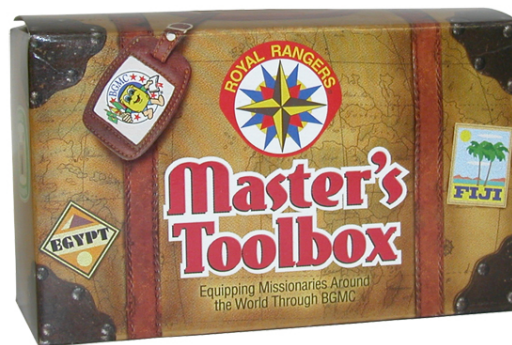


Top 10 Ways to Boost Master's Toolbox

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If you smash your finger, what's the first thing you do?

You naturally cup the finger with your other hand and hold onto it with all your might! If you see someone who's just been injured, what's the first thing you might do? Likely, you would respond with compassion and help the person in need. Now what would you do if you didn't see but just heard about someone getting hurt? Would you respond with equal zeal?

Our personal level of response and commitment to evangelism can be similar to this final scenario because we may not have personally seen the needs and know firsthand the overwhelming pain that boys around the globe experience each and every day.

- Boys and girls being snatched into slavery every day.
- Boys and girls by the millions dying every year in Africa from HIV/AIDS.
- Boys and girls around the globe going to bed hungry every night.
- Missionaries crying on their beds wondering how they will meet the needs and if anybody back home really cares!

Globally, we have A/G missionaries who are trying to respond to the physically and spiritually pain of people. Yet, because many of us cannot witness firsthand that overwhelming need, we sit back passively as though the problem doesn't exist.

There is a way you can make a difference: Master's Toolbox. It's not just another program or box; it's life or death. It's a mechanism in which you can help your Rangers understand the dynamics worldwide and to respond with compassion. It's not just about raising another dollar. It's about raising the bar that your Rangers will raise up to and get involved in the Great Commission. It's about caring and responding.

Will you help your Rangers "see" and "respond"?

Master's Toolbox is the response mechanism in which I hope you've engaged your Rangers. When Rangers understand the need, they naturally want to respond. So take advantage of the next several months by demonstrating to your Rangers how they can **react** through compassion.

Below is a "Top 10 Countdown" that will put the **FUN** in Master's Toolbox **fund**-raisers. It will provide Rangers the **hands-on experience** of making a difference in the world.

10. September—Hotdog and Soda Stand

With a little help, you could set up a snack stand at church or at a store—somewhere heavily populated that you have permission to operate. With the help of your Rangers, grill hotdogs and ice down some sodas, and sell a combo pack of a soda and a hotdog for \$3.00. You could easily generate \$2.00 profit per sale. (Check with your local community for regulations regarding food sales.)

9. October—Fall Festival

Setting up some carnival-type games on the church parking lot. The fall festival can be open to the public or just for the church kids. Ask for donations for the games the kids play.

One children's pastor had the idea of putting a "Pastor's Dunk Tank" at the annual church picnic. "We asked all our pastors, even our senior pastor, to participate," says TJ Wolfe. "We then took bids on who would have the chance to dunk the pastor the first time. It was a huge success."

[Click here to read that story.](#)

[Click here for carnival ideas.](#)

8. November—Roll-a-thon

The BGMC Roll-a-Thon provides boys of all ages a unique opportunity to make a direct impact around the world by raising Master's Toolbox funds for world missions. It's a safe, very doable event that is held on the church property, at a park, or somewhere like a school track.

Purpose: To raise the awareness of reaching boys across the globe.

Concept: The *Roll-a-Thon* differs slightly from a Bike-a-Thon in that kids can participate using any non-motorized, wheeled sporting device—such as a bike, skateboard, roller skates, or roller blades. Note: The local church should determine whether the event is bikes only or bikes and alternative wheeled sporting devices.

[Click here to read a related story and to download the BGMC Roll-a-Thon manual.](#)

7. December—Christmas Cookie Dough Sale

December is a perfect time for a cookie dough sale. Many elementary school administrators and teachers alike have discovered a gold mine for raising funds for school supplies, band equipment, playground equipment, you name it. One small church with less than 100 in Sunday morning attendance raised over \$500—a three-week fund-raiser!

