



The ROPE

Special Edition

William Carey is often called "the father of modern missions." In 1793, he obeyed the call of God on his life and left England for India. As he left, he said to his friends and fellow pastors, "I will go down, if you will hold the ropes." With these words, he challenged his fellow believers to pray for him and to support him financially. He urged them to "hold the ropes."

Our quarterly newsletter, "The Rope," takes its name from Carey's words. With these newsletters, we attempt to "hold the ropes" for our missionaries by telling their stories and inviting you to partner with them.

This Special Edition of "The Rope" highlights many of the exciting projects that our team is involved in around the world. As the end of the year approaches, please consider "holding the ropes" with our missionaries through prayer and financial support.

Thank you for your partnership in the gospel.



West Africa Relief Fund



As the Niger River swelled, the floodwaters began to overtake the dikes. On August 24, the dike downstream from Sahel Academy collapsed, allowing torrents to pour in. Floodwaters rushed through the campus causing the workers to evacuate. Two weeks later, the dike upstream also broke and a new wave of river water destroyed more homes and buildings. FBM missionary Kathy Miller serves as the Elementary Principal at Sahel and also lives on campus. Her home flooded and she, along with so many others, have had to find alternate housing. The West Africa Relief Fund is designed to help with emergencies like this. This flood in Niger has claimed lives, destroyed property and left more than 330,000 people in need of shelter, water, food and essential items. The needs in West Africa are vast and unmeasurable.

Will you help meet the needs of those affected by the flood in Niger?



Aguascalientes Christian School



Since 1996, EMM/FBM Missionary David Roberts has been guiding a Christian school in Aguascalientes, Mexico to provide a quality education for children in grades K-6. Many families in this Mexican community continue to be blessed by this distinctly Christian education. It has long been our desire to train middle school students, allowing our graduates from 6th grade to continue receiving an education that includes the Bible and Christian principles in every subject from an entirely Christian staff. Because of government requirements, we need to build new classrooms with bathrooms, a teacher's room and library, before we can begin offering classes at this level. Architectural plans have been drawn up and approved. We are close to reaching our financial goal for this project.

Will you help us with this much-needed expansion?

Current Support: 81%

Still needed: \$28,000





Married Student Housing



In 2014, four apartments for married students were built at the Walter Gomez Evangelism Center in Pachuca, Mexico. Up until that time, there was no housing for married students. In less than two years all the apartments were full and have been ever since. In 2019, construction began on another four apartments because of additional men and women answering God's call to ministry. This year alone, the seminary has added three married students. The reality is, there are married couples willing to follow God's calling but currently hindered by something as basic as housing. Our desire is to meet this urgent need by finishing these apartments as soon as possible.

Will you help provide housing for these students?

Current Support: 55%

Still needed: \$63,400



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FBM Missionaries Ken & BJ Armstrong currently live and minister in Southeast Asia. One of their primary ministries is the orphanage they run out of their home. Since moving overseas in 2008, God has providentially added six children from Southeast Asia to their family. All of these children have come out of heart-breaking situations. But, to the glory of God, they now live in a home where they are taught to know and love Jesus.

One of the biggest expenses associated with the orphanage is the cost of educating the children. Lord willing, the children will not have to attend the government run schools. Ken & BJ are praying that God will provide the finances to educate all of the children at the local Christian school where Ken & BJ currently serve. Of the six children in the orphanage, one has graduated high school and is now attending culinary school. Two children are currently enrolled at the Christian school, with the school providing a scholarship for one of these children. The other three children will begin at the Christian school in the near future. The tuition costs for each child are \$4,600 per school year.



Will you help Ken + BJ educate these children in a Christ-centered environment?

Current Support: 0%

Tuition costs for each child: \$4,600



The Mounzou Multipurpose Park



Under the direction of Rich & Anna Marshall, FBM is partnering with the Federation of Evangelical Baptist Churches (FEEB) in Mali to develop a campground. Eventually, this property will include facilities for IBB (the Bible Institute), FEEB Offices, and guest rooms for traveling pastors. It will also provide a place for the annual camps and spiritual retreats hosted by FEEB. The overall project is broken up into three phases.

