

the DESERT WIND

THE WIND BLOWS WHERE IT WISHES, AND YOU HEAR THE SOUND OF IT, BUT CANNOT TELL WHERE IT COMES FROM AND WHERE IT GOES. SO IS EVERYONE WHO IS BORN OF THE SPIRIT. JOHN 3:8

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✧ Desert Wind ✧ Bible Training Center

As I mentioned a few months back, we've been looking into starting an in-depth Bible school for those in our community who desire a deeper knowledge of God's Word so that they may minister in their local area.

We have had inquiries from local pastors and other individuals who have not had any sort of formal training in the scriptures as to when we might begin a Bible School. That time has arrived!

The biggest challenge facing us has been staff. As director of the mission and pastor of 1st Nations Gathering my time has been spread fairly thin. Plus, with the loss of our friend, Dave, I have had to take up the slack in general maintenance. So, we delayed our plans until help arrived.

Help arrived in the form of Debra Muylaert who has worked with the mission organizing the Back-to-School Bash for the past twelve years. If you've had the opportunity to attend one of our Back-to-School Bash events then you know how well organized they are. Not only are her organizational skills amazing, she also has a long history as an educator. We feel truly blessed to have Debra on staff as our Education Coordinator and as a teacher.



Debra Muylaert

She will be laying the groundwork for the **Desert Wind Bible Training Center** and also assuming the administrative duties for Nizhóní Academy. Our goal is to kick off the Bible school this coming spring. We covet your prayers as we begin this major task.

Christmas Love Gifts 2019



People are responding wonderfully to our need for small gifts that will make up our Christmas Love Gift Program this year! Diane and I hope you will join us and help make this Christmas meaningful for someone in our community.



We gave out 565 gift bags in 2018, each one with age and gender appropriate gifts and a Bible storybook or tract when available. Sometimes, we don't have enough Bibles or tracts to go into all the bags.



We need the gifts to be at our office by December 3rd so we can have them sorted and packed by December 7th for distribution.

Our Staff

Duane & Diane Bristow
Betsy Shetterly

MaryLou NezBegay
Harold NezBegay
Debra Muylaert

Anderson NezBegay
Debbie Bernhardt





Looking For A Special Project?

Oz, one of our long-time friends, has a special project for next spring. He wants to build a hogan in the old, traditional way. This includes digging down about 2 or 3 feet and building the hogan above ground out of cedar logs. It would be a great cross-cultural experience for a

small team of about 3 or four people. You would have the opportunity to learn quite a bit about the Navajo Culture and experience, first hand, some of the customs of our Diné friends. Contact our office for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOV 8,9
NBICM
BOARD
MEETING

NOV 9
COMMUNITY
FALL DINNER

NOW - DEC 3
Christmas Love
Gifts

DEC 14
Annual
Christmas
Celebration

A Great Big THANK YOU!

... to Reverend Melvin Harrel and **His Place Ministries** for their donation of a washing machine for our public laundromat! His generosity was an encouragement, not only to our community, but also to an unnamed donor who matched his donation, which gave us two new washers for our laundromat. Two new washers for our laundry means that we were able to open up the laundromat to the public again! With a little work we got two more going for the time being and that gives us four washers and one dryer. That may not seem like much if you live in an area where these types of businesses are easy to find. But if you live in the middle of the desert, an hour or so from town, it means a lot to those who have no transportation to easily get to town. Many of our locals depend on the laundromat to have clean clothes for them and their children.



These machines
provide a
tremendous
blessing to the
people in our area!

So, we now have four working machines and one dryer. Two of the machines are on their last legs and we keep them going as we are able. We need four more washers and at least one dryer. We have one couple who has pledged \$2000 as a matching gift for more equipment. This would be a great time to help provide our community with this much needed service.

Please contact our office if you would like to know how you can help.

Summer 2020

Make a note and let others know that we still have a couple of open dates for 2020 Summer Mission Teams. Call our office and let Diane know if you have a VBS team or a work project team interested in coming to the mission.

It's been a relatively good year financially, considering I was unable to get our newsletter out on a regular basis because of a shortage of staff. So, thanks to all of you for remembering NBICM in your prayers, services and financial giving!

Now, lets make 2020 one of our best years ever! As we enter the final couple of months of 2019, would you include NBICM in your end-of-year charitable donations? And, if you haven't already, please think about becoming a monthly contributor to this ministry.

And Finally . . .

. . . As mentioned above, we are in great need of an individual or couple to fill the volunteer position of Physical Plant Manager. We provide housing, utilities, wifi, and some food when we get extra in. This is a good opportunity for someone who is retired or has a regular income. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact our office for more information.

Note: We thank God and feel tremendously blessed to have John Barillier, a long time friend of the mission, filling this position for two months. John and his wife, Dorothy, have often helped when we were in urgent need. Thanks, John!