

## Fundraising Tips and Information

On many fund-raising bike rides, many secure “per mile” pledges. While this is certainly acceptable on the Barnabas Trail Challenge, you should know that the mileage you achieve with our mountain bike terrain will be much less than on a road bike with a generally flat highway! At the Susanville Ranch Park, there is some hilly and tough (advanced) single track trails—that are very fun to ride, but will yield fewer miles, than, say, the leisurely, relatively flat meadow trails. We want you to have fun, first and foremost, but we also are trying to raise as much money as we can for our ministry! So, if you’re going to do the “per mile” emphasis---here’s our suggestion: **BE BOLD TO ASK FOLKS TO SPONSOR YOU PER MILE AT SIGNIFICANT RATES. It wouldn’t be out of line to say something like, “Could you sponsor me at \$5 per mile?” (or a lesser amount--- say \$2.50 per mile).**

**What we do encourage everyone to do is to get as many generous FLAT RATE pledges as possible.** A flat rate pledge is a set amount that your sponsor agrees to donate no matter how far you ride! It is “guaranteed money” and it takes all the pressure off of you.

Christians should be much more receptive to the need of hurting pastors (in the USA) and of the incredible need to train pastors in developing countries who have a 6<sup>th</sup> grade education! But feel free to approach anyone. Most people will support your cause because they are supporting YOU! They know you, they work with you. They are your friends and family members.

**We give you a choice of using a FLAT RATE only sponsor form, or BOTH the PER MILE and FLAT RATE form.** These are great to use along with our suggested “support letter” that you can mail out (or email) to others. Also—and this is great when you’re around a lot of people, like at church---you can use the **SINGLE PAGE sponsor form** (both the Per Mile and Flat Rate version).

One final note: at the closing dinner, rider awards will be given out. Every rider will receive TWO T-Shirts. In addition to our Barnabas Trail Challenge T-Shirt, you will receive one of our T-Shirts from previous years as well! There will be several trophies that we’ll hand out as well. You will really enjoy our closing Champions Dinner! God bless you as you prepare! We’re looking forward to having you ride!