Will you help us complete phase one?

Current Support: 49% (Phase 1)

Still needed: \$53,335





6 W.A.S.P. Scholarships



FBM's West Africa Scholarship Program (WASP) exists to help West African men and women pursue additional education. While the program focuses primarily on theological training, it also is open to other disciplines such as medicine and education. Trained nationals are needed to help the churches fulfill the Great Commission. Our desire is to serve the Lord by helping churches invest in their own people.

Will you help us train these West African national believers?

Current Support: 10%

Still needed: \$9,000



7 Boiffo Elementary School



Tragically, the literacy rate in Benin is below 40%. In Northern Benin, the literacy rate is even lower. How do you train a new generation of ministry leaders and professionals in this environment? You start at the beginning. Just as we teach the Word of God from beginning to end, we must minister to people beginning in their childhood. With this in mind, we have set out to build an elementary school that teaches the basics in education from a Christian worldview within a largely impoverished muslim background setting. We have begun infrastructure development with the backing and support of an association of local churches that is actively seeking to supply teachers and personnel for the project. Our initial goal (Phase 1) is to construct a three room school building, as well as housing for the director of the school. We have already acquired land that will accommodate expansion for over 12 classrooms.



Will you help bring a Christian education to the children in Northern Benin?

Current Support: 28%

Still needed: \$52,000



8 Maternity Expansion for Boiffo Medical Ministry



In August of 2017, a local church in Northern Benin opened a medical clinic in partnership with FBM and Grace Dental and Medical Missions. The goal of this ministry was to open doors for local churches in the region to reach the muslim majority population with the gospel of Christ. Previously, it had been difficult to gain an audience with locals to share the gospel. Over the past three years, thousands have come from the immediate region and three surrounding countries. The impact has been far greater than anticipated.

Northern Benin currently has one of the highest infant mortality rates in the world. Since before we opened the clinic, Pastors, local leaders, and citizens have been asking us to expand our medical work to include maternity services. Plans are drawn up and a recruitment process for spiritually qualified personnel is underway. It will soon be time to break ground on the new facility. This facility will include operating rooms for emergency deliveries. While the clinic is financially independent and funds are set aside for operations and expansion, an expansion of this size will require the investment of our partners in ministry.

Will you help the Benin Clinic care for the expecting mothers of Northern Benin?

Current Support: 0%

Still needed: \$90,000





Clean Water for Itedo-Oba Community in Isanlu



In Nigeria, the Itedo-Oba community's main source of water is a local stream, which is not safe for drinking. FBM missionaries David and Comfort Jacobs, along with Galilee Bible Baptist Church and Bible College, want to supply clean water to the community. Having a well on church property will not only provide fresh and safe water for the village, it will also provide incredible opportunities for sharing the Gospel to all who come.

Will you help supply clean water to the people in the Itedo-Oba community?

Current Support: 0%

Still needed: \$40,000



BBC Mission Guest House



Bible Baptist Church in Ilorin, with help from David and Comfort Jacobs, desires to build a mission guest house on church property. The mission guest house would provide lodging for those who are attending mission conferences and church events. It would also serve as a place to share the gospel of Christ to all the guests who stay there.

Will you help supply the funds to start construction on this mission guest house?

Current Support: 0%

Still needed: \$30,000



Building Program for L'École L'Eau-Vive



Since 2001, L'École L'Eau-Vive (Living Water Christian School) has been teaching children to know and love God. Today, L'École L'Eau-Vive is unique because it is the only accredited private Christian school in Quebec City. FBM Missionary Richelle Wright currently serves as the Director of Student Services at L'École L'Eau-Vive. After starting with 72 students in 2001, the school has grown to nearly 400 students today. In fact, the student body has grown so much that a larger facility is now needed in order to continue serving the community.

Will you help with a gift today to help the students of Quebec City?

Current Support: 51%

Still needed: \$415,000

