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University Campus Expansion Macha, Zambia

Total need: \$50,000
(as of May 31, 2021)

Quality health care begins with quality practitioners. In rural Zambia, the need for experienced and well-trained healthcare professionals is great. However, it can be hard for students to access medical training. The Brethren in Christ Church of Zambia is working to meet this educational need in the Southern Province.

Established by the Zambian BIC Church in 2019, Zambian Christian University (ZACU) aims to offer medical degrees at a new campus near Macha Mission Hospital. Several currently vacant buildings have been identified as the sight for the new campus, but major repairs and renovations are needed to prepare the buildings for use by the university.

Join us in providing critically-needed medical training in Zambia by renovating the new Macha campus of Zambian Christian University. We look forward to the day when graduates will provide medical care in their communities, sharing the Gospel and furthering the growth of the church.

ZACU is a multi-campus university that provides higher education and training in a Christian environment and currently offers degrees in business, education, information technology, and the arts. The Macha campus will add bachelor's degrees in nursing and clinical medicine to ZACU's list of programs.

The buildings that comprise the proposed ZACU campus in Macha are nearly twenty years old. Project funds will be used to renovate existing buildings and develop a functional campus with classrooms and dormitories that can accommodate up to 150 students.

By giving to the University Campus Expansion project, you will help students receive a Christ-centered education that will enable them to impact their communities through quality medical care for years to come.

Learn more: <https://partnership.bicus.org/project/university-campus-expansion/>

Tutoring for At-Risk Students Choma, Zambia

In Choma, Zambia, children who have either lost a parent or live on the street are severely disadvantaged in school. They lack a support system to help them succeed as they approach high school, and many fall behind or never complete their education and remain in poverty.

Impact the lives of disadvantaged children by partnering with the Piccolo School of Excellence to help students accomplish their educational goals.

The Piccolo School of Excellence (formerly known as Choma Reading Room) walks alongside orphans and homeless children by providing tutoring, support, and mentorship. The program aims to enroll new students each year, starting in fifth and sixth grade and walking alongside them into their high school education.

Teacher mentors have the opportunity to leave a lasting impression of Jesus' love on these children by assisting them in this pivotal time of life. Continuing the vision of the Choma Reading Room, the Piccolo School of Excellence program will continue to meet a critical need in the community. The program will cultivate an environment that fosters spiritual, physical, and moral development in addition to academic growth.

By supporting the Piccolo School tutoring project, you will help at-risk students complete their education, opening doors to a brighter future. Join us in providing a tangible expression of the Gospel in Choma, Zambia.

Learn more: <https://partnership.bicus.org/project/tutoring-for-at-risk-students/>

Motorcycle for Ministry in Bihar Bihar, India

Total need: \$3,300
Remaining need: \$2,050
(as of April 30, 2021)

About

In the region of Bihar, India, many Brethren in Christ congregations are located in remote, hard-to-reach areas. This creates a transportation challenge for Bihar's general secretary who serves as the director and administrative leader of the region.

Without a proper vehicle, miles of rough roads and difficult travels stand between him and the region's churches and ministry locations.

Help us purchase a motorcycle to bless and encourage the church in Bihar. By having access to a motorcycle, the general secretary can access rural congregations. Motorcycles are more economic and affordable than other vehicles and can traverse rough roads more easily.

Effective transportation will allow the general secretary to spend additional time providing ministerial and administrative support to believers throughout the region. The motorcycle will also enable him to visit multiple church leaders and congregants in a shorter time than if he would be relying on public transportation options.

By contributing to the Motorcycle for Ministry project, you will help strengthen the BIC Church in India through the ministry of the general secretary. As the church is strengthened and encouraged, the Gospel continues to spread, and the Kingdom is advanced.

Learn more: <https://partnership.bicus.org/project/motorcycle-for-ministry-in-bihar/>

University Scholarships for At-Risk Youth Thailand

About

Among the Isaan people of rural northeast Thailand, children are often raised by grandparents while parents or older siblings go to large cities to earn money for their families. Teenagers are expected to help support the family financially as soon as possible, which often means they drop out of high school and don't consider attending university a viable option. Those who do begin university studies may be forced to drop out if funds aren't available or if other financial needs arise within their extended families.

While a university education would lead to stable, higher paying jobs, teenagers face family pressure to become wage-earners as soon as possible, even if that means taking low paying jobs with little security. Additionally, dropping out of school leaves young adults vulnerable to involvement in the sex trade industry.

Help at-risk young adult believers from BIC churches in northeast Thailand continue their education and enable them to stay involved with the church in their area. While attending local university, these students can be discipled and mentored to become leaders. Support will be given to students who are truly in need (not having sufficient family support) with the expectation they will work part-time to help support themselves.

By supporting this project, you will assist young adults in completing a university education, preparing them for stable careers that can support their families. Not only will this educational assistance benefit students and their families economically, students will also benefit spiritually from receiving discipleship and leadership training within the local

church.

Learn more: <https://partnership.bicus.org/project/university-scholarships-for-at-risk-youth/>

Training Doctors Zimbabwe

Total need: \$60,000
Remaining need: \$3,500
(as of April 30, 2021)

About

Most Zimbabweans have limited access to adequate healthcare, a problem exacerbated by a shortage of trained doctors. Over the past several years, the BIC hospitals—Mtshabezi Mission Hospital and Phumula Mission Hospital—have experienced this staffing shortage. Often, these mission hospitals operate without a doctor, requiring critically-ill patients to travel hundreds of miles to the next closest medical center or, at times, pass away without receiving necessary medical care. Having full-time doctors at the mission hospitals would greatly enhance the lives of countless people in the surrounding remote areas.

However, the cost of formal medical training is out of reach for many. Through this initiative, we hope to provide educational training for two individuals to become doctors over the next three years. In turn, these doctors will commit to serving our BIC hospitals in Zimbabwe, providing life-saving services and quality treatment to those in need.

By giving to the Training Doctors project, you will provide essential medical care for the sick and vulnerable in rural areas of Zimbabwe.

