

## Knowledge . . . and More

*“. . . and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.” (Ephesians 3:19)*

The foundational verse for the “Building Hope for the Future” campaign is Ephesians 3:20-21. It says: “Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.” Leading up to those verses, in verse 19, the apostle Paul offers a prayer. He prays that you would “. . . know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God . . .

Well, to “know” something that “surpasses knowledge” is an oxymoron.

How can you know something that is beyond knowing?

Actually, Paul isn’t suggesting a knowledge here that is merely “information” or head knowledge. Rather, to know the love of Christ is much deeper than that. It is a knowledge that is rooted and grounded in God’s love for you. Therefore, knowledge isn’t enough. Love is equally, if not, more important.

As you engage with the “Building Hope for the Future” campaign, you may have “knowledge” of why this campaign is taking place. You may have knowledge as to the needs that exist in this ministry. You may be well informed as to the case statement and reasons for this funding effort. Likewise, you obviously have knowledge of your own personal financial situation and the degree to which you can personally support and contribute to this effort. Knowledge is essential. Knowledge is helpful.

But sometimes knowledge is not enough. What about love?

Do you love this ministry?

Do you love what more this ministry will be able to do?

Do you love the fact that lives are touched and people are blessed as a result of what takes place in this ministry?

Do you love that God loves you and God loves the people who are (and will be) touched by this ministry?

Do you love that God has blessed you with resources that He can use to bless those He loves through this ministry?

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What about love, . . . God’s love, . . . We pray that we would all know this love that surpasses knowledge . . .

a love that is immeasurably more than anything you can ever “know.” Or imagine.