlets, alerting members that the small fee they pay to enter will go toward your international mission project. The day or evening of the fair, set your cooks up at their own stations where they will offer a sample of their dish. Charge admission for each person or charge for each food tasted.

## WEEK OF RESTAURANT FASTING

Challenge church members to save the money they would spend eating at restaurants and donate it to your international missions project. Promote the “Week of restaurant fasting” through church media outlets including bulletin and pulpit announcements. At the end of the fasting week, have a church-wide potluck dinner. At this meal, collect the proceeds from members and announce the accumulated amount.

## PIE AUCTION AND PIE-EATING FELLOWSHIP

Church members of all ages bring pies to a church function. Each pie is auctioned to the highest bidder. If there is only one pie of a favorite flavor, the price can get quite high. After the pies are auctioned, people tend to share, creating a great social event. One church raised from \$50-250 a pie. The auction money goes toward your international missions project.

## SIMULTANEOUS YARD SALES

Encourage church members to hold yard sales simultaneously on a Saturday in one of the milder months in spring or fall. Arrange a time for the yard sales, and then promote them through church media outlets, the local newspaper’s classified ads and with signs throughout the community. Donate what is not sold to area charities.

## PICK YOUR ‘A-THON’!

Have a walk-a-thon, bike-a-thon or rock-a-thon for church members. Let participants know that the money they raise will go toward your international missions project. Get sponsors to pledge money.

## THE MONEY JAR

Have a family “missions” money jar that gets fed all year. Into this jar goes any money found in the washing machine after clothes are washed; under sofa cushions or rugs when the house is cleaned; in the car; in odd places such as sidewalks, in the backs of drawers, etc.

Visit [imbstudents.org](http://imbstudents.org) for more ideas on fundraising. Look in the IWC group e-guide.