Little Lambs is a Christian owned and operated company that offers gourmet cookie dough at discount prices. The good news is that Little Lambs will **presort the cookie dough containers according to each child's order and will deliver the entire shipment directly to your church** in dry ice within two to three weeks after the church order has been placed. Depending on the amount of sales, your church can get a 30 to 50 percent discount off the retail price of the cookie dough.

[Click here for a Little Lambs PDF packet.](#)

6. January—The Talents of \$5

The idea here is to give each Ranger a \$5 bill and to challenge the children to find ways they can invest their money. Here's one simple idea:

Buy a generic 24-pack of sodas. After church, at a ball game, or at the park—on a hot, sunny day— the child could sell the iced-down sodas for \$2.00 each. If the original purchase price of the sodas were \$.35 each, this would yield a profit of \$1.65 per can—or \$39.60 profit for the 24-pack of sodas. (Check with your local community for regulations regarding food sales.)

5. February—Garage Sale

A home garage sale is an excellent way for Rangers to generate money for Master's Toolbox.



Photo: Tommy and Thomas Campbell

Thomas Campbell reported that his son, Tommy, came up with the goal to raise \$1,000 for BGMC. He participated in a bike-a-thon and raised \$305. Of that \$305, Tommy gave \$190 of his own money.

Tommy had been saving his allowance for a while, and he asked his father, "Dad, should I give my \$190 toward BGMC or save it for an iPod?"

"I wouldn't save for an iPod if I were you," Thomas replied. "I'd save up for an iPad."

"I think I'll give it to BGMC," responded Tommy, "because we have everything, and the people in Madagascar don't even have clean water to drink."

Tommy determined that he was going to raise the remainder of the money needed to meet his goal by having a garage sale. By the end of a day of selling goods, Tommy met his \$1,000 giving goal.

[Click here to read the full story.](#)

4. March—Recycle Cans

Myra Clark had the great idea of generating BGMC funds by turning cans into cash. "At a church social, I noticed that soda can after soda can was being tossed into the trash," says Myra. "I decided then that we could recycle those cans and use the money for our missionaries."

Myra's church kids generated \$200 for BGMC that they would not have had otherwise. This fund-raiser can easily turn a profit for Master's Toolbox as well.

[Click here to read the story "Cans Turn into BGMC CA\\$H."](#)

3. April—Pizza Pies to Reach the World

In 2010, boys, girls, and their leaders from five churches in Springfield, Mo., gathered to make 520 pizzas they had presold to raise funds for BGMC. About 50 kids and leaders volunteered their Saturday to make pizzas, plus the time beforehand for taking pizza orders.

By 9:00 a.m., four assembly lines were formed and the kids learned how to make pizzas. As the assembly began, the pizzas were quality-control checked by the leaders, then handed over for wrapping and storing.

"The major difference with this type of fund-raiser and others is that the children themselves get to raise the funds and make the pizzas they sell," says Richard Vinson, children's pastor of Northland Cathedral Assembly in Kansas City, Missouri. "This fund-raiser provides a sense of accomplishment and a personal way of giving to missions...."

[Click here for an interactive way to involve your Rangers in making and selling pizza.](#)

2. May—Plant a Flat of Flowers

Aren't Rangers trained to take care of our planet? May is the perfect time to buy flats of flowers at a low cost. The goal with this fund-raising project is to give each child a flat of flowers. Challenge your Rangers to take the flowers home and to go around their neighborhoods (adult supervision recommended) and sell and plant the individual flowers for \$3-\$5 each. Who can resist the gleeful boy in his Rangers T-shirt showing a simply way to improve the looks of someone's home?

A flat of eight flowers purchased for \$1.25 per flat would generate \$24-\$40 per child. That equals to \$240 to \$400 for missions with just 10 children participating!

Up in the Air for Kids

For about 10 years, children's pastors have been staying atop scissor lifts, roofs, and billboards for seven days straight to raise big bucks for BGMC. How about doing a twist on this fund-raiser by challenging your Rangers to go "Up"? The twist with this boy-friendly event is that a group of boys can take turns—a tag-team effect—spending one day and night at a time (leader supervised) in a tent safely purchased atop ...

- A hill
- A trampoline
- A low platform

The Rangers participating could all petition their church members, parents, relatives, teachers, etc., to each give \$25, \$50, \$100, or more for spending the night "Up in the Air for Kids."

[Click here to see how other children's leaders around the nation spent seven days by themselves "Up in the Air."](#)

