

Love Baskets

A fund-raising & community-building activity



description

Centered on Valentine's Day, *love baskets* are a fun and engaging way to raise funds and get your church involved in the Hope for Nicaragua mission team. Centered on Valentine's Day, love baskets.

circle of love



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- Love baskets represent a circle of love that starts with you.
- Basket builders give love through their creativity and donated basket creations.
- Basket bidders give love by bidding and purchasing baskets for Valentine's Day gifts.
- The basket recipient receives love through a unique, hand-crafted gift.
- The funds received to send people and purchase supplies delivers love on the mission field as we serve the beautiful people of Nicaragua.
- The blessing returns to the givers when you report the results of our mission trip at your church.

planning

- Start pre-planning in December.
- Begin communications (bulletins, announcements, etc.) the first Sunday in January.
- Reminders to bring baskets in starting 2-3 weeks before Valentines Day.
- Silent auction concludes on the Sunday before Valentine's Day.

how it works

- This is a silent auction of hand-made gift baskets made by “basket builders” and bid on by “basket bidders”.
- It is important to maintain a consistent “heartbeat” of communications with updates, requests and creative ideas through announcements, bulletins, etc.
- Solicit volunteers to be “basket builders” and offer creative ideas such as a *Night out at the Movies Basket*, *Pet Lover’s Basket*, *Picnic Basket*, *Tool bucket/basket*, *Fishing Basket*, *Chocolate Lover’s Basket*, etc, etc.
- Set up and decorate auction tables. Have your basket builders place their baskets on the tables with a basket description & bidding sheet (see resources section of this document).
- Try placing some dishes of candy on your tables – it helps get people to your tables 😊
- Keep communicating, add tables as needed and try to get as many love baskets made as possible.
- Announce the day and time for final auction bids (the Sunday before Valentine’s Day).
- Provide lots of encouragement and communication to make sure every basket gets a bid and, goes home with someone.
- If your church holds multiple services, ask your basket bidders from first/early services to return at the end of the last service to place final bids and take their baskets home.
- Be present and have helpers to collect payments for final bids and make sure baskets are going home.



communicate frequently



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Describe Your Basket

Love Baskets
Bid Sheet

Basket Builder Information

Name of your basket creation:

Basket Description:

Basket Builders Name:

NAME	Bid Amount - \$
Suggested Starting Bid →	



Use one of the sheets below to describe your basket.
Place this next to your creation and it will also be used as a bid sheet for the silent auction.

Your Love Reaches Out...

Table top sign. Put your bid sheets by this.

Love Baskets
Bid Sheet

Basket Builder Information
Name of your basket creation:

Basket Description:

Basket Builders Name:

NAME	PHONE #	Bid Amount - \$
Suggested Starting Bid →		

NOTE

Bid a higher price than the person on the list above you so that you are the high bidder
This basket may have a suggested starting bid

We hope every basket gets a lot of bids!

Baskets will be sold to the highest bidder after Sunday service on **February 12th**
Just in time to give as a **Valentine's Day** gift!

Your Love Reaches Out

Bid/Description sheets – put a stack of these on each table to be used with each basket.

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Love Baskets

We Need...



Basket Builders

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We are looking for lots of creative volunteers who can build "Love Baskets"

"Baskets" don't have to be baskets... you can use bowls, boxes, buckets, etc.

Just a few ideas: Luxury bath basket, tool bucket "basket", Dinner and a movie for two basket, chocolate lovers basket, pet lovers basket/bowl, mommy's baby bag, music lovers basket, gourmet gift basket, salsa lovers basket, a camping/picnic basket, pasta lovers basket, crafts-that-you-make basket... Be Creative !

Please sign up on the "Basket Builders" List in the Lobby right away. Baskets need to be on display for bidding by February 5th.

Your Love Basket will be auctioned in a silent auction with all proceeds going to the Nicaragua Mission Trip. Thank you for supporting the mission in this special way!



Basket Bidders

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Love Baskets will go on display and be up for auction on or before February 5th for Valentine's Day. Bidding will end after the second church service on Sunday, February 12th.