Learn more: <https://partnership.bicus.org/project/training-doctors/>

Construction: Banmankhi SPICE Hostel Bihar, India

Total need: \$15,250
Remaining need: \$15,250
(as of October 31, 2020)

About

The Banmankhi Hostel in Bihar, India is a boys housing facility for the SPICE program (Sponsorship Program for International Children's Education). During the school year, approximately 60 students make the hostel their home, giving them access to high-quality education in a nurturing environment.

Constructed in the 1970's, the existing Banmankhi Hostel is in need of repair. However, because of the building's age and limitations, it was determined that building a new hostel would be a better use of resources, rather than updating the old building. Construction on the new facility has begun, but additional support is needed to complete the project. Giving to this project will provide funds for the structure's plumbing, electrical work, doors, windows, and roof.

Completing construction of the new Banmankhi Spice Hostel will provide an updated space for the boys who rely on this facility. Each SPICE hostel provides a Christian home environment and access to quality education for the children. Nurturing and discipling children with a Christian education brings positive changes to their lives that, in turn, has a positive impact within the community. Many graduates of the SPICE program have gone on to become strong leaders in the Brethren in Christ Church of India.

By giving to the Banmankhi Hostel Building project, you will provide a safe and stable living environment for 60 boys in the SPICE program as they learn and grown in their faith.

Learn more: <https://partnership.bicus.org/project/construction-banmankhi-spice-hostel/>

Building Expansion: Madrid Church

Madrid, Spain

Total need: \$44,000
Remaining need: \$300
(as of April 30, 2021)

About

In recent years, the Madrid BIC congregation has been outgrowing their facility. After a number of failed attempts at acquiring a larger meeting space, the congregation was able to rent the storefront space beside their current location, doubling their square footage. However, major renovations are needed to meet city codes and make the new space functional. With the recent economic crisis in Spain, many church projects have been put on hold. Although the congregation took a great step of faith in renting the storefront next door, funds are not available for the necessary renovations.

Your donation will give the extra push needed to complete facility renovations, enabling us to reach the unreached and expand the Kingdom of God in Spain.

The newly renovated space would not only provide room for the local congregation to grow, but also a suitable venue for large church meetings, special events, and various ministry gatherings. The renovations would also provide space for children's ministry classrooms, compassion ministry initiatives, and Anabaptist seminary training events.

By giving to the Building Expansion: Madrid Church project, you will provide a larger space for the Madrid congregation to worship and minister to their local community, as well as a venue for the Anabaptist Koinonia Theological Center to train the next generation of ministry leaders.

Learn more: <https://partnership.bicus.org/project/madrid-church-building-expansion/>

SPICE: Sponsorship Program for International Children's Education

India, Nepal

Total need: \$176,040
Remaining need: \$52,498
(as of April 30, 2021)

About

Help break the cycle of poverty in the life of a child.

Through investing in SPICE, you provide children access to education, nurturing in the Christian faith, and a bright future.

More than 800 children participate in the church-based, holistic child sponsorship program in India and Nepal.

When you give \$18 per month, you provide a child ...

Access to education through tuition assistance at a nearby school

Christian discipleship through daily devotions and participation at a local BIC church

Clean water

Nutritious meals

Nurturing care in a safe environment provided by Christian houseparents

Medical care

Since SPICE's founding more than 60 years ago, we've seen the power of the program to free children from illiteracy and poverty.

Many have gone on to successful careers, becoming business owners, professionals, and leaders in their local communities. Nurtured spiritually, today a high percentage are committed Christians, active in ministry and in their local church. Discipled and equipped, graduates testify that SPICE has transformed the course of their lives.

Investing in a child today has lasting impact on them, their families, and their communities.

The SPICE program is led by the Brethren in Christ Churches in India and Nepal and supported by BIC U.S. World Missions.

When supporting a child, you'll receive a sponsorship card with the child's picture and personal information, including their age, grade in school, birthday, occupation of parents, career aspirations, and where they live.

SPICE Gift Fund

Give a Christmas gift to a child through the SPICE Gift Fund. You can give to the Gift Fund throughout the year, and, in November, we send the designated funds to SPICE administrators who purchase presents for every child in the program. Gifts vary from year to year based on need (past examples: blankets, school uniforms, and school supplies).

Locations

Biratnagar, Nepal: Thomas G. MacClay Boys Hostel • Mary Hoke Girls Hostel

Bihar, India: Purnea Girls Hostel • Barial Boys Hostel • Banmanhki Boys Hostel

Odisha, India: Adibasi Bethel Girls Hostel • Adibasi Grace Girls Hostel • Adibasi Salem Boys Hostel • Adibasi Zion Boys Hostel

Learn more: <https://partnership.bicus.org/project/spice/>

Clean Water: Macha Mission Hospital Macha, Zambia

Water Shortage

Across Zambia many wells have gone dry. The largest hydroelectric dam in the country is at lower than normal levels, causing lengthy power outages and making pumping water difficult. Funds are needed for new towers, pumps, and lines to supply water to Macha Hospital.

About

Water is essential for life. Lack of water is one of the most difficult parts of living and working at Macha Mission Hospital (Macha Hospital).

In Zambia, water is scarce, and over the years, the water table has dropped. Simultaneously, the hospital has expanded; therefore, more people need to share this limited resource. Nearly 100% of our staff list the dearth of clean water as their largest obstacle in providing care.

Currently the hospital receives water from two sources:

Wells provides clean water for medical procedures, hand washing, drinking. Nearly 50 years ago, one well supplied the hospital's needs. Today the seven wells drilled for the hospital barely meet the demand for clean water.

Dam water provides water to flush toilets, clean floors, and the garden. Due to increased sedimentation in the dam, it stores less water today than in the past.

Help us fund a water system effectively delivering clean water to Macha Hospital. With your help, we will drill wells to replace the ones that have gone dry and establish larger storage tanks from which the hospital can obtain water without electricity. Your gift will also help install pipes so that we can water the gardens with dam water rather than clean water designated for the hospital. Finally, through your help, we can de-silt the dam, making its water supply more abundant.

