**Scripture Union Scotland - Rwanda Project 2018**

**Fund Raising Ideas – SU Holidays**

SU Scotland has a growing relationship with SU in Rwanda and has supported ministry Rwanda through mission trips, and in 2016 the International Project raised a fantastic £12,000 for camps in Rwanda. This money is being spent on running new camps in areas of the country which have never had them before. The Project for 2018 is returning our focus to our partners in SU Rwanda. We are looking for another £12,000, this time to help them buy a 4x4 vehicle. Beyond Kigali, and off the main highways, the roads in Rwanda are pretty challenging. There are some villages which are very difficult to reach in a regular car, and virtually impossible during the rainy season. For years SU Rwanda staff have longed for a 4x4 vehicle, so that they can visit SU Groups and partner churches all year round!

 **Here are your aims...**

* Together with other SU events during Easter and summer 2018, we want to help the Scripture Union Rwanda staff get around safely so that they can help the children they reach discover there is a God who loves them.
* At your event, you want to ensure that the young people and team are informed and engaged with the project, hence the video and quiz.
* At your event, you want to raise prayer and financial support from the team and the young people and allow for appropriate responses to the information given to everyone about the needs. Hence the following ideas for your consideration.

**Here are some ideas...**

**PUT OUT ATTRACTIVE DONATION BOXES AT VARIOUS PLACE**S

allowing everyone to make direct donations, especially when young people withdraw money from their bank

**MAKE A BIG TOTALISER POSTER OF SOME SORT**

and put it up at the beginning of your holiday in a public place, giving a regular account of how much money has been raised to date. Make sure you count it each night and update the totaliser each morning, and give a final total on the last evening of the holiday.

**PUT UP A DECENT RWANDA DISPLAY IN THE MAIN MEETING ROOM**

as a constant reminder and as a reference point for everyone. You can take photos from the powerpoint presentation supplied for you and print some of them out It also allows you to point it out during every gathering.

**PUT UP A GOOD DISPLAY IN THE PRAYER ROOM**

If you have one, so that young people and team members can take time out to pray for the young people of Rwanda and can see some of the information and pictures about the young people and the Holiday Clubs there.

**ORGANISE A SPONSORED BIBLE READING EVENT DURING THE HOLIDAY**

If you’re going to have a sponsored event, why not encourage a group of 12 young people (fairly Biblical) to take part in a sponsored Bible Reading marathon and encourage them to raise sponsorship from team members and other young people.. The group could read through the whole of a gospel one afternoon, using a microphone, taking a chapter each, and allowing spectators to come along too. Do this half way through the holiday to allow time to gather sponsorship, and before young people have spent all their money.

**ORGANISE A TABLE SERVICE MEAL ONE EVENING**

Four or Five Team members could offer to serve young people at their meal tables one evening, and make the meal like that served in an up-market restaurant. Someone could print off menus in consultation with the cooks, including a drinks menu, and the tips for the waiters could be given towards the Rwanda project.

**HAVE A QUIZ NIGHT**

In whatever style you desire, base all the questions on Rwanda and you could even have a Team v. Young people contest; you could make it like “Who wants to be a Millionaire” with one contestant and the money raised from young people on the night being used as the ultimate prize.

**ARCHERY TARGET**

During Archery Sessions, you could gather up the group’s scores for the session, and the top scorer from the holiday would then gather sponsorship for the number of Bull’s-eyes achieved in 1 hour

**SPONSORED SILENCE**

Ask your noisiest group to consider doing a sponsored silence from supper-time one evening to lunchtime the following day, encouraging sponsorship from weary team members and from next door neighbours.

**CHESS CHALLENGE**

Choose a chess champion from among your team or young people and set him up as a Grand Master for an afternoon in a public place with a chessboard and pieces. If anyone wants to challenge him they must put 50p in the Rwanda Box and if the challenger wins, they can receive a prize from the tuck shop or from the bookstall. The Grand Master could have 3 boards in front of him and could play 3 people at a time! You could do a similar challenge with pool or table tennis.

**OTHER IDEAS – HEALTH WARNING**

Members of your team may come up with other ideas which could be used, but here’s a word of warning...

It is easy to put together a whole list of sponsored type events taken from the secular world, but we’re different and we need to remember that. Where you draw the line is up to the Team Leader, but we would like to encourage you to think about the following criterion before deciding what’s a good idea and what’s not.

* Does the idea contribute effectively to the aims above?
* Is the suggested activity one which is wholesome and achieves something worthwhile, over and above raising money?
* Will the activity cause parents anguish when the young person goes home – hair dye and ear piercing are not the best things to win over parents support for SU.
* Is there a danger that the suggested activity might cause damage to clothing or possessions or to bodies or property? If so, think of something else.
* Why not organise a Bible study on the theme of giving. This will certainly encourage a more Biblical approach to fund raising.
* There may not be anything wrong with the suggestion, but is the suggestion helpful?