Look at all the wonderful creations and start bidding on your favorite baskets.

Think of one or more special people for whom your Love Basket would make the perfect Valentine's Day gift (and yes, it is ok to give yourself a gift)!

So now the love comes full circle. What was given away was bought for a price, but it was all for the love of someone who needed it more than the one who gave it away...


Any Questions? Contact Eric Paulsen

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Table top sign. Put on your tables when you first set them up.



Consider using clear, acrylic table-top sign holders



Love Baskets



- ✓ Take some time to look at all the baskets...
- ✓ Each basket has a Bid Sheet.
- ✓ This is a silent auction. Write your name and bid amount for the basket or baskets you want to take home.
- ✓ Other's may come after you and enter their name with a higher bid.
- ✓ Check back from time to time and see if you still have the leading bid.
- ✓ Highest bidder for each basket, takes the basket home.
- ✓ We will have all the baskets given to the highest bidder at the end of second service on Sunday, February 12th.

✓ This means that if you normally attend first service, you may want to hang around for second service to keep an eye on your bid. You will also want to come at the end of second service to claim your basket if you are the highest bidder.

Thank you from the Nicaragua Mission Team!

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Table top sign and/or bulletin insert with directions for participants.

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Love Baskets TODAY IS THE DAY!

If you are attending First Service and making a bid, please come back near the end of second service to make a new bid or, pick up your basket if you are the high bidder.

All baskets need a home today!

Bids are final at the end of second service.

What a beautiful Valentine's Gift!

Give it in the love with which it was made...

No....
Don't leave
me behind...



Let's make
sure every
basket has a
bid.

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Bulletin insert for final day when bidding concludes.



Love Baskets

THANK YOU Community of Grace!

Thank you to all of this year's basket builders and basket bidders! We had some fantastic baskets this year and raised over \$700 to help make this year's trip possible. Some very special Valentine's Day gifts were given and received in love. The circle of love is yet to be complete as we plan and move forward with this year's mission trip.

Over the last seven years, the Hope for Nicaragua mission team has served in the villages of La Isla, El Pinuelar, La Rancheria, Aguas Marias, Rancho Grande, El Coyolar, and Las Sabanas. Through the support of many and by the grace of God, we have been blessed to see these results:

- ✚ 20,823 Medical Patients
- ✚ 94,630 Prescriptions Dispensed
- ✚ 1,928 Dental Patients
- ✚ 2,878 Tooth Extractions
- ✚ 7,090 Pairs of Eyeglasses Distributed
- ✚ 755 Cervical Cancer Screenings
- ✚ 139 Cryotherapy Treatments (lives saved)
- ✚ \$63,901 Worth of Family Packs (Health/Hygiene Kits) Given
- ✚ 40 Tons of Rice and Beans Distributed
- ✚ 5,185 Bibles Given
- ✚ 3,957 Professions of Faith in Jesus Christ (eternities saved)

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Table top sign and/or bulletin insert with thanks to participants for one week after activity concludes.

Table top sign examples. Best used with stand-up 8 ½ x 11 sign holders.

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We Need Baskets

Whether you signed up or not, would you consider building a basket?

Your Love Reaches Out...



Did You Know?

God has worked through your Hope for Nicaragua mission team to abundantly bless the beautiful people of Nicaragua...



- 10, 695** Medical Patients
- 52, 016** Prescriptions Dispensed
- 871** Dental Patients
- 1,306** Tooth Extractions
- 3,228** Pairs of Eyeglasses Distribute
- 535** Cervical Cancer Screenings
- 72** Cryotherapy Treatments (cancer stopped)
- \$22,634** Worth of Family Packs (Health/Hygiene Kits) Given
- 17 Tons** of Rice and Beans Distributed
- 2,621** Bibles Given
- 2, 376** Professions of Faith in Jesus Christ!

*Thank you to those who send. Thank you to those who go.
Please pray our mission will continue to strengthen, grow and
bring real hope to the beautiful people of Nicaragua.*

Hope for today. Hope for generations. Hope for eternity.

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Your Love Reaches Out...

...and you will be my witnesses in
Jerusalem, and in all Judea and
Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."



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