By giving to the Clean Water project, you supply Macha Hospital with clean water to enable life-sustaining care for patients.

Learn more about Macha Hospital

Learn more: <https://partnership.bicus.org/project/clean-water-macha-mission-hospital/>

Family to Family Zimbabwe

About

Zimbabwe is a country in crisis.

Drought and political turmoil have made farming challenging. Many Zimbabweans eat just one meager meal a day, and malnutrition is common.

Zimbabwe is home to the largest Brethren in Christ (BIC) conference in the world — more than 50,000 members — and, along with everyone else in their country, our Zimbabwean brothers and sisters are experiencing unimaginable hardship. Yet they remain strong in their faith. Even in these darkest of times, they are confident that God will provide — that their long night of suffering will soon become like the noonday.

Join us in purchasing nutritional meals for families in need. The goal is to provide food kits for 200 families on a monthly basis, especially during the dry season.

Each kit contains ...

110 pounds of cornmeal

4.5 pounds of sugar

2 liters of cooking oil

13 pounds of beans

2 pounds of salt

1 pound of tea leaves

2 pounds of soap bars

By giving to the Family to Family project, you provide nutritious meals to Zimbabwean families in need.

Learn more: <https://partnership.bicus.org/project/family-to-family/>

Bibles and Hymnals for Malawi

Malawi

Total need: \$2,900

Remaining need: \$1,582

(as of April 30, 2021)

About

The Brethren in Christ Church (BIC Church) in Malawi comprises over 50 congregations reaching more than 5,000 people, most of whom face extreme physical poverty. Very few Christ-followers in the church have a personal Bible and hymnal. Because they cannot access God's Word, spiritual growth suffers across the church. The BIC Church as a whole has limited financial resources and continues to explore innovative ways to grow funds for long-term outreach.

Join us in making Bibles and hymnals in the local language of Chichewa available to congregants at a reduced price. For a small donation, individuals can purchase a Bible or hymnal, enabling them to take personal ownership of these life-giving resources. Proceeds from Bible and hymnal sales will be designated for the church's long-term ministry endowment.

We believe recipients who purchase Bibles will be motivated to read and understand God's Word and, in turn, grow in their faith. From the sale of Bibles and hymnals, the BIC Church in Malawi will be able to expand their strategic outreach into local communities.

By giving to the Bibles and Hymnals project, you provide individuals access to God's Word, as well as make way for future church ministry through the church's endowment fund.

Learn more: <https://partnership.bicus.org/project/bibles-and-hymnals-for-malawi/>

Ministry along the Camino de Santiago: Phase 1

Spain

Total need: \$1,800

Remaining need: \$1,500

(as of April 30, 2021)

About

The northwest corner of Spain draws spiritual seekers from across the world. Each year, more than 300,000 people walk the Camino de Santiago (the Way of Saint James), a group of ancient pilgrimage routes concluding in Santiago de

Compostela in northwestern Spain.

One of the most popular pilgrimage routes winds through the rugged corridor of Spain facing the Atlantic Ocean, the region of Asturias.

Asturias is one of Christianity's least reached in Spain. The region's complex, rugged, and largely rural topography has made it inaccessible to many Christian missions: About 45 percent of its towns do not have any evangelical witness.

For many years, we as the Brethren in Christ Church (BIC Church) in Spain have been sensing a call to serve in Asturias. It's a strategic place to minister because of its largely paradoxical dynamics: largely unreached, it is drawing many spiritually seekers through its placement along the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage route. Our leaders started to pray for Asturias in 2015, and our desire to evangelize and start communities in this part of Spain has increased.

Identifying the Asturias region as a place we'd like to minister long term, we're ultimately intending to form a Christ-centered community along the Camino de Santiago.

In the preliminary phases of the Asturias ministry planning process, we would like to commission pastors and church leaders to take several exploratory trips to Asturias to understand its demographics, needs, and ministry opportunities.

By giving to the Ministry along the Camino de Santiago: Phase 1 project, you help Brethren in Christ leaders and pastors in Spain begin the process of ministering among unreached, northwestern Spain.

Learn more: <https://partnership.bicus.org/project/ministry-along-the-camino-de-santiago-phase-1/>

General Support: Macha Mission Hospital Macha, Zambia

COVID-19 Pandemic

Macha Hospital is currently serving a vital role in the testing and treatment of COVID-19. However, the pandemic has disrupted the supply chain, making it difficult to secure the medicine, supplies, and funds needed to continue everyday patient care. Your gift to this project will help the hospital continue to care for the people in their community.

About

Caring for the vulnerable is at the heart of the gospel.

By providing quality, compassionate care in the name of Jesus, we at Macha Mission Hospital (Macha Hospital) proclaim God's love to people in southeastern Zambia.

Caring for more than 30,000 Zambians each year, Macha Hospital primarily serves subsistence farmers who make less than a dollar a day. The hospital is at the center of the local community: It has eliminated or greatly reduced diseases like neonatal tetanus, leprosy, schistosomiasis, trachoma, and malaria; through its health programs, AIDS is no longer a fatal disease in the region. Two thousand deliveries and 1,500 operations are performed at the hospital each year.

Innovative and respected, Macha Hospital lacks operational funding: The hospital is under the jurisdiction of the Zambian government's Ministry of Health. The largest financial supporter for the hospital, the Ministry of Health directs monies to pay Zambian staff, provides some medicine, and gives a limited grant for operational costs. The Brethren in Christ Church (BIC Church) in Zambia, who own Macha Hospital, are without the financial means to address the remaining financial needs.

Through your help, we can direct funds where they are most needed: for medical emergencies, infrastructure maintenance, and ongoing operational needs (including purchasing medicine not provided by the government). Your gift

will also help support two full-time chaplains ministering to patients' spiritual needs.

Support us in providing the highest quality medical care to patients and sharing the love of Jesus Christ throughout southeastern Zambia.

