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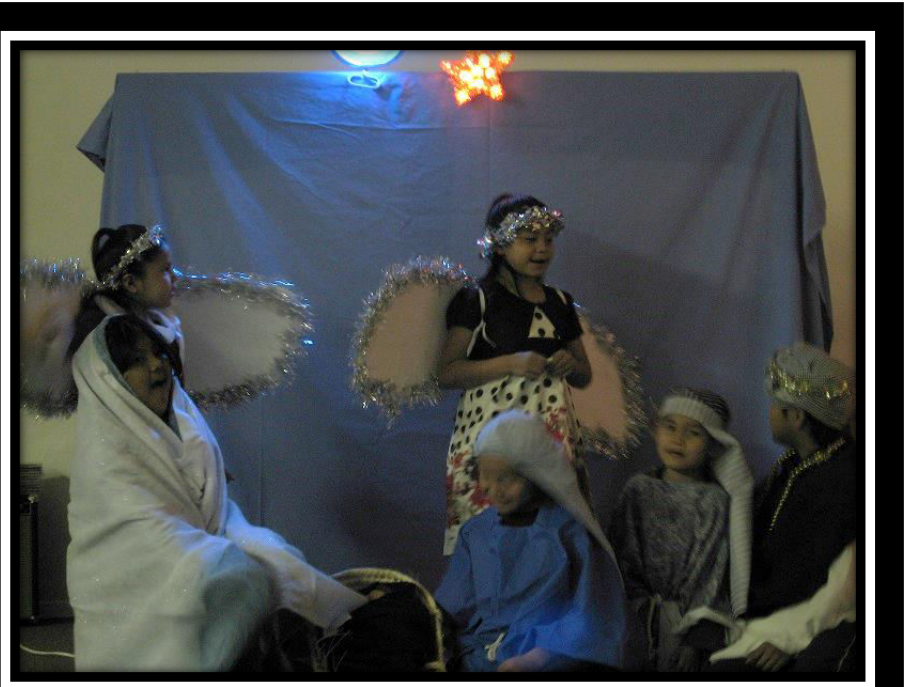


Dear Family, Friends and Fellow believers,

What happens when symbols, forms and memorials are no longer remembered for the function in which they were intended? The result becomes empty ritualism, traditionalism, superstitious or meaningless things. We are were given the rainbow to remember God’s covenant with us (Gen.9:6) and we are encouraged often to remember God in Scripture (Deut.8:18) It was for this teaching purpose that it is said the **Candy Cane** was invented. Some say a German made the candy stick to have a crook in it to remind kids of the shepherds who were sent to find Jesus. Others say it was a candy maker who began with a stick of pure white, hard candy, which symbolizes the Virgin Birth and sinless nature of Jesus. The hardness is the Solid Rock and firmness of the promises of God. He then formed the candy into a “J” for Jesus our Savior and Good Shepherd. He stained it with three small red stripes representing the scourging Jesus received prior to His crucifixion for our healing. He added one large red stripe to represent the shedding of His blood on the cross for our salvation. Let us remember and help those around us to remember the reason for the season!

Native Americans Remember Jesus

The Native Christians are trying to get the word out to their people by any means available to them, whether it is marching in a parade for reminding them of Jesus or acting out the nativity story at the church. Several have planned events to share out loud the story of **“The Greatest Gift”** and in a booklet along with a shoebox gift given to Native churches partnering with CHIEF and the Samaritan Purse under Franklin Graham.



**“And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins.”
Matthew 1:21**





HOPI Tribe as of this August have pastors for all of their churches. Roscoe Emmanuel, a Lumbee Tribe Native, was inducted as the new pastor of Keams Canyon Community Church. The members made a dinner of thanks for us and asked us to continue to fill in every 5th Sunday or as needed.



HOPE Response to Loss, Pain and Grief was taught in August at the Christian Recovery Center's Women's only program by Leslie in Cortez, CO. There were women there from several tribes. One woman particularly from the Zuni tribe wants the teaching brought to her church and is arranging it with her pastor this year.



LEHI Church of the Nazarene has asked us to return to teach. Our "Family Love" series we will do, that we had done both at Hualapai and with the Gila River churches. We begin this October once a month for 6 months. Pastor Merrill Jones himself married this month.



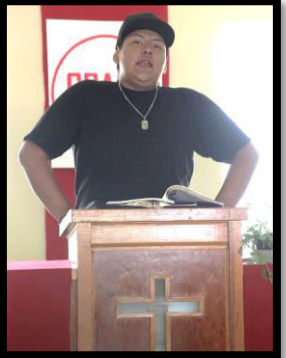
Hualapai tribe invited us to speak at their week long revival on the Word of God! They asked if we had any King James Bibles as they were in great need. We bought them and gave them out to individuals as well as enough to fill their pew stands. It was a renewal of desire for getting into God's Word. We planned also a school outreach.



TURKEY DRIVE is in partnership with Scottsdale Bible Church. 548 turkeys were given to 9 tribes to help their people and to share the Gospel.



CHRISTMAS partnership with Samaritan's Purse for distribution of 1,045 shoebox gifts. Several tribes are interested in this being a part of their own Christmas outreach to their people such as the Cocopah, Gila River, etc.



YOUTH discipleship is bearing fruit. Dane of the Salt River Pima Tribe was one on the mission trip this year. He's a speaker at a men's conf. on the tribe, trained now to do jail ministry, attends the Salt River pastor meeting and came to our Native Christian Leader Forum.



MISSION TRIP 2016 may look familiar as we are inviting youth we met on last year's trip to do an Arizona mission trip. These youth are from the Yurok, Hoopa, Lummi, Yakama and Moapa tribes. The trip agenda is based on feedback of needs from pastors.



OUTREACH outings and projects are being planned with the youth from the last two trips and among new kids from the various churches. The Yaqui tribe has several such projects to join in on.



FORUM continues with subjects such as church growth, men's ministry, Hebrews: A Study of Leaders, A Biblical Worldview, and more with a warm meal and fellowship to go along!

Nick, Leslie, Olivia and Matthew Piantedosi

"Thank you so much for your part in giving the ultimate Gift!"

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