

Adopting a Teacher

The “Adopt a Teacher” ministry at FBCIT advances teacher effectiveness through assistance and support to specific teachers. A teacher’s potential should not be limited by lack of resources, so we want to be a resource provider by helping each teacher at Sardis Elementary!

Teacher adoption is for an entire year (September 2020 through August 2021). This is not just a one-time event.

We do ask that you attend a short Zoom Training Session. Pastor Rick Brown will lead the training session. After you complete the Adopt a Teacher training session, Rick’s ministry assistant will get a teacher’s name and information to you. If you do not wish to receive training via Zoom, contact the Missions Office and they will work out alternatives for the training.

Suggestions to bless your adopted teacher:

1. Schedule an initial face-to-face meeting with your assigned teacher by contacting them directly through their contact information. This should be done within 4 days of receiving your assigned teacher.
2. Let the teacher identify their needs and be a good listener— you will need to gain their trust. The main question you should ask is “how can I help you?”. We want to be the hands and feet of Jesus.
3. Ask for weekly needs or issues that you can support in prayer.
4. Identify key dates for the teacher and their family (i.e., birthday, anniversaries, etc.) so you can send a card. This is a great opportunity to add a personal touch such as a sending a gift card.
5. Send notes of encouragement to your teacher at least twice a month.
6. Identify any needs that you cannot meet, issues, or concerns that you have to the FBCIT Mission Team.
7. Provide a monthly update to the FBCIT Mission Team on your progress. A form will be provided to make it easy to send an update!
8. Make personal contact at least once a month with your teacher (i.e., phone calls, delivering supplies, taking a lunch to your teacher, meet up for coffee, go to the park with your families, etc.).

This is a great opportunity to witness for Jesus. Let your light shine!

Teachers will be given the opportunity to provide their feedback regarding their experience with this ministry.

Communication is essential for this program to be successful – please stay connected with your teacher! **The number one goal of the Adopt a Teacher ministry is to build a friendship with your assigned teacher that opens the door for a Gospel conversation!**