

Dear Family, Friends and Fellow Believers,

It has been a full summer! We were personally reminded of Isaiah 40:28-31 when encountering several eagles on the Lummi Tribe in Northern Washington. "Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." People ask us aren't we tired? Aren't you glad to be home? But as we reflect, we were filled with joy and energy, purpose and passion just doing all that God had called us to do! We are excited by the view that we get to see of all that God has done and is doing in the lives touched this summer! Let us share this panorama of the handiwork of God!

The Piantedosi's

Camps, Conferences and...

"Relationship"



The Hopi Christian camp chose the theme from John 14:21, "Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and disclose myself to him."

There were close to 300 in attendance from among the Hopi, Navajo and the visiting Lumbee Tribe from the East Coast. Up to 40 children and our highest number of teens in the last eight years!



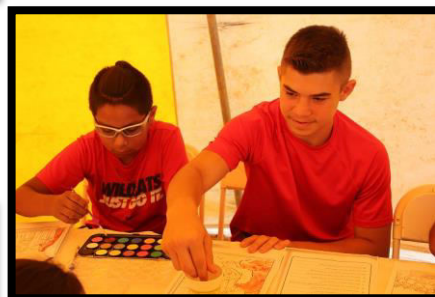
SINGING

The focus was on "Relationship" with Creator, Christ, the Word, the Holy Spirit, Our Sin, Prayer, the World, the Devil, the Church and Outreach! Memory verses and crafts would reinforce the lesson learned. Small prizes and big prizes could be earned over 10 sessions!

Rez Ball



Five children and two teens gave their heart to the Lord. A few teens who had dropped out of church and camp for a few years were back. New youth came to camp for the first time and were eager to return every session. Four college-bound young adults were a great help! Thanks Olivia, Jenna, Sam and Michael!



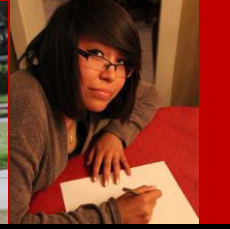
ARTS

This young man, CJ, came the last day by his grandmother bringing him. He asked prayer for his father in jail. Yet he received Christ and then learned all the memory verses and took home the grand prize for boys... a basketball!

Christ and His Word



The Mission Trip



BEFORE Seven native youth were included on the mission trip from the Salt River Pima Maricopa Tribe, the San Carlos Apache, Gila River, Navajo, Mescalero Apache, Hopi, and White Mountain Apache. We met one-on-one to know their relationship with Christ and then again to train and raise support. They were oriented, this would not just be fun but would be intensive Bible study daily for 3 hours and “doing” the work of ministry...not just watching!

DURING They worked hard, studied long, and endured difficulties. We saw them be transformed before our very eyes. The quiet ones found their voice, the shy discovered expression in the puppets, the hurting felt comfort, the talkative shared boldly, and the creative learned to teach. The goal was to “Know the Bible” and moved from using the index to not only knowing the books in order but also what was in each book. They learned “The Story” from Genesis to Revelation and then turning around and taught it. 39 people came to Christ which is the size of a typical native church. They went through the HOPE Response to Loss, Pain and Grief and their HOPE story bloomed! They went on to share that story 18 times publicly. They discovered their spiritual gifts and used them in Los Angeles, the Hoopa/Yurok Tribe, Warm Springs Rez, Seattle Indian Center, the Lummi Tribe, the Blackfeet Tribe, the Gros Ventre/Assiniboine Tribe and Moapa Tribe.

AFTER Dane was baptized, began being mentored in jail ministry to the youth and will share in October’s Salt River Men’s Conference. Cianna began piano lessons and the Young River Council. Juliann, Ezekiael and Mariah became a united, blended family and shared their growth at the pastor’s meeting. Christine shared her story to her family and youth group. Nizhoni that same weekend shared with her family, grandparents and facebook friends about “how much she grew and missed the studies.” Then on to Georgia as a representative.



Nick, Leslie, Olivia and Matthew Piantedosi

“Thank you so much for making all of this possible!”

YOUR GIFTS AND PRAYERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE! 1644 E. Campo Bello Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85022, Attn: Piantedosi 480/238-5240, minpianti@yahoo.com, or by PayPal on the website: chief.org. Piantedosi Family (Account # 4275)