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FUNDRAISING IDEAS

Art – do you know a painter, photographer or potter? Get donations and hold an exhibition/sale Auction of 'promises' or a slave auction

Bring and buy - at work, garden, community centre **Babysitting** and child minding - give people an excuse to go out **Barbecue** - host a Middle-Eastern themed BBQ and suggest a donation from guests **Birthday** - ask people to donate some money instead of giving you presents

Company contacts - ask your colleagues for sponsorship or gift donations **Coffee morning** - go and talk to the coffee morning/mid-week meeting at your church, to tell them about what Micah68 is doing, and put a collection tin at the back, should they wish to financially donate **Car Washing** - kidnap your Sunday School/Youth/Fellowship Group, and tell the church that a Car Washing service will take place, carried out by their delightful members, for a bargain Micah price **Church** - ask your church or denomination for money. Often they have special pots for mission work – you need to ask around

Dress Down – ask a local school or even your old school to hold a 'Non-Uniform Day' for your favourite Micah68 project.

Drink and Diet - give up coffee, tea, diet coke or alcohol; whatever your liquid vice is, in exchange for funds

Email – email your friends informing them about the key work of Micah68, asking them to sponsor the email for the sum of \dots \pounds ? (this depends on how rich your friends are!)

Fashion show – set up a Micah event - go to local shops with an official Micah letter and ask them to donate an outfit to be worn... it really does work! **Fancy dress** party – with a charge for entry

Garden Party - a more civilized event, either asking for a donation at the door, or simply have a collection pot, but make sure you tell people about Micah68

Hobbies – what hobbies could you use to help raise money for Micah68? Something you like doing – to support mission in the Middle East....walking, cycling, arts and crafts, aromatherapy, massage etc...

Ink – write to everyone you possibly can dropping in the Micah website www.micah6-8.org.uk **International Evening** – get your strong Arabic coffee, hummus and Arabic music out and get people in the Middle Eastern world

Jazz night in your church hall, or local pub

Karaoke evening (pay to sing and maybe pay even more not to sing perhaps?!) **Kick-off** – 5-a-side tournament – with work or church friends

Line dancing evening with BBQ and prizes for fancy dress / best left foot etc **Lunch-less** – set a date for all your colleagues or church friends to bring in a packed lunch and then to give you the money they would have spent on lunch

Matched donation from your company, what ever you raise, could they match to help sponsor a Micah Project?

Murder mystery party - you can buy sets for about £15, or simply create your own... **Meal** – ask a restaurant for reduced prices if you bring a large party on a weekday evening. Charge the cover price plus extra for your favourite Micah Project. **Marathon Man/Woman** – Run for the Middle East, and your favourite Micah Project

Neighbours. Offer to wash their windows, mow the lawn or throw a street party (if it's big and in the street, get council authorisation). Charge admission

Organise events within events – why not hold a raffle at your party or an auction at your sports tournament?

Party –50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, beach, Easter, Fancy Dress, Bad Taste...themed disco's are really popular **Parachute jump** – surely someone will sponsor you to jump out of a plane? Or, if you like long elastic, what about that bungee jump you have always wanted to do?

Quiz Night – organise one at your local Church. Watch out, they get competitive! **Quiet Time** – get a local youth group to do a sponsored silence with you

Raffle – get local businesses to donate prizes. Pop round to local Hairdressers, Restaurants, and Boutiques... You'll be surprised how much you will get for a good cause

Services – ask a hairdresser, beautician, masseur friend to come to your event and donate their proceeds or a day's tips **Sponsored** activities – you and friends can walk, swim, dance, fast, etc.

Shave your legs, chest, beard, head... or someone else's!

Treasure Hunt for the children in your Sunday School. Ask their parents for a £5 participation fee, and ask a local shop to donate a prize. Or even better – and adult Treasure Hunt! **Twenty-four-hour** marathon: darts, stay awake or dancing. Sponsored or have a team competition **Tin** – Put a collection tin at the back of the church, after speaking engagements, at events

Use your network of colleagues and friends to come up with creative ideas and help with activities. Maybe they will want to sponsor a Micah Project target for a year, and do several events

Valet service: offer to clean cars inside and out for all your family, friends and colleagues. Or what about house Vaxing?

Website – ask work or church if you can have a bit of space to make a link Waltz – big band night (use old-time records if can't find a band) dinner-dance, admission fee

Xtra, **Xtra** read all about it – write an article for your church newletter / work paper about your interest in the Middle East – and the needs of one of the partner projects. Ask for one-off sponsorship to help achieve the target

Young and old – organise an all age themed event on life in the Middle East. Do some storytelling about the projects, and ask for donations

Zest and zeal – essential if you are going to make the best of your fundraising. Your fundraising will make a real difference to people's lives. Remember if you travel to the Middle East you could become a Micah Advocate too!

So that's it – **an A-Z with a few ideas.** Hopefully it might have helped your creative juices to think of other ideas to help support Micah68, and the people it seeks to support and work alongside.

Why not get back to lan with any fundraising suggestions you have found really work. After of course you have done some fundraising, and can get back to him with some money!

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