Learn more about Macha Hospital

Learn more: <https://partnership.bicus.org/project/general-support-macha-mission-hospital/>

Sustaining Church Hospitals and Schools Zimbabwe

About

The economic situation in Zimbabwe is challenging.

Formerly, the government offered grants to help the Zimbabwe Brethren in Christ Church (BIC Church) run schools, hospitals, and clinics. Such funding is no longer available. In addition, hospitals and clinics cannot charge for the many services rendered in rural areas.

This makes operating extremely difficult. Things such as ambulances, water pumps, and generators frequently break down, and there are no funds for their repair.

Help us sustain church hospitals, schools, and clinics — safeguarding us in the face of emergencies.

Operating our Christ-centered hospitals, schools, and clinics is a practical demonstration of the love and compassion of Jesus Christ. And, many people have begun a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through the witness of both staff and local church members.

By giving to the Sustaining Church Hospitals and Schools project, you make an impact on many lives the church is touching via these institutions throughout Zimbabwe.

Learn more: <https://partnership.bicus.org/project/sustaining-church-hospitals-and-schools/>

Global Compassion Fund Worldwide

COVID-19 Pandemic: Help Us Provide Relief

The COVID-19 pandemic is having a devastating impact around the world, especially among the most under-resourced communities. Your gift to the Global Compassion Fund will allow us to support BIC churches around the world as they seek to provide relief in their communities.

About

Join us in meeting practical and urgent needs around the world.

Motivated by the love of Christ, for more than 45 years we as the Brethren in Christ (BIC) family have come together to address international natural disasters, humanitarian aid crises, and extreme poverty.

We work hand in hand with international Brethren in Christ churches — together meeting needs restoratively. Our close relationships with local churches and partners, in some cases spanning more than 100 years, enable us to quickly and

effectively aid people who need help most.

In the last 5 years, we have provided immediate, life-giving resources to people in 12 countries, showing the love of Christ tangibly around the world.

Note: Formerly the “World Hunger Fund,” the ministry began in 1974 to provide hunger relief in countries with a BIC presence.

Learn more: <https://partnership.bicus.org/project/global-compassion-fund/>

Water for Mtshabezi Mission

Mtshabezi, Zimbabwe

About

Mtshabezi Mission is a large complex in southern Zimbabwe, which includes a 110-bed hospital, a primary school with 675 pupils, a high school with nearly 1,000 pupils (mostly boarders), a Bible school, and various agricultural endeavors.

Massive amounts of water sustain these establishments, and there are frequent breakdowns of equipment and storage facilities. Keeping the water system in good working order is a constant problem. At present, frequent power cuts incapacitate the pumping system run by electric motors.

As we at Mtshabezi Mission seek to meet the needs of many people, water is vital to our success. Help us sustain and upgrade the Mtshabezi Mission water system, including purchasing fuel for the generator and repairing and improving the water infrastructure.

By giving to the Mtshabezi Mission Water project, you provide thousands of people access to clean water, enabling the mission to continue offering life-changing programs.

Note: Mtshabezi Mission is led by the Zimbabwe Brethren in Christ Church.

Learn more: <https://partnership.bicus.org/project/water-for-mtshabezi-mission/>

Compassion Ministries

Spain

COVID-19 Pandemic: Help Us Provide Relief

The COVID-19 pandemic is having a devastating impact in Spain. Your gift will allow us to support those most in need, including essential workers and under-resourced families.

About

In Spain, unemployment is a widespread issue. Many members in our Brethren in Christ (BIC) community in Spain have lost jobs or struggle to pay bills each month.

In the region surrounding our church communities, many families experience financial stress and instability.

By supporting the Compassion Ministries project, you can help us meet physical and spiritual needs in the local churches and communities surrounding us.

The purpose of the Compassion Ministries project is threefold:

To provide for basic needs, such as medical assistance, food, school supplies, and public transportation for people in crisis situations

Through these outreach ministries, to make the gospel message accessible

To continue to mobilize the local church in practical outreach activities

We prioritize meeting both immediate and long-term needs of members of our churches and local communities.

Compassion Ministries also include our outreach to the homeless. In 2013, Madrid congregations began the Love Project to feed and minister to the homeless in Madrid's city center. Church volunteers share hot broth, hot drinks, and sandwiches with the homeless and underprivileged as a practical demonstration of the love of Christ.

By giving to the Compassion Ministries project, you meet felt needs within and around Brethren in Christ communities in Spain.

Learn more: <https://partnership.bicus.org/project/compassion-ministries/>

Church Buildings in Mozambique

Mozambique

About

Over 140 Brethren in Christ (BIC) congregations exist in Mozambique.

Often church building collapse after only 1-5 years because most are built without a concrete foundation; for cost reasons, mud is used as mortar between the bricks. In addition, roofs are constructed of poles and grass, which can catch on fire during the dry season. Cement and sheet metal roofing are very expensive by local economic standards.

Whenever a church building collapses, it is devastating for the church community. Because they lack funding, they do not have a place to meet for years.

Help us build or repair 8 to 10 congregations annually by providing: 1) cement to construct a strong foundation and solid mortar between the bricks or 2) sheet metal for a durable roof.

A well-built church structure provides a reliable place to meet and worship in both hot or stormy weather. With a well-built congregation, members can move beyond constantly repairing the poorly structured buildings to focusing on discipleship and outreach.

By giving to Church Buildings in Mozambique, you help the church expand across Mozambique.

Learn more: <https://partnership.bicus.org/project/church-buildings-in-mozambique/>

Children's Outreach

Spain

About

In Spain, more than six million children under the age of 14 have never heard Jesus loves them.

Through Brethren in Christ (BIC) church outreaches and summer camps in Spain, children can hear the gospel and

encounter Jesus. We reach children in Spain with the love and grace of Jesus through kids' clubs, special events, Sunday school, and summer camps.

Summer camp is a key outreach event each year. About 80 percent of children going to camp do not have Christian parents. During Christian summer camp, many encounter Jesus Christ for the first time and dedicate their lives to God. Children then often get connected with our community of faith, enabling them to be discipled long term. They, in turn, often invite their families and friends to follow Jesus Christ as well.

