

# Will You Host a Fundraising Evening?

First of all, what is it?

The aim of a fundraising evening is to meet people with whom we can share the vision of Amazing Grace Maritime Missions and invite them to become involved.

The evening centers around a short presentation that shows how ships reach the isolated and needy places of the world. The main aim of the evening would be to raise financial gifts to cover the expenses of programs and serving aboard our ship m/v Amazing Grace in the Sea of Cortez where we will take doctors, dentists, and teams of young people, bringing hope and life to isolated Mexican villages.

We would show a video, share some stories, and people would be given a chance to give. This would take about 20-25 minutes and most of the rest of the evening would be socializing and having fun.

We have many opportunities to volunteer. We will need qualified Marine crew and medical personnel to volunteer with us for a 10 day outreach. People would have a chance to get more information on this if they were interested.

What would you have to do?

- Think of people that would be interested in hearing more about Amazing Grace Maritime Missions and contributing financially.

- Send out invitation in advance of event. There are some examples below. It's good to mention that it will be a fundraising event so that people come prepared.
- Two days before the evening, phone each person to remind them and confirm the number attending.
- On the night
  - Welcome people and help them to feel comfortable
  - Provide some snacks and drinks
  - Introduce Amazing Grace Maritime Missions
  - It might be good to say a few words about the need for sponsorship.
  - Perhaps a table could be provided to set out some brochures.

Will your friends be put on the spot financially?

No

We will show the video, share some stories and present the opportunity, but there won't be any guilt or pressure. We want to make the evening very relaxed and friendly and for everyone to have a good time.

# Suggested format for the Evening

(Adjust start time to what fits the event and location)

7.30 pm Welcome guests.

7.45 pm Serve snacks and drinks and mingle

8.15 pm Host will introduce Amazing Grace Maritime Missions

8:20pm We will show video, share some stories, pass out envelopes for those that want to give, explain ways that they can give, and collect those that want to hand them in that night.

8:45pm Thank all who attended and conclude the evening, but some people may want to stay longer and mingle.

# Sample Invitation

*(Please feel free to put this into your own words to email or mail out to people. This is just a suggestion. It is best to let people know that it is a fundraising event so that they can come prepared.)*

Dear

I want to invite you to hear about Amazing Grace Maritime Missions. This new organization is providing healthcare and biblical education to remote villages in the Sea of Cortez, Mexico using a 100' steel hull trawler.

We want to help them raise some finances to support their endeavour to cruise their vessel to some of the most isolated places in the Sea of Cortez. I'd like to host you at my home and share a little bit about their projects and give people an opportunity to give and be a part of the work.

Date

Time

Location

Please let me know if you will be able to attend. I hope you can make it.