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Bain Family Campout

Thurleen and I both felt that we should spend a little extra time at home this summer. For the ministry, we needed more opportunities to share our work with local churches and to attract additional sponsoring partner-ships.

Then, our growing family...now 33...needed to have grandpa and grandma for a while.

After settling in we realized that, since this is our 50th year of marriage, it is appropriate that we spend some time here at home with our family, though we miss our Indian friends in Arizona every day.

So, our family campout would be special...and it was. There were birthday celebrations for those born in



July. On the 1st Grandpa just marked the 29th anniversary of his 39th birthday...just sayin...

We just weren't prepared for the heat. 110 degrees would be expected in the desert, but unheard of in the Midwest. With 3 big tents and two campers, no one



gave up and went home. Maybe we should have tee shirts made to commemorate such bravery and tenacity.



My brother Ernie says that in 1936, dad held him up so he could see the thermometer on the front porch. It read 114 degrees. That was before air-conditioning, or even electricity on the farm. There were no soda cans to blow their tops. Ernie says that dad told him, "remember this, you'll never see 114 again in your lifetime" Dad, we came close in 2012... (officially the all-time record was 107)

KTBM Partners

Thank you for sowing into this ministry. We don't say it often enough, clear enough, or effectively enough. You are the reason Thurleen and I have been able to extend the Gospel in the Great Southwest desert for five years. God Bless you!

A GREAT Desert Awakening!

By Ken Bain

We diligently endeavor to find ways to tell about what God is doing through kTb Ministries without taking or seeming to take credit for any part of it. In the last edition of this NewsLetter, admittedly in a cryptic way, we referred to a "Move of God" among "relatives" of our Indian friends. Well, since there have now been over EIGHT HUNDRED souls saved, we need to tell you more about it. Actually it will be best said by Rob Landry, one servant who has *been there...*

"Awesome news coming out of Mexico and the partnerships we have in Sonora. In June 152 came to Christ in the town of Altar and another 30 this past week in Sasabe. Those making decisions are from several central and south American countries and of course Mexico. Our next trip to Sonora will be next week. So far this year we have completed 25 trips and seen about 830 receive Christ as Savior, ALL glory to God alone."

Rob Landry

Sonora, Mexico is directly south across the border from Arizona.

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Specifically, the desert portion of Sonora is directly across from the Tohono O'odham desert in Arizona. Actually both were one before the Gadsden Purchase created our southern border in 1854. That agreement between the US and Mexico split the land of our Indian friends in half.

The citizens of the Mexican half are said by the International Mission Board to be an "unreached people group"

That's where the move of God is taking place since February. That's also a major staging area for drug smuggling. Thanks to a small but great church for committing to "do what it takes" to reach this people group. Thanks to the brave people who have helped facilitate revival through the outreach of the Mexican Pastors. Thanks to the Holy Spirit for letting Thurleen and I be in (though it be in a small way) on what He is doing.

God-sized Pastoral Arrangements for Christ Fellowship Community Church, Hikiwan

Gary Ramer now is serving as Transitional Pastor at Christ Fellowship Community Church. In that capacity, Gary can teach the church solid biblical doctrines and precepts. At the same time He can be leading the church in finding a new Native American pastor. And when God puts the church and that pastor together, Gary can be available to work beside him as a mentor, friend, and can bring the church together with other Indian and Anglo churches in fellowship and development.

Since he is in his retirement years, Gary can adjust his schedule as he needs to. That arrangement can continue as the new pastor, the transitional pastor, and the church feel comfortable.

Gary has served as pastor and church planter for decades. He and Martha live in Ajo, AZ where he pastored Calvary Baptist Church. His time with west central Arizona churches has endeared he and Martha to hundreds of folks who came to love the Lord.



Gary and Martha Ramer



Perspective...

Your nation is 2,300 years old... Regardless that the land is very, very hot and dry, your people found a way to live on tepary beans and mesquite beans. Once in a while enough rain would grow some squash, corn, and melons. You even found ways to keep some food for the hard times.

Because the land is SO remote, your ancestors assumed they were the only people on earth. Yet when strangers wandered into your land, you were friendly and gracious. But all too often they came to steal. ...Marauder after marauder.

You never thought of the land as yours. You belonged to the land. As it always had, it would take care of you. Then those who came in covered wagons began taking the best parts of the land. Though their stories of a virgin who gave birth to a God had a true ring, how could you ever trust them?

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Kaleidoscope

I continually am amazed at the awesome works of the Lord. This ministry often seems to be on a *dot-to-dot* road map. As we travel hundreds of miles in ministry, the dots keep connecting from one rez to another, to another. At every bend in this circular world, the challenges and blessings heap upon us. It reminds me of a kaleidoscope. The picture is forever changing. We have a beautiful picture of the work that God has called us to. We prayerfully make a plan and begin working that plan. Then the picture changes and another beautiful picture appears when the Holy Spirit makes an adjustment. We make a plan