Fundraising Event Ideas

Let these event ideas spark your creativity as you help raise awareness and funds for IJM. Make sure to use IJM’s online fundraising tool at [http://fundraising.ijm.org](http://fundraising.ijm.org).

1. **Give Up Your Birthday**  
   Celebrate your birthday by making a difference in the world. Instead of presents, ask for the gift of freedom for others!

2. **Special Occasions**  
   Are you graduating? Getting married? Celebrating an anniversary? Use a special day that’s changing your life to help change the lives of others around the world. Ask friends to give the gift of freedom to make your special day even more memorable.

3. **In Memory/Honor Of**  
   Set up an online fundraising campaign and encourage others to give in memory or in honor of a loved one. Honor your loved one by giving new lives of freedom to women, men and children around the world.

4. **Consignment Boutique**  
   Love to shop? Merge your passion for fashion and freedom by creating a high-end consignment boutique at your home, small business or free space. Collect gently used items and invite friends and family to shop for a great cause! See our helpful “how to” guide in the Fundraising toolkit to make this event happen.

5. **Dinner and a Movie**  
   Take a trip around the world! Cook a meal from one of the countries where IJM works or host a themed potluck at your home, school, church or organization. Invite your friends and network for an ethnic feast and show IJM’s documentary *At the End of Slavery*. Set a tangible goal, request a minimum donation and raise funds to help rescue those in need.

6. **Race for Freedom**  
   Challenge yourself! Sign up for an existing walk, run, bike or adventure race in your community or favorite city. Race to help free victims of slavery and sex trafficking. Set up an online fundraising page and ask your friends and network to donate dollars for each mile you race!

7. **Organize a Race for Freedom**  
   Go even bigger and organize a 5k or 10k race to benefit IJM. Check out the Race Toolkit we’ve put together to help you plan a race from start to finish: [www.ijm.org/race](http://www.ijm.org/race).
8. Rock for Justice
Get the band back together or hire your friend’s band to play a concert to help end trafficking and slavery. Tickets can help cover the cost of your venue, drinks and donations to the work of IJM.

9. Book Club
Form a book club or invite your small group to read one of IJM’s numerous best sellers (see list below). Discuss how your group can join the fight to end modern-day slavery—use the inspiration of what you read to spread the word and raise money to fund a rescue operation. (The average cost of a rescue operation is $4,500.)

Share your event on Instagram: #IJMFUNDRAISE

For use with your book club, order these books from any online retailer:

*The Locust Effect* by Gary Haugen, IJM President & CEO
The Locust Effect will take you on a gripping journey that will forever change the way you see poverty and leave you with the hope that we can help make the poor safe enough to thrive. Learn more: [www.TheLocustEffect.com](http://www.TheLocustEffect.com)

*Good News About Injustice* by Gary Haugen, IJM President & CEO
Stories of courageous Christians who have stood up against injustice, and concrete guidance on how others can rise up to seek justice around the world

*Just Courage* by Gary Haugen, IJM President & CEO
A journey to freedom from the triviality and fear that can stifle our lives

*The Just Church* by Jim Martin, IJM Vice President of Church Mobilization
Tangible, accessible strategies to respond to God’s call to seek justice, whether in far-off places or right in your own community. Learn more: [www.TheJustChurch.com](http://www.TheJustChurch.com)