

2 TIMOTHY 1:6-7

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.



EMBER
BRIDGE

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2nd Annual Ember Bridge Gala

September 19, 2026 · 6pm

Tringali Barn · St. Augustine, FL

GET TO KNOW US

Join us for an evening of fellowship and a call to action to save lives and protect children in the most vulnerable communities in Panama.

Through the Ember Bridge Project, we are bringing hope to the forgotten Ngäbe-Buglé people by building suspension footbridges across the Cricamola River — providing safety and access to vital resources for communities that have been cut off for generations.

Each bridge, designed with obedience, engineered with servitude, and built with dedication, serves multiple villages and thousands of indigenous people — providing safer access to medical care, food, and education, and eliminating the deadly risks of river crossings that claim lives every year.

During the Gala, we will celebrate what God has already done, highlight the immense need still before us, and invite you into the next chapter of this story.

PROBLEM

Fighting for basic human needs and human rights for a forgotten and neglected people.

12+ deaths per year crossing the Cricamola River

7 villages (≈19,500 people) rely on dangerous river crossings for medicine, school, and church

Local teenage girls are trafficked, abused, and abandoned

1 in 5 homes has a person with special needs who cannot access vital resources

95% of Ngäbe-Buglé live below the poverty line; 83% in extreme poverty

Only 1.1 nurses per 10,000 people — lowest in all of Panama

SOLUTION

THE EMBER BRIDGE

Eliminate river crossing deaths

Provide access to schools, medical care, and life essentials

Educate villages on human trafficking prevention

Connect people with special needs to therapies and resources

Restore dignity and safety to isolated communities

Fan into flame the gift of God in those who serve

INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

BRIDGE DEDICATION

\$75,000

1 Available

STRONG TOWER

\$25,000

2 Available

ANCHOR HOPE

\$15,000

2 Available

FOUNDATION

\$10,000

4 Available

STEEL CABLE

\$5,000

5 Available

MILE

\$1,000

18 Available

CROSSBEAM

\$500

91 Available

PLANK OWNER

\$100

460 Available

Sponsorship deadline: August 1, 2026 — Secure your spot before print production and Gala logistics are finalized

PRESENTING SPONSORSHIP
BRIDGE DEDICATION

\$75,000

"Your name. Their crossing. Forever."

A Bridge Dedication sponsor doesn't just fund a bridge — you name it. Your gift is transformational: you are the reason an entire community crosses safely, now and for generations to come. Like the dedication plaque on a great structure, your name — or the name of someone you honor — is permanently inscribed on a brass plate on the bridge itself, embedded into the landscape of Panama's Ngäbe-Buglé Comarca forever.

At \$75,000, you are a co-owner of this miracle. You are the reason children reach their classroom, mothers make it to the clinic, and a village is no longer cut off from the world.

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AVAILABLE

SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES

DEADLINE: AUGUST 1, 2026

- **Permanent naming rights for a completed Ember Bridge**
- **Panama Vision Trip for 2 — experience the bridge and community firsthand**
- Named presenting sponsor of the Ember Bridge Gala — all materials, signage, and social media
- VIP early access — exclusive whiskey tasting and cigar rolling for your entire party
- Up to 16 Gala tickets with premium reserved seating
- Wine service at your table throughout the evening
- Oversized logo on all Gala advertising, step-and-repeat, tables, and social media
- 16 raffle prize tickets + premium gift bags
- Name engraved on brass sponsor plate on the bridge in Panama
- Quarterly Bridge Builders impact report

TOWER SPONSORSHIP

STRONG TOWER

\$25,000

"Sponsor one of the two bridge towers."

The towers of a suspension bridge are its defining feature — rising above the river, anchoring the cables, holding the weight of everything that crosses. A Strong Tower sponsor rises above the ordinary and becomes a pillar others depend on.

At \$25,000, you are one of two cornerstone partners who make this bridge stand. The 19,500 people who cross it — children, elders, pregnant mothers, people with special needs — they cross because of you.



SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES

DEADLINE: AUGUST 1, 2026

- Large name on brass sponsor plate on the Ember Bridge in Panama
- Named Tower Sponsor on all Gala advertising and materials
- VIP early access — whiskey tasting and cigar rolling for your entire party
- Up to 16 Gala tickets with reserved seating
- Wine service at your table
- Large logo on all Gala advertising, step-and-repeat, and social media
- 16 raffle prize tickets + premium gift bags
- Quarterly Bridge Builders impact report

ANCHOR SPONSORSHIP

ANCHOR HOPE

\$15,000

"Sponsor one of the two concrete bridge anchors."

Buried deep in the riverbank, unseen but essential — the anchor is what keeps a suspension bridge from moving. Every cable runs back to it. Every plank depends on it. Without the anchor, nothing holds.

An Anchor Hope sponsor is exactly that: the deep, immovable commitment that makes everything else possible. At \$15,000, your gift stabilizes the project and signals to the community that the bridge is real.

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AVAILABLE

SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES

DEADLINE: AUGUST 1, 2026

- Large name on brass sponsor plate on the Ember Bridge in Panama
- VIP early access — whiskey tasting and cigar rolling for your entire party
- Up to 8 Gala tickets with reserved seating
- Wine service at your table for all guests
- Medium logo on all Gala advertising, step-and-repeat, and social media
- 8 raffle prize tickets + gift bags
- Quarterly Bridge Builders impact report

FOUNDATION SPONSORSHIP

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\$10,000

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AVAILABLE

"Every bridge begins underground — in the unseen and the unglamorous."

