



Dear Friend of Piedmont,

Recently my family headed south on I-95 to vacation in Florida. While my wife drove and our teenagers dozed in the backseat, I was pumping out emails on my laptop. Somewhere in South Georgia we crossed over a bridge that was under construction, and I glanced out the window and noticed that the heavy lifting was being done by a couple of cranes resting on barges floating in the river below. Those barges reminded me of Piedmont.

Barges are very useful. Every year they move thousands of tons of coal, wheat, and other cargo, often over great distances, and all without engines. But as crucial as they are to our nation's transportation system, they are virtually helpless without a tugboat to push them.

Like barges, Piedmont needs a "tugboat" to push us ahead as well. For 63 years we have been training leaders to carry far more precious cargo than cranes or commodities. We have trained these leaders to carry the gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. However, without consistent giving from our friends, we would be dead in the water.

Over the past five years, Piedmont has enjoyed tremendous progress. We have renovated much of our campus, launched a dizzying array of new academic programs, become technologically advanced, started a world-class online school, and doubled our overall enrollment. We are so grateful for the hundreds of thousands of dollars that have been donated to fund these projects which enable us to train workers for the harvest field.

However, as wonderful as the new initiatives and innovative projects are, we struggle when giving to them diverts funding from regular operational funds. In order to keep tuition affordable and pay all the bills, we need consistent, unrestricted giving. Unfortunately, while funding for special projects has increased, we have experienced a disturbing decrease in regular giving. In fact, if it hadn't been for one donor giving several nice gifts and another donor giving us property, we would now be in an extreme emergency situation.

We urgently need some steady tugboats to give us a much needed push. We would greatly appreciate your consideration of a generous gift(s) to help offset our operational expenses as we train those who carry the precious cargo of the Word of God and the gospel of Jesus Christ. An [online donation](#) may be a good place to start. Can you give us a push?

Because God Alone Matters,

Charles W. Petitt  
President