

### **Mission**

Our mission at WBBS is to assist local churches in training young people for ministry work for God's glory.

We want to provide diploma level courses while at the same time providing ministry experiences that will develop their God-given gifts. We are looking for leaders who we can train to teach others also. We believe that



these young men will start many churches in an area of Papua New Guinea that is desperately in need of them.

# **Sponsors**

In order to see MORE young men trained for the ministry **we need sponsors.** 

If you would like to become a sponsor you can do so at any level you prefer. Perhaps \$25, \$50 or \$75 a month. \$75 a month would provide the tuition, room and board for ONE student for one month.

That equals \$1,800 for a two year sponsorship. I'm praying for 20 students to be sponsored for my next 2-year course from January 2020–January 2022.

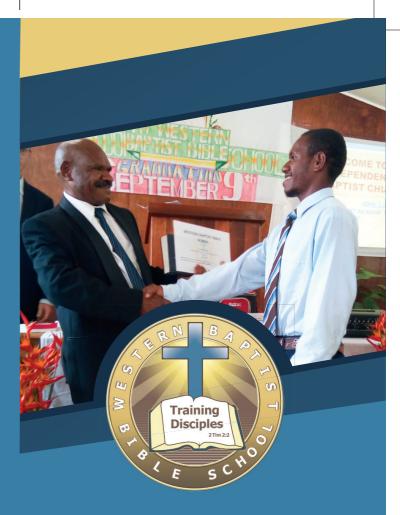
In order to sponsor a student you can send a check to CMC with a note attached to the check indicating that this gift is for: *Missionary Josh Florence—Student Sponsorship* 

If you would like to contribute to our muchneeded Bible School Property development you can make the check out to CMC and note inside that it is for: *Missionary Josh Florence—Projects Fund* 

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# Western Baptist Bible School

Training God's People to do God's Work for God's Glory

In Papua New Guinea



## The Need

The current population in the North Fly district is estimated at 62,850. The Kiunga rural area has about 13,500 and the surrounding area contains another 6,000. Most of the people from North Fly and Middle Fly travel to Kiunga for education, banking, shopping, hospital and transportation needs making it the **ideal location for a ministry base.** From This central location outreaches can be made into the many dozens of small towns and villages located along the highway and the river.

The total land mass of the North Fly District is roughly the size of the state of New Hampshire or Massachusetts. At this moment there is only *ONE* Independent Baptist Church trying to reach this whole area.

The Western Province in which we are located is the largest province in PNG (with an estimated population of 201,351). This is about the physical size of Georgia which means that the people are spread out over a large distance. There are only ten Independent Baptist Churches in this region that I know of. There is NO Bible Training School with dormitories prepared to train young men in this area.

### **Our Solution & Vision**

After considering the difficult logistics and much prayer we knew that we needed a plan to reach this vast area and population with the gospel.

Based on 2 Timothy 2:2 we decided to begin training those who can in turn "teach others also." To accomplish this, we started Western Baptist Bible School in February of 2016 with the help of Kiunga Independent Baptist Church. At that time we needed students, a property, a dormitory, and a classroom. God worked in miraculous ways over the next two years to provide just what we needed! We were able to see our first group of young men graduate with their certificates in Bible on September 9th, 2018.

One student shared this testimony during graduation, "I'm so thankful for this Bible School for two main reasons. First of all, it helped me to understand how to share the gospel clearly with other people. Secondly, it taught me how to prepare my messages so that they are clearer to the people who are listening. During the class we received feedback on our messages to help us improve. This really helped me to know how to explain my points better.

I plan to use the materials and information that I have received here to continue preaching wherever God opens the door for me. I am also committed to working with Independent By God's grace we saw nine men graduate on September 9th, 2018. Our very first student to come to the school, Wagiba, clompleted the full selection of courses available which totalled over 400 hours of classroom instruction.

The courses included the:

- Chronological Bible Study Method
- Demonology 101
- Presenting the Gospel
- Christian Marriage and Family 101
- I Corinthians Expositional Study
- Preaching through a Book (Nehemiah)
- Homiletics How to Prepare Bible Messages
- New Testament Church: Organization, Offices, and Ordinances

The other students completed most of these classes but not all. Many of the students showed a great desire to continue the training upon our return. I thank God seven



of these young men have expressed a strong desire to go into full time ministry in the future.

My prayer is that I will be able to assist them in the years to come with starting a church in the area God calls them to.

