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The Ravens

It is certainly a good feeling to be back with our friends in Hikiwan. But the people here are not the only ones who were glad to see us arrive. Since our first year at a Hikiwan, there has been a pair of ravens that stay around the church. After we realized that they were part of the landscape, they have been our friends. Right away we named them "Quoth" and "Nevermore" (from Edgar Allen Poe's famous poem). After a while we realized that they were our early warning system if something wasn't right in the neighborhood. The ravens would make a lot of noise to get our attention, and then would fly out into the desert and back to the church. We quickly learned that they were not only telling us, but showing us where someone was hiding.

A few days before we moved our trailer from Sacaton to Hikiwan in February, we brought a load of donated items for the people here, and Doug Jones came from Sacaton with us. Doug is Pima and did a lot of work with us at 1st Pima church, but had never been to Hikiwan.

As we were showing Doug where we would park our trailer, Quoth and Nevermore appeared on the church



roof. Thurleen started talking to the *big* black birds. They flew down almost to the ground doing repeated touch and go landings, stirring up dust as they did the most beautiful "dance" to celebrate our arrival! They were welcoming us back!

Although the ravens have never had to feed us like they did Elijah (1st Kings 17:4-6), they often stand like sentries on the roof of the church, sometimes on the very top of the cross. When they say "Good Morning" in their bird-like way, we are reminded that God is with us.

1st Pima Parsonage Remodel

The project started as a re-floor and interior paint upgrade, and thanks to **1st Pima Baptist Church, Sacaton, AZ, Hardin Baptist Church, Harden, KY, FBC Sun City, AZ, FBC Buckeye, AZ, South Peoria Baptist Church, Peoria, AZ, Dr James & Mary Cecil, and kTb Ministries**, it became an almost complete interior remodel. Eric and Brittany had seen the 1st Pima parsonage before and were not expecting such a transformation. It has gone

from a solid little home to a really nice place to live. But the best part is how God is blessing by drawing people in to the church, especially young people.

Some of the highlights of the work includes:

Plumbing upgrade/replacement

- Three successive phases, resulting in completely replacing the fresh water plumbing

Walls

- Caulk all gaps
- Repair/replace baseboards & trim
- Repair and repaint

Interior doors

- Replace worn doors with beautiful new 6-panel doors (recycled to other reservation(s))
- Replace 2 off-size door frames
- Replace hinges and locksets
- Install fine new mirrored closet slider doors

Rebuild gas wall furnace

- Clean and adjust
- Replace limit controls
- Install new thermostat

Repair roof mounted Gas-pack/Central AC

- Clean and adjust
- Replace gas valve

Floor

- Remove carpeting (recycled to bless people in two other Indian reservations)
- Tack-strip and adhesive
- Pour and float floor leveling compound
- Install new laminate flooring with insulating backing foam in the whole house, seamless from room to room
- Install ceramic tile in two bathrooms and kitchen

Bathrooms

- Tear out hallway wall for access to shower
- Cut up existing (leaking) shower. House was built around shower
- Install new shower, and reframe walls
- Install GFI protection & relocate switches
- Replace exhaust fan
- Significant drywall repair
- Spatter finish drywall
- Reinstall vanities and commodes
- Replace most connecting plumbing
- Install tile "baseboard"

Exterior door(s)

- Re-fit door

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1st Pima Parsonage Remodel (continued)

- New threshold

Kitchen

- Rebuild & stabilize several broken cabinets
- Remove countertop and sink (recycled to another reservation)
- Remove backsplash and wall splash paneling (recycled to another reservation)
- Repair dangerous electrical hazard
- Significant drywall repair

Kitchen, continued

- Spatter finish drywall
- Install new countertop(s)
- Install new sink & faucet
- Refinish cabinets, interior and exterior
- Install new cabinet hardware
- Install matching tile backsplash & wall splash (around washer/dryer)
- Install tile and/or rubber wall base
- Grout & seal tile

Trim

- Manufacture, finish, and install custom ceramic to laminate floor transition trim
- Manufacture, finish, and install custom crown molding around cabinets

You Know You're a Redneck if...

The TV you're watching goes 'round and 'round, then stops and goes 'round the other way...

It can also mean that Ken just fixed that front-loader washer that someone let him have for parts. The professionals had declared it un-repairable, but with new ball bearings and the right belt that is four inches longer than the factory service manual calls for, it now works like a charm. Now the missionaries can have clean clothes. (*)

And that's a good thing. Visits to Laundromats had been running over twenty dollars a trip and ruined a whole day due to being 80 miles away from "home". Having the washer should avoid a repeat of what happened a few weeks



Stovepipes for the Gospel

It was wonderful to be able to worship again with Casa Blanca Baptist Church while we were working at 1st Pima. The day we were there it was cold so someone built a fire in the woodstove in the sanctuary. Soon the smoke was so thick that we had to move near an open window. Obviously the stovepipe was leaking!

After the service was over, Ken ask pastor Cameron if it would be okay with the church if we replaced the stovepipe. When we arrived with new sections of pipe, we discovered that the top elbow was completely rusted away! The ceiling was so scorched the surface paper was burned off the sheetrock above the woodstove! Praise God, He kept the vintage adobe church building from burning!



ago in a Laundromat before we moved back to Hikiwan...

It seems that when Thurleen had her back turned, someone ripped-off a whole super-dryer load of Ken's work clothes. And Ken said he "had places to go, and not a thing to wear". And the funny thing was, the one remaining pair of blue jeans he was wearing that day were the ones he had reluctantly agreed to wear only one more time. They never did fit right...he had jokingly accused Thurleen of buying him "girls" jeans.

But a couple of friends came to his aid with extra shirts from their closets. Then with a blue jeans sale going on at a Casa Grande thrift store, Ken is clothed again and doesn't have to worry about the barrel anymore.

(*) Yes, some dear friends bought a new washer/dryer for the double-wide at the church a couple of years ago, but a family is staying there while arrangements are being made for them.

Giving Thanks for All Things...

As Believers, every obstacle the enemy puts in our way, no matter what form it takes, becomes a part of our growth and strength. We are reminded to give thanks for everything, for it is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning us. *1 Thessalonians 5:18*

When standing at the edge of the rim of the Grand Canyon, one can see the many layers of the earth, worn and exposed to the elements. Each layer has its own history of survival. It has been built up, then compressed and buried. It has survived floods, storms, and earthquakes. It is a snapshot of the "foundation" of the earth., since creation under strain and trauma.

How would I...if I had been a weary pioneer traveler, making my way across the unmapped western wilderness...have reacted to suddenly coming upon what would later be called the Grand Canyon? A mile deep and as much as

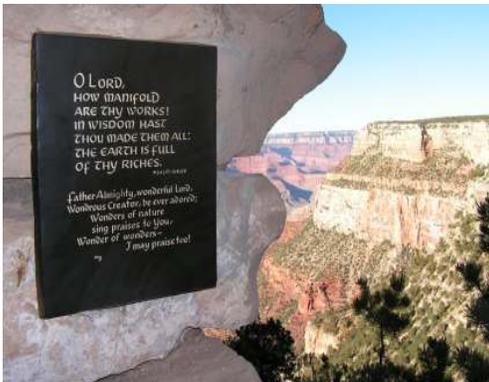
twenty miles across, it certainly would be a huge obstacle in my path. Would I attempt to "go through" by working my way to the bottom? Would I attempt to "go around" the seemingly never ending obstacle? Would I go back to where I had been before? Or would I just "camp" at the edge and be so overwhelmed by the circumstances of my obstacle that I missed the beauty of God's wonderful plan?

On our life journey, we all experience obstacles in our path from time to time. Paul reminds us, "(continually) giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ" *Ephesians 5: 20*

Do you have a Grand Canyon sized problem? Remember Jesus' words about faith the size of a mustard seed that will move mountains... "and nothing shall be impossible unto you?". And this coming from the "man" Jesus who defeated Satan (Lucifer, the powerful "angel of light" who thought himself equal to God). What Satan didn't see coming was that Jesus totally trusted the Father. "Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world." *1 John 4: 4*

Here's the key. In Christ we too can (and must) trust in God's faithfulness, not our own. What He said, He will do...period. We need to know what he has said.

Let us say with the psalmist, "I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart: I will show forth all thy marvelous works, I will be glad and rejoice in thee; I will sing praise to thy name, O Thou most High." *Psalms 9: 1-2*



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