Building for the future
Responding to the needs of the French evangelical church
THE INSTITUTE

“The whole Christ in the whole of the Bible, for the whole world.”

Faithful to the founder’s motto in 1921, yet relevant for today’s needs, Nogent Bible Institute trains pastors, missionaries, evangelists, and leaders for the Lord’s service:

70-80 students enrolled in full-time study

100-150 people enrolled in other courses offered by the Institute (e-learning, public seminars, evening and Saturday courses).

• In close proximity to Paris
• interdenominational
• vital for training leaders needed by churches and Christian organizations.
• a key player in evangelical unity
• resolutely evangelical
The Nogent Bible Institute has decided on the construction of a fourth building with a total floor space of 9,250 sq ft over five levels comprising:

- 18 student rooms with ensuite bathroom, 2 with disabled access
- 6 apartments
- a 1,000 sq ft refectory with seating for 100 people (allowing the existing refectory to be turned into a new classroom)

**Total building cost: £1,830,000** financed by

- £320,000 from French Christians
- £620,000 from Christians outside of France
- £890,000 bank loan (or less if we receive more donations)

**OUR HOPE:** that you will support this project with a donation or by regular giving (please use the attached form).
In the last 10 years, the evangelical church has doubled (and grown ten-fold in the last 60). There are currently over 600,000 believers attending churches throughout France and a new church is planted every ten days!

Training colleges have not developed at a similar rate:

- Few evangelical Bible colleges and seminaries
- Limited student numbers mean a lack of trained leaders
- Half of France’s pastors are due to retire in the next 10 years

**OUR CONCERN:** that a lack of adequately trained leaders will limit the church’s growth and increase the risk of doctrinal error.
Every year, we are forced to turn down applications, especially from couples and families, owing to a lack of available accommodation. Nogent is a mixed blessing:

- An ideal location, 14 min by train from the center of Paris
- Premises in high demand on evenings and weekends, for training days, church meetings and public events
- Yet there is not enough living space for our students: the Institute has only 27 single rooms and 7 apartments for couples/families
- Accommodation in Nogent is far too expensive (Paris property prices are among the highest in the world)

**OUR GOAL:** building for the future by creating more on-site accommodation, allowing us to greatly increase our yearly intake, particularly for couples and families.
Sustainable Bible Training

The aims of the programme are: a thorough grounding in the Bible, a solid grasp of doctrine, personal holiness, practical skills and the nurturing of each student's gifts.

To meet these objectives, the Institute offers:

• **Biblical training:**
  one third of the programme is devoted to the systematic study of Bible books. The rest of the course includes doctrine, philosophy and the modern world, Church history, and ethics.

• **Spiritual training in community:**
  worship services, prayer meetings and community life all contribute to the students' spiritual life and pursuit of holiness

• **Practical training:**
  a quarter of the programme is devoted to practical theology and ministry experience (internships)

**OUR AIM:** to give our students a solid foundation so they can serve God faithfully and persevere in ministry over the long term.
RESPONSE FORM

Building for the future with the Institut Biblique de Nogent

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We will not disclose your personal data or any other personal data provided by you to us to any third party.

Giving from the United Kingdom

The Nogent Bible Institute is working in partnership with France-Mission Trust for the building project. France-Mission Trust is a registered charity that supports church-planting gospel ministry in France. If you are a UK taxpayer, you can complete a Gift Aid Declaration available on the "donate" page of their website: www.france-mission.com/fmtrust

Gifts can be made online here: www.give.net/IBN

Or by bank transfer, specifying "IBN Building Project" in the reference line:
Sort code: 40-52-40
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Or by cheque, made payable to "France Mission".
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