

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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Happy Holidays?

No, I'm not falling away from the old-time tradition of saying, "Merry **Christmas**" in favor of being politically correct. Instead, I'm reflecting on the three holidays we joyfully experience during this time of year.

We've just celebrated Thanksgiving, a day which we look forward to spending time with family, a wonderful "excuse" to gather together and remind ourselves that our families are the foundation upon which we build our lives. Our families enable us to be the very best version of ourselves, and for that we should give thanks.

Now, we look forward to Christmas, with its transformative gift of God's redemption—a wonderful present we've all been given—and

once we open it we finally understand how fulfilling and rich our lives in Jesus can truly be.

Then comes the New Year, picking up on the idea of Christmas, redemption's opportunity for a fresh start. Maybe it's just a date on a calendar, but the New Year brings a clean page, a fresh start and a new beginning filled with endless possibilities.

So, on behalf of the staff of NBICM, Diane and I want to wish each of you, Happy Holidays! We trust that you had a grand Thanksgiving and we wish you the merriest of **Christmases** and the happiest of New Years!

Duane & Diane

Welcome!

Dave & Debbie Bernhardt



Dave & Debbie came to us in August from New Guilford BIC in Fayetteville, Pennsylvania to volunteer for one year. Already, they've decided to stay for two years. Dave and Debbie had served three months with the

Overcomers Program and felt the Lord was leading them to volunteer for service at the mission.

Dave has taken charge of the maintenance program and has things running smoothly. Debbie is working in the main office and her quick smile and bubbly personality keep our visitors smiling.

Bob & Carmy Hess



Bob & Carmy have come to us from The Meeting House in Dillsburg, Pennsylvania to volunteer for one month of service at the mission.

Bob is a can-do, hands-on sort of guy who has been a tremendous help to

Dave in getting some long standing repairs taken care of.

Carmy, a retired teacher, is spending quite a bit of time tutoring students at Nizhóní Academy helping Betsy and Sue with some of the load they've been carrying, and preparing Christmas Love Gifts.

Perhaps, like the Bernhardts or Hesses, you are looking for a place to serve the Lord in some capacity. There are opportunities for individuals, families or groups at Navajo BIC Mission. If you are interested in short-term missionary type service, contact Diane at our office. Not only will you have the opportunity to impact someone's life, your life will be greatly changed too!

Our Staff

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Anderson NezBegay
Dave & Deb Bernhardt
Chris & Sue Gray





Thank You For a Wonderful Year!

Thanks to you, hundreds of people in our community were able to get precious, life-giving water for their families and their livestock.

And, thanks to you, we were able to get the boiler repaired in the gym so we could continue to hold Christ-centered events which provide us the opportunity to share the love of Jesus in so many different ways.

Your generosity makes possible a quality education for seventeen students at Nizhóní Academy this year. And because of you almost 200 people were able to experience short term missionary service to many, many children, teens and adults living on the eastern side of the Navajo Reservation.

Just recently, we were able to repair some of our

washers and dryers in our public laundry so people wouldn't have to drive 35 miles or more to do their laundry. We were down to one washing machine and one dryer which made it very difficult for those who depend on the services we are able to provide. That's only a small portion of what we've been able to accomplish in 2017. Without your help, many in our community would have to do without those much-needed services.

On behalf of each one of those involved, Diane and I want to say, **Thank You!** Every day, your support makes stories like these possible. As you prepare for your year-end giving, please use the enclosed envelope for your most generous donation. We simply couldn't accomplish all we have been able to do without your help. Blessings!

Other Ways You Can Support This Work

Navajo BIC Mission needs your financial support to continue this ministry which began over 70 years ago and has provided much needed services to the community through the love of Jesus Christ. Becoming a monthly donor to NBICM is the most effective way to ensure the work here goes on. One-time donations are also greatly appreciated.

Other ways you can support NBICM are through Amazon Smile and Goodsearch.com. To use either or both of these sites to support NBICM simply go to the site and choose Navajo Brethren in Christ Mission as your charity.

And, please, if you have any questions about how you can effectively support this work, give us a call.

Thank you so much for your support!

Merry Christmas And Happy New Year!

From the staff of Navajo BIC Mission



Attention: Retired Golfers!

Or frustrated duffers. 😊 Do you have a golf cart that has also retired? We're looking for at least one golf cart to use at the mission. If you have one that is in working condition that you would like to donate, please let us know. Your gift is tax deductible. Thanks!

