

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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✘ 20 Years and Counting! ✘

As Diane and I begin our 20th year at Navajo BIC Mission—our 16th year as directors—we consider ourselves blessed above measure that we have the opportunity to serve in such an amazing area of God’s fields of harvest. We couldn’t ask for a more wonderful group of people to work with. The people of our community, many of them hungry for God’s Word, have shown us such kindness that Otis community has felt like home to us for many years.

The staff that God sends our way (*I always say, “God sends us His best”*) always seems to bring the gifts and

talents needed to advance the vision God has placed within the heart of this ministry.

No ministry like this is without challenges, and we’ve had our share. But the rewards that we’ve experienced have greatly overshadowed the difficult times that naturally occur when working with such a variety of people from so many differing backgrounds.

So, as we look to the future, we continue to believe God for a great harvest of souls through the many different ways He shows us to reach the lost and searching. And we earnestly seek His guidance as



we look for ways to expand our outreach to the community.

One of the ways that is coming to the forefront is our Biblical Education Center. It will be for pastors, aspiring teachers and those who want to grow in their knowledge of the Bible. It will focus on an application of Christian principles for practical outreach ministry, and leadership within the Body of Christ. We have two teachers standing by for the launch of the school and another who is considering.

Another way is in expanding our services to the community. We currently provide a small space for some very minor auto repair and tire service. We have a laundromat and showers for those who don’t have those types of facilities in their homes. We also have a public water station for those who have no running water on their property. We often provide transportation to our many events we hold at the mission, especially during the summer outreaches.

None of these things could be accomplished without the faithful and committed folks who come to us with a servant’s heart. And they wouldn’t be here without your faithful and committed prayers. You are an integral part of the vision of the outreaches of NBICM and we appreciate your devotion to this work.

So, for twenty years of encouragement and support, Diane and I offer our most sincere gratitude for your friendship. And we look forward to another twenty years in whatever capacity it may be.

Blessings!

Duane & Diane

Our Staff

Duane & Diane Bristow
Betsy Shetterly

MaryLou NezBegay
Harold NezBegay

Anderson NezBegay
Dave & Debbie Bernhardt





Another Fruitful Year Almost Past!

Jan: Basketball clinic; Ryan; Visit from Jonathan Maracle
Feb: Kate & Ruth
Mar: Leroy & Sherry; ACE Conference; Jonah, Sam & Bawsen
Apr: Kathy & Wayne
May: Jacob & Annetta; Debra
Jun: Rock Island BIC Church; Terry Wilcox team; Gospel Light Baptist; Ramalingam Productions; Performing Arts Camp; Art Camp; Basketball Camp
Jul: Airline Drive Church of Christ; YWAM; Maggie; Atlanta Chinese Christian Church; Ken & Kat; McLeansville Baptist Church
Aug: Back-to-School Bash; Debra;
Sep: Sayani; Dr. Masters
Oct: Sean & Amber; Michelle; Life Skills; Fall Festi-

val
Dec: Community Christmas Celebration: CLG; Ramalingam Productions

This is a list of many of the individuals and teams who served at NBICM and its Desert Wind Outreach! It's not a complete list since many of the individuals listed brought a team with a varying number of members. It also doesn't list what service each team and individual performed. That would take quite a few more pages 😊

Needless to say, we are so very thankful for each and every person who came to share their lives with others. You made a difference! And we know that your life will be forever changed because of your servant's heart. May God bless you abundantly!

R.I.P.

We mourn our loss and rejoice in heaven's gain. Sarah Oldham, we'll see you again!

CLG

While we receive gifts year round for our Christmas Love Gift program, it's during the last three months that we receive the bulk of the gifts we'll be giving out to the children and elders of the Navajo Reservation. If you haven't already, check out our website (navajobic.org) to see how you can make someone's Christmas special by sharing the love of Jesus through a small gift. Contact our office for more information.

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While it has been a wonderful year in our outreach to the community around us with literally hundreds of children, teens

and adults hearing and responding to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we have often struggled financially to keep up with the expenses required to maintain the level of ministry we have reached over the years. We often find ourselves "robbing Peter to pay Paul."

Here are the numbers: In 2014, our income was \$160,435.58. In 2017, it was \$131,628.86. This year, through October, it has been \$92,615.33. Our basic monthly expenses have been \$6,695.13. Our average monthly income this year has been \$5,112.00.

It doesn't take much gray matter to understand that we must raise our monthly income so that we can continue to provide services, both spiritual and material, to those whom God has placed in our lives.

God has promised us in Luke 6:38 that if we would give, it would be given back to us—good measure, pressed down shaken together and running over. And while it is God who provides, He uses others to fulfill that provision.

The mission gives to others through its time, talent and treasure in obedience to that prom-



ise. So we believe through faith that God will continue to meet the needs of NBICM.

His Word also says that we have not because we ask not. So I'm closing out this newsletter to you asking you to join us by giving financially to the wonderful work that is going on here.

We especially need more monthly partners so that we can implement the current plans we have in place such as the Biblical Education Center.

So, would you consider including Navajo BIC Mission, not only in your end-of-year giving, but also in your monthly charitable donations?

The easiest way is on our website, navajobic.org. Click on the donations button and choose "Make this a monthly donation."

We also send out an electronic newsletter called The Desert Wind. You can subscribe on our website. There will be a "Donate" button within the electronic newsletter and you can choose the monthly option there also.

With your help, we can not only maintain the outreaches and services we currently provide but we can expand them to touch more lives with the Love of Jesus Christ.

Thank you so much for being a part of NBICM and its Desert Wind Outreaches!

