

The Need

Currently, F.A.C.E. is seeking help for the African mission in the following areas:

- Mission teams willing to encourage graduates working in the field
- Board members dedicated to ensuring the teaching of sound doctrine
- People willing to give and raise money for facilities and training materials
- Securing transportation for students and graduates
- A large worship center on campus for worship services, seminars, and youth activities

Although American churches have done great work in sending trained missionaries to foreign lands, there are advantages to training native preachers on their own soil. For example, it is far less likely to Americanize rather than Christianize the local brethren when the preachers are Africans who are trained at home. Native training also eliminates the problem of American-trained Africans wanting to stay in the U.S. With native schools such as the BTC, students do not go back home – they ARE home.

Factor in advantages of studying in their native language and the elimination of culture shock, training preachers on African soil simply makes sense. It also makes financial sense – native preacher training is far less expensive than bringing African brethren to the United States for education.

While west Africa is mostly French-speaking, countless local dialects are spoken throughout the region, and the lost souls there benefit greatly from native-born and native-trained preachers who can speak their language. To reach the lost, BTC graduates must have reliable transportation, and securing such is a great need for F.A.C.E. Motorbikes are the most prevalent means of transporting students and local preachers, but a bus is needed. Many times a new preaching point will culminate in several responses, but it is often miles to an adequate water supply for baptisms. A bus would greatly assist in meeting that need.