

# GAP Missions-Africa

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**Old Made New-** The pavilion construction was started over 16 years ago. At first we installed an African grass roof. But in time, the winds and rains really took a toll. The pavilion is a multi-usage facility where we have Sunday School, various meetings, weddings, and it serves as a dining hall for the orphanage.. This year the roof was in need of repair again but instead of repairing the grass we sought funds to replace the roof using a permanent aluminum one. Aluminum is expensive but it was our best choice being so close to the salt air of the ocean. Praise the Lord, Churches and individuals came to our rescue with donations sufficient to cover the cost. Rod Holbrook and Dray Cann,



who are masters of their trades, dedicated their time and painstakingly worked out every obstacle on the installation of this metal roof!!! The project was so complicated because the roof trusses were randomly placed and designed only for the previous grass roof which was tied on by wires, twisted and bowed and totally un-dimensional. They worked hard sunup to sundown and against time to accomplish what seemed an impossible task... even with a crew with language barriers. We could not have done it without them. Thank you Rod & Dray for dedicating your talents, time, and money to the work of the Lord.

What a durable and beautiful roof we now have at the orphanage. A big thanks to Rod & Dray and all the workers for having a heart for our mission endeavors and **"thank you" to all who gave financially** to make this happen. I am overwhelmed by God's goodness to us and by the way HE uses the talents of people who will put their "hand to the plow."



## The Team From Faith Baptist Church

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** has never been quite so lively and organized. We had so many fun games, refreshments, and skits from the stories in God's Word. There were 24 saved and almost 100 children attending each day. The team loved the children and the children loved them back. There were so many tears when parting time came because of the love and closeness that had formed between them. This is a remarkable story that will go down as the greatest VBS event in the history of our mission. FBC, you have left a sweet incense behind and you will not be forgotten by the children or us.

Not only did FBC have an impact on the children but each day after VBS every team member put their work clothes on and did whatever needed to be done on the properties. Electricity and water were cut off much of the time, but I never heard one complaint from any team member. I've never seen a

team work so hard. What a blessing and an encouragement you were to us. Thank you for the heart you have shown for missions. And thank Faith Baptist Church for the financial donation for the completion of the dormitory unit. The work has been completed and the girls are moving into their new quarters, allowing us to accept more children.



**It's September & Time For School** - It's a 24/7 responsibility to provide food, shelter, clothing, medical, and school needs for the orphans, not to mention their emotional and spiritual needs. But God has touched hearts and so many provisions have been given by His people through the years. **One promise we made was that we would support them in education as far they dared to go.** We now have 3 in university, 3 in trade school, 14 in high school and jr high, and 2 in grade school plus 8 more on the way. There are 3 doing job related apprenticeships. The girls are getting older and the cost of schooling is significantly increasing each year. **We need help!** All we can do is ask and we leave the results in the Lord's Hands. If you desire to donate to this worthy cause you can do so online through [gapmissionsafrica.org](http://gapmissionsafrica.org) or by mail. Please pray for the girls and help us if you can. Any amount will be a blessing and if enough people give the need will be met.

**COST:** Books, registration, fees, uniforms, supplies: \$14,606. Or, about \$500 per child per year.

**COST:** Transportation \$6,700. Or, about \$216 per child per year. (Schools are several miles from the orphanage in Grand Bassam or Abidjan.)