No one photographs a foundation. No one writes songs about concrete and rebar set into riverbank bedrock. But without it, there is no tower, no cable, no plank, no crossing.

A Foundation sponsor understands that real work is often invisible — and that is exactly where the most important things happen. Your \$10,000 investment lays the ground on which every other element of this bridge rests.

SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES

DEADLINE: AUGUST 1, 2026

- Medium name on brass sponsor plate on the Ember Bridge in Panama
- VIP early access — whiskey tasting and cigar rolling for your entire party
- Up to 8 Gala tickets with reserved seating
- Mini logo on all Gala advertising, step-and-repeat, and social media
- Wine service at your table for all guests
- 8 raffle prize tickets + gift bags
- Quarterly Bridge Builders impact report

CABLE SPONSORSHIP

STEEL CABLE

\$5,000

"Sponsor one of the bridge's 5 steel cables."

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AVAILABLE

Five steel cables run the length of the Ember Bridge — bearing the load, distributing the tension, holding the walkway above the rushing water. Each one is critical. Remove a single cable and the structure is compromised.

At \$5,000, you are one of five people who make this bridge structurally possible. Your giving is the strength that holds the whole thing together — invisible to most, essential to everything.

SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES

DEADLINE: AUGUST 1, 2026

- Medium name on brass sponsor plate on the Ember Bridge in Panama
- Up to 4 Gala tickets with reserved seating
- Sponsor and name recognition during the Gala program
- Social media recognition and digital impact certificate
- Quarterly Bridge Builders impact report

MILE SPONSORSHIP

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\$1,000

18
AVAILABLE

"Sponsor 1 of the 18 miles the indigenous people hike every day."

Before there was a bridge, there was an 18-mile hike — through jungle, over rocks, and across the raging Cricamola River — just to reach a doctor, a market, or a school. Families made this trek with sick children on their backs. Elderly men and women made it in the dark.

At \$1,000, you sponsor one of those 18 miles — and help ensure it never has to be walked the same way again.

SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES

DEADLINE: AUGUST 1, 2026

- Medium name on brass sponsor plate on the Ember Bridge in Panama
- Up to 4 Gala tickets
- Name recognition during the Gala program
- Quarterly Bridge Builders impact report

CROSSBEAM SPONSORSHIP

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\$500

91
AVAILABLE

"Sponsor one of the 91 heavy timber crossbeams."

Ninety-one heavy timber crossbeams run perpendicular across the Ember Bridge — each one bearing the weight of every step above it. They are the bones of the walkway, the frame that holds the planks in place.

At \$500, you sponsor one crossbeam. One beam toward a complete crossing. For the people who walk this bridge to reach school, church, or the clinic — that one beam makes the difference.

SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES

DEADLINE: AUGUST 1, 2026

- Small name on brass sponsor plate on the Ember Bridge in Panama
- 2 Gala tickets
- Bottle of wine at dinner
- Premium gift bags
- Quarterly Bridge Builders impact report

A DONATION OPPORTUNITY

PLANK OWNER

\$100 *per plank*

460
AVAILABLE

"Every bridge is built one plank at a time — and so is every miracle."

Four hundred and sixty planks make the Ember Bridge walkable. Each one is humble — rough-hewn timber, weathered and worn — and each one is essential. There is no crossing without them.

Becoming a Plank Owner is not a sponsorship package — it's something more personal. It's a declaration that you believe ordinary people, giving ordinary amounts, can build something extraordinary. Your \$100 goes directly to the bridge. Your name goes on the brass plate. And your plank becomes part of every step taken by every child, every mother, every elder who crosses.

You may not have your name on the tower. But you hold up the road.

PLANK OWNERS RECEIVE

DEADLINE: AUGUST 1, 2026

· Small name on brass sponsor plate on the bridge in Panama · Quarterly Bridge Builders impact report · Does not include a Gala ticket

THE NEED

\$50K

Materials

\$30K

Logistics

\$10K

Tools

\$10K

Contingency

\$100,000 PER BRIDGE

0% OVERHEAD · 0% PROFIT · 100% MISSION

Every dollar you give goes directly to bridge completion and to the local Ngäbe-Buglé communities — not overhead, not salaries, not profit. With 20 life-changing bridges needed across the Cricamola River corridor, and each one within reach at \$100,000, your generosity doesn't just build a bridge — it begins a chain reaction. The faster we raise funds together, the sooner isolated families gain safe passage, children reach school, and an entire people group is no longer forgotten. Every bridge we complete is a door to the next one.

FUTURE ROADMAP

God willing, each bridge we complete opens the door to the next — until every community in the Comarca has safe passage.

COMPLETED MILESTONES

Bridge One

Completed June 24, 2025

First suspension footbridge spanning the Cricamola River — seven villages now connected.

Bridge Two

Completed April 6, 2026

Second bridge completed — proof that this is a movement, not a moment.

Gala & Funding

September 19, 2026

2nd Annual Ember Bridge Gala — raising funds for the next bridge.

Bridge Three

2026–2027

With your partnership tonight, the next community will be connected.

THE TEAM



ENGINEER

JOE CHARLES

Project Engineer & Construction Manager

Retired Navy Seabee Commander, registered Professional Engineer. Master of Civil Engineering and Sustainable Engineering Certificate, University of Florida. Joint Qualified Officer, Naval War College. Serves others as an expression of his Christian faith.

DIRECTOR

NOELLE CHARLES

Parent Ministry & Community Relations

Director of Parent Ministry at Adventures in Missions. Noelle brings heart and vision to the Ember Bridge Project, championing the families and communities whose lives are transformed by every bridge built.



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