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## Dear friends of Faith Mennonite High School,

It's with excitement I write to you this holiday season. Why excitement, you ask? I'm excited and encouraged by the way the community of Faith Mennonite High School has pulled together during these challenging times. As we move forward boldly with the task of Christian education, it is a blessing to see students, parents, and churches partner with our school's mission.

The mission of Faith Mennonite High School is for students to learn excellence in academic, Biblical, and vocational disciplines. How does this happen? What is required in order for FMH graduates to achieve success in these three areas? First and foremost, academic excellence is achieved through dedicated teachers who are passionate about teaching and learning. Teachers at FMH learn best teaching practices in order to reach every student according to their learning style and academic needs. When funds are available, our teachers participate in summer training at Faith Builders, complete college coursework, and attend bi-monthly professional development sessions. Their dedication to growing as teachers is a primary way that we reach every student.

**Excellence in Biblical disciplines** is achieved through a variety of ways: daily chapels (featuring some of *you* as speakers), Bible memory, Spiritual Life Week, Missions Week, and excellent curriculum and textbooks which are regularly reviewed for Biblical worldview integration. Each of these is enhanced by hiring qualified teachers who are passionate about the Gospel and the kingdom of God and who infuse their teaching with a Biblical worldview, whether in Music, Bible, English, Science, or History.

*Excellence in vocational disciplines* is achieved by offering high-quality electives that prepare students for the job force: Accounting, Computer Apps, Welding, Small Engines, Basic Electricity, Home Ec, Child Care, and Teachers 4 Tomorrow.







Over the past year, the FMH school board has completed an analysis of the strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities for growth at FMH. Currently, the school board is developing a multi-year improvement plan based on this analysis. Now more than ever, the church has a need for young people who are dedicated to Jesus Christ, who are trained by the Bible, who think carefully and critically, who write and speak graciously, and who are prepared to work with their hands and sing with their hearts. This vision is achieved through your financial investment. *Raising \$100,000 this year will allow us to finish the year well and position us to start strategically improving our school programs.* 

As you consider your year-end giving, please consider a donation to Faith Mennonite High School. Your donation provides Anabaptist young people the opportunity to receive Biblical training in an academic environment alongside caring and trained staff. We believe, as our theme verse says, that "faith cometh by hearing... the Word of God" (Romans 10:17), and your donation provides students daily with the opportunity to learn from His Word.

## Your 2020 gift will:

- Update and replace high-quality textbooks which include Biblical worldview integration
- Provide technology upgrades necessary for teaching and learning
- Provide facilities maintenance and updates that enhance elective offerings
- Provide funding for investing in our teachers through Faith Builders programs and other professional development
- Provide funding for the creation of new jobs-related electives/courses

We are grateful for God's provision in the past, and we trust Him to provide for our needs in the future. Your gift is an investment in the teachers, the students, and the families of Faith Mennonite High School.

Yours in Christ,

Paul M. Harrison Interim Principal

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Dustin L. Martin Board Chairman

P.S. We are committed to growing and developing the program at FMH. Your investment and donation will enable us to fulfill that commitment to the families that we partner with.

To donate, please send your gift in the provided envelope by December 31, 2020.

- \$100 Friend of FMH
- \$500 Partner of FMH
- \$1000 Supporter of FMH
- \$5000 Benefactor of FMH

## HERE IS WHAT OUR ALUMNI ARE SAYING

"The classes at Faith gave me a foundation for pursuing varied opportunities after I graduated. At my current position of receptionist, I frequently apply many of the practical skills that I learned in Accounting, Yearbook, Office Skills, English, Mustard Seed, Photography, and Algebra. Yes, I use algebra in my daily life, and I am thankful for the practical and Biblical training I received at Faith." – 2018 alumni

"A class that has stuck with me is Worldviews. Having the knowledge of many different religions, worldviews, and belief systems is crucial in the field of social work. It allows me to identify and understand other worldviews and yet keep the Truth separate from deceits." – 2018 alumni

"FMH was a God-given blessing which shattered my limited horizons. Serving and living in El Salvador, married to an El Salvadoran, with a job as a programmer is a direct result of the education I received, not to mention the spiritual teaching, which helped me develop Godly convictions and pointed me to Christ." – 2011 alumni