Through sponsoring a child to attend a Christian summer camp or kid's club, you help unchurched children from across Spain encounter Jesus Christ.

Learn more: <https://partnership.bicus.org/project/childrens-outreach/>

Malaria Prevention: Macha Mission Hospital Macha, Zambia

About

In recent years, we at Macha Mission Hospital (Macha Hospital) have made strides to greatly reduce malaria in southern Zambia. However, the disease — which can be fatal if left untreated — has not been eliminated.

Hospital building are not screened, and at times mosquitoes enter the hospital in large numbers. Staff and patients are vulnerable to being bitten by the mosquitoes, and in the past, some have contracted malaria as a result.

Give mosquito spray and bed nets to Macha Hospital — and help us lower the risk of staff and patients being bitten by mosquitoes and possibly contracting malaria. We spray the repellent along the inside walls of our clinics and residential buildings to reduce the mosquito population and safeguard our staff and patients from mosquito bites. We also hang bed nets over each bed, so patients can sleep free of mosquito bites at night.

By giving to the Malaria Prevention project, you protect Macha Hospital patients and staff from malaria.

Learn More about Macha Hospital

Learn more: <https://partnership.bicus.org/project/malaria-prevention-macha-mission-hospital/>

Training Pastors Zimbabwe

About

Most pastors in rural Zimbabwe have limited theological training.

Weeklong training workshops are offered twice a year at Ekuphileni Bible Institute (EBI), a Bible school led by the Brethren in Christ Church (BIC Church) in Zimbabwe. Through these workshops, pastors with limited access to education are better equipped to serve their congregations and to share the hope of Jesus Christ.

However, many rural pastors have no fixed income and cannot afford to attend the seminars. Your gift can enable pastors to participate in workshops deepening their theological education.

Facilitating trainings for pastors and church leaders equips them to be more effective leaders and teachers, resulting in greater congregational vision for outreach and discipleship. Course participants always express great appreciation for what they have learned throughout the training sessions.

By giving to the Training Pastors project, you bless church leaders with continuing education opportunities, ultimately, helping them lead effectively in their congregations and communities.

Learn more: <https://partnership.bicus.org/project/training-pastors/>

Church Buildings in Honduras

Honduras

About

From 2009 to 2018, the Brethren in Christ Church (BIC Church) in Honduras planted 19 churches. The leaders have a vision to plant 40 more churches in cities across Honduras by 2030.

One of the challenges in planting 40 new congregations is the expense of purchasing land and construction materials for new buildings.

Join the church in Honduras by helping them plant four churches each year. Committed to seeing the Kingdom of Christ expand in their unreached regions, the Honduras BIC Church will provide qualified pastors to lead each new church plant, as well as 50% of the cost for every new church building.

Giving to Church Buildings in Honduras enables the church to advance the Kingdom of Jesus Christ throughout Honduras.

Note: The suggested donation amounts represent half the total costs of completing a BIC church building; the Honduras BIC Church will raise the other 50% of the funds.

Learn more: <https://partnership.bicus.org/project/church-buildings-in-honduras/>

Discipling Youth and Young Adults

Spain

About

Among youths and young adults in Spain, we've witnessed an increasing spiritual hunger.

Our youth and young adult programs in the Brethren in Christ Church (BIC Church) in Spain have expanded, with many teenagers and young adults previously unaffiliated with Christianity being disciplined and following Jesus. As the programs have grown so has our financial need.

Help us disciple our growing youth and young adult groups: Our hope is that by engaging them in meaningful outreach activities, individuals will grow in their faith and begin cell groups within their communities and networks, multiplying and advancing the Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

Church-based camps are especially effective outreach programs. To operate camps, we need help sponsoring camp counselors and low-income teenagers to attend camps or discipleship retreats.

By giving to the Youth and Young Adult Discipleship project, you invest in the future leaders of the church in Spain. Today's youth are tomorrow's leaders.

Learn more: <https://partnership.bicus.org/project/discipling-youth-and-young-adults/>

Care for AIDS Orphans Zimbabwe

About

“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress.”
James 1:7

In Zimbabwe, over a million children have been orphaned by AIDS.

At the height of the AIDS crisis, more than 500,000 households were led by children whose parents had primarily passed away from AIDS. At its zenith, the pandemic included a fourth of Zimbabwe's total population.

The children orphaned have often been subjected to psychological trauma, having witnessed both parents die (and, frequently, if one parent dies, the other parent dies within two years). Vulnerable, they often suffer poverty and exploitation, sometimes including sexual abuse, and many of them have contracted HIV from their parents.

Reflecting God's heart to care for the vulnerable, our brothers and sisters in the Brethren in Christ Church (BIC Church) in Zimbabwe are supporting the orphans in their own communities: providing food, clothing, medical assistance, and education to the neediest orphans. Some of the orphans have contracted HIV from their parents, so the BIC Church covers their ongoing treatments.

Through the program, orphans have an opportunity to break the cycle of poverty. Since the program's founding, many orphans have been able to graduate from school. Trained for employment, they have hope for the future. Many of the children have been drawn to Jesus Christ through the love they've received: Today a large percentage of them are mature disciples, active leaders in the church and their communities.

By giving to the Caring for AIDS Orphans project, you demonstrate the love of Christ tangibly to children in Zimbabwe.
Learn more: <https://partnership.bicus.org/project/care-for-aids-orphans/>

Equipping Church Leaders Mozambique

Strengthening Leaders to Shepherd a Rapidly Growing Church

Despite hardship — Mozambique is ranked nearly last for human development — the Brethren in Christ Church in Mozambique is growing. Each year, 7-10 churches are being planted! Yet, most pastors have not finished secondary school and desperately desire education and biblical training. Through this project, you can help equip leaders in the BIC Church in Mozambique to shepherd their rapidly multiplying churches.

About

In Mozambique, leaders face extreme challenges.

Living in poverty, most leaders in the Brethren in Christ Church (BIC Church) in Mozambique have limited access to education. And their work is formidable: Together, the five BIC bishops lead over 100 congregations spanning five languages. Spread over hundreds of miles of rough terrain, the churches are difficult to reach, and the bishops do not have funding to travel the long distances. The churches and leaders also lack computers, often electricity, and administrative tools and training, making communication complicated. Additionally, bishops receive little money from their churches to cover ministry expenses.

One bishop lamented practical needs surrounding church leadership, “Of the fifty churches I oversee, forty-five are

infants, but I have no money to visit them.”

The church is young and struggling to develop in a volatile postwar context. Passionate and willing pastors are available and hungry to be trained; however, many challenges exist in reaching these leaders with theological and ministry training. Without trained leaders, the church is lacking the foundation to grow and thrive.

Join us in providing leadership and theological training to the five bishops leading the church in Mozambique. Your gift will also help provide a small stipend to sustain their ministry until they can establish financial support from among their churches.

Training seminars are held for the bishops four times per year for three days each. During these seminars, bishops learn leadership skills and theology to equip them in facilitating the work of the BIC Church. Equipped by these seminars, bishops can then encourage pastors in sound biblical teaching and missions outreach; the spiritual and leadership growth of the bishops directly impacts the health of the entire church.

Pastors and church members are eager to receive biblical teaching from their bishops, and visits the bishops make to local congregations greatly encourage local believers in their Christian walk. We anticipate the day when bishops will be regularly visiting their churches to encourage spiritual maturity.

Trained and empowered bishops will provide balanced and sustainable leadership to encourage the BIC Church in Mozambique to more fully know and follow Jesus.

By giving to the Equipping Church Leaders project, you help leaders shepherd the developing church in Mozambique. **Learn more:** <https://partnership.bicus.org/project/equipping-church-leaders/>

FGA Education Project

Lahore, Pakistan

About

In Pakistan, Christians are often deeply impoverished and suffer discrimination: Hard-working laborers often make just \$100 per month, which is intended to feed and clothe 4-6 family members, sometimes more. Families have to often borrow money for medical needs, high bills or home repairs, which puts them in perpetual debt. They are frequently victims of exploitation, corruption, and persecution.

However, education empowers Christians in Pakistan to break free from the cycle of poverty and discrimination: helping them qualify for jobs that provide for their families and give back to their community.

You can support over 20 Christian schools reaching children who may otherwise be on the streets due to extreme poverty, child labor, or discrimination. The schools — founded by pastors of the Full Gospel Assemblies (FGA) denomination with whom we partner in Pakistan — provide quality education, and teachers also share about the hope found in Jesus Christ.

Each school employs approximately 3-7 teachers and staff to train 50-100 children, mostly from preschool through fifth grade though a few schools offer classes through 10th grade.

Launching a School

Schools often begin meeting in an open plot inside a brick boundary wall, students sitting on a carpet on the dirt ground. While students do not often own school uniforms or books, they have a hunger to learn. If a local church can afford to build a school, the building usually functions as a church, school, and pastor's house, spread across three floors. Local communities cover about 20% of the schools' costs, but they can't do it alone.

By giving to the FGA Education Project, you offer children in Pakistan a Christian education and a chance to break the cycle of poverty.

Learn more: <https://partnership.bicus.org/project/fga-education-project/>

Bibles for Mozambique

Mozambique

About

For a farmer in Mozambique, a Bible costs the equivalent of 2-4 weeks' wages. Most pastors and church members in Brethren in Christ (BIC) churches in Mozambique are subsistence farmers, unable to own a personal Bible.

Likewise, biblical literacy in the BIC Church in Mozambique is low: Around 95% of pastors haven't attended Bible school or other ministry training. Sunday school is nonexistent, so few opportunities exist for laypeople to gain biblical training.

Help us provide 300-400 Bibles annually to the local churches in Mozambique. We provide personal Bibles to church members in their own language. Through studying God's Word, Christ-followers experience the truth of the gospel that then impacts their lives, congregations, and communities.

By giving to the Bibles for Mozambique project, you provide Bibles to pastors and church members, most of whom will receive them for the very first time.

Learn more: <https://partnership.bicus.org/project/bibles-for-mozambique/>

Bibles for Nepal and Tibet

Nepal, Tibet

About

In Nepal and Tibet, many people in rural areas cannot afford their own Bibles.

The Brethren in Church in Nepal is missional, equipping church planters evangelizing throughout Nepal and Tibet. Church planters are calling for Bibles to give to the new Christ-followers they are discipling. Partner with us to purchase and distribute 400 Bibles in the region annually.

For seekers and new Christ-followers, a Bible in their mother tongue will provide a way to read and understand God's Word for themselves. Christ-followers will be able to verify the teaching of church planters and grow in personal witness within their communities.

By giving to the Bibles for Nepal and Tibet project, you provide seekers and new Christ-followers with God's Word in their own languages.

Learn more: <https://partnership.bicus.org/project/bibles-for-nepal-and-tibet/>

Equipment: Mtshabezi Hospital

Mtshabezi, Zimbabwe

About

Mtshabezi Hospital is a full-service hospital catering to a geographically diverse population in Zimbabwe. Well equipped at one time, the hospital was virtually closed down — much of the equipment stolen — following civil war and intertribal disturbances.

Since the Zimbabwean government, often rife with political and financial turmoil, cannot provide funding for hospital equipment, hospital leaders depend on donors to upgrade or repair the equipment.

Join us in purchasing hospital equipment enabling Mtshabezi Hospital fulfill its mission to meet the physical needs of its community.

Since the hospital services such a large area, many lives are affected by the quality of care at the hospital. The hospital also has daily chapel services where the gospel is presented. Many people come to know and follow Jesus through the interactions with hospital staff.

By giving to the Equipment for Mtshabezi Hospital project, you help sustain a hospital whose leaders care for patients' physical and spiritual needs in southern Zimbabwe.

Note: Mtshabezi Hospital is led by the Zimbabwe Brethren in Christ Church.

Learn more: <https://partnership.bicus.org/project/equipment-mtshabezi-hospital/>

Bibles for Spain

Spain

About

Less than 1% of Spain's population are evangelical Christians. While Spain is a Catholic country, the majority of Spaniards are nominal or cultural Christians who lack biblical literacy. Many times they are even discouraged from reading the Bible.

In the rapidly growing Brethren in Christ Church (BIC Church) in Spain, the message of Jesus Christ has been powerfully drawing spiritual seekers and new believers. Yet, as we disciple new believers, we have discovered they know very little of the transforming message found in the Bible.

It's critical they have an opportunity to read and study the Bible, a foundational practice for knowing and deepening a relationship with God. Help us provide every spiritual seeker and new Christ-follower in our churches a personal Bible, including providing children's Bibles to families.

By donating to the Bibles for Spain project, you give a spiritual seeker or new Christ-follower in Spain an opportunity to know the transforming message of God's love found in Scripture.

Learn more: <https://partnership.bicus.org/project/bibles-for-spain/>

Missionary Care

Worldwide

About

As Brethren in Christ U.S. World Missions (World Missions), we value taking care of our global workers at every stage of their ministries: from their initial ministry discernment to the transition from their final term.

Member care is holistic ministry, supporting our missionaries' spiritual, emotional, physical, and mental health.

Member care costs can be significant — particularly when workers need specialized services beyond our primary missionary care: For example, if a missionary family is in crisis, they may be referred to a therapist, physician, or treatment facility to assist in resolving the situation or problem. Through this project, you can help us offer auxiliary support services to our global workers without additional costs to them.

We are dedicated to helping missionaries and their families grow in personal wholeness, healthy relationships, and ministry effectiveness. When global workers need emergency or ongoing assistance, we want to offer services helping them with communication and relational skills, healthy life/ministry balance, and a clearer sense of identity and divine call.

By giving to the Missionary Care project, you have the opportunity to partner with World Missions in providing specialized member-care resources for the well-being of missionaries.

Learn more: <https://partnership.bicus.org/project/missionary-care/>

Bicycles for Pastors Mozambique

About

In Mozambique, most Brethren in Christ (BIC) churches are located in rural areas, and pastors lack transportation to reach the vast, remote regions where their churches are located.

Primarily subsistence farmers, pastors cannot often afford vehicles or bicycles. Yet, they desperately want to share the good news of Jesus Christ with their surrounding communities.

Help us purchase bicycles for pastors in rural Mozambique. Through owning bicycles, pastors can reach additional areas through evangelism, visit and care for the sick and needy in their congregations, and regularly disciple new church plants.

A spiritual hunger exists in rural Mozambique, and in the last few years, the church has been rapidly multiplying. Brethren in Christ pastors in Mozambique hope to plant between 5 and 10 churches there each year, and providing bicycles will aid pastors in their efforts to spread the gospel. We hope to distribute 15 to 20 bicycles annually.

Through your giving to Bicycles for Pastors in Mozambique, hard-to-reach communities will have a chance to hear the message of Jesus Christ.

Learn more: <https://partnership.bicus.org/project/bicycles-for-pastors/>

Student Ministry Teams: Ekuphileni Bible Institute Zimbabwe

About

For more than 70 years, Ekuphileni Bible Institute (EBI) has trained and equipped the next generation of Zimbabwe's leaders and pastors.

At the beginning of each school year, the student body at EBI join various Gospel Teams: Together, they travel around the country, ministering in Brethren in Christ (BIC) congregations through evangelism and discipleship outreach — providing an opportunity for students to practice what they learn.

However, they have limited funding for transportation and often cannot afford to travel to area congregations: Would you help us provide transportation for this vital Gospel Team ministry?

The Gospel Team ministry benefits both students and the church. Through involvement in Gospel Teams, students become equipped for future ministry. When ministering to BIC churches, the students then challenge the church at large to focus on outreach and growth, thus fulfilling Christ's command to go and make disciples of all people.

The BIC Church in Zimbabwe relies on EBI to equip the next generation of pastors. By connecting directly with BIC churches, the Gospel Teams keep the institution and its needs at the forefront of the church, allowing local churches to see firsthand the effectiveness of the training program and encouraging future enrollment.

By giving to the Student Ministry Teams: Ekuphileni Bible Institute project, you support leadership development and strengthen the church across Zimbabwe.

Note: EBI is led by the Brethren in Christ Church in Zimbabwe, part of its Mtshabezi Mission.

Learn more: <https://partnership.bicus.org/project/student-ministry-teams-ekuphileni-bible-institute/>

Motorcycles for Ministry

Honduras

Total need: \$14,000

Remaining need: \$7,850

(as of April 30, 2021)

About

In Honduras, bishops in the Brethren in Christ Church (BIC Church) lack effective transportation to reach the churches under their care.

In rural regions, bishops often walk, ride a horse, or bike to the churches they oversee. Churches may only be 1-5 miles apart, but the pastors cannot return to their own homes or churches within the same day. And much of their time is spent traveling to and from churches instead of directly ministering to pastors. In cities, bishops can access public transportation; however, public transit shuts down in the evenings, forcing pastors to stay overnight at locations only 15 minutes away by motorcycle.

Join us in purchasing motorcycles for bishops in Honduras: Motorcycles curb travel time and overnight stays for bishops while they supervise congregations in surrounding regions. Limiting travel will free them to minister to pastors, their families, and home congregations.

By giving to the Motorcycles for Ministry project, you can help bishops travel to their ministries and disciple their congregations more effectively.

Learn more: <https://partnership.bicus.org/project/motorcycles-for-ministry/>

Church Buildings in Zimbabwe

Zimbabwe

About

Church planting is a major goal of the Brethren in Christ Church (BIC Church) in Zimbabwe. We aim to plant 14

churches per year. However, whether in urban or rural areas, we struggle to find permanent places to meet as we plant churches: New church plants gather in houses, school classrooms, or even under trees.

Needing a proper place of worship, congregations often pool their limited resources to build a church. In rural areas, members usually mold and burn their own bricks. But many congregations are unable to find sufficient funds to complete an entire building.

Join us in purchasing church building materials for congregations, particularly church plants. A church building will be a community gathering place, attracting new members to start or deepen their relationships with Jesus.

We encourage local congregation to complete the walls and frames of the buildings themselves; funding from this project purchases roof materials — such as roofing trusses and corrugated iron sheets for roofs. We also help purchase steel framing for windows and doors as a way of preventing termite infestation and destruction.

By giving to the Church Buildings in Zimbabwe project, you help a congregation in Zimbabwe have a secure and inviting place to worship.

Learn more: <https://partnership.bicus.org/project/church-buildings-in-zimbabwe/>

Koinonia Theological Center

Madrid, Spain

About

In the Brethren in Christ Church (BIC Church) in Spain, the message of Jesus Christ has been powerfully drawing spiritual seekers. Most Spaniards are primarily disconnected from the church, secular. Thus, upon beginning a relationship with Jesus, new Christ-followers in the BIC Church in Spain are requesting intentional discipleship and theological training.

Seeing this need, BIC pastors began researching seminaries in Spain, seeing seminaries as an avenue to mentor new Christ-followers. What they found: No seminaries were focused on lay leaders, and all had theological frameworks differing significantly from the theological foundation of the Brethren in Christ.

In 2010, the BIC Church in Spain founded the first Anabaptist seminary in Spain. Accredited, the Koinonia Theological Center (Center) is supported by the network of BIC, Mennonite, and other Anabaptist groups in Spain. The Center's main objectives are to educate and strengthen all believers (not just those considering full-time ministry) as ministers, workers, and evangelists. Since the seminary's opening, yearly cohorts of students have energetically engaged in subjects such as the Old and New Testaments, being a missional people, spiritual formation, and preaching. Most are lay leaders: The program — which includes directed study and meeting monthly together as a cohort — is intended to be flexible for students with secular vocations.

The Center also serves as an extension to the BIC Church in Spain's mentorship program. Church members seeking to deepen their knowledge of their faith and the Bible, especially house group leaders, are encouraged to participate in the seminary.

Long term, the Center is projected to become an Anabaptist resource for Spain and Latin America.

As the seminary continues to grow, we seek financial support for startup and ongoing administrative costs, as well as student scholarships.

Support the growth of the first Anabaptist seminary in Spain by giving to the Koinonia Theological Center.

Learn more: <https://partnership.bicus.org/project/koinonia-theological-center/>

Scholarships for Theology Students Southern Africa

About

In southern Africa, the Brethren in Christ Church is rapidly growing.

However, training pastors to lead the multiplying church is challenging. Most countries in this region have failed or weak economies, some being listed among the poorest countries in the world. The local church does not have the resources to significantly assist in training its leaders.

Join us in providing scholarships to equip young leaders for ministry. Through receiving a theological scholarship, pastors, students, and church leaders can attend seminaries and Bible schools throughout southern Africa, providing them with a robust biblical framework from which to lead and teach.

To thrive as a church, we need to equip and train our promising leaders. Through having a theological education, leaders can shepherd their church communities, grounding them in the gospel and healthy, Spirit-filled outreach.

By giving to the Scholarships for Theology Students project, you support the training of future church leaders.

Learn more: <https://partnership.bicus.org/project/scholarships-for-theology-students/>

Nutrition: Mtshabezi Hospital Mtshabezi, Zimbabwe

About

In southern Zimbabwe, a high percentage of people suffer from severe malnutrition. Political and economic instabilities, along with periodic drought conditions, contribute to the dietary challenge of lack of protein and overabundance of starch.

Jesus said we should give a cup of cold water in his name.

As Christians, we are called to minister to the whole person. At Mtshabezi Hospital, we have the opportunity to provide patients with nutrient-dense foods, such as fresh vegetables, milk, and meat. Through having a healthy, balanced diet, patients heal more quickly and have the ability to return home and to their jobs, significant so that people can provide needed income for their families. Children, some of whom are severely malnourished, benefit greatly from eating nutrient-rich meals at the hospital.

By giving to the Nutrition project at Mtshabezi Hospital, you provide a tangible expression of God's love and care for patients in Zimbabwe.

Note: Mtshabezi Hospital is led by the Zimbabwe Brethren in Christ Church.

Learn more: <https://partnership.bicus.org/project/nutrition-mtshabezi-hospital/>

FGA Theological Seminary Lahore, Pakistan

About

Christians in Pakistan lack access to education, and as a religious minority of 2-3%, they are antagonized and

challenged in their workplaces or schools about their Christian beliefs. Because of targeted hostility toward them, Christians in Pakistan need training to share the gospel boldly.

Full Gospel Assemblies (FGA) Theological Seminary (formerly Full Gospel Assemblies Bible College) is meeting this need, training Christian men and women across Pakistan to take the gospel to the nearly 200 million unreached people there. We are a theological training center for church planters, pastors, indigenous missionaries, evangelists, women's or children's ministry leaders, worship leaders, teachers, and confident Christian professionals.

Our vision is to see churches planted in all the languages and cultures of Pakistan and to equip students to lead congregations boldly, often in the face of persecution.

Our mission statement is based on three S's:

Training in the Scriptures,

Being filled with the Spirit, and

Equipping for the service of Christ.

We are expanding the college, improving the education level of our faculty and theologically equipping our students to be an effective witness for Christ across the nation.

We are growing quickly: Inundated with admission applications, we cannot meet the students' demand for our programs with just support from the church in Pakistan, which is largely impoverished. With your help, we can expand this effective ministry and equip more Christian leaders.

By giving to the FGA Theological Seminary, you support church growth throughout Pakistan — helping the church minister to the 200 million people who have yet to hear the good news of Jesus Christ in Pakistan.

Learn more: <https://partnership.bicus.org/project/fga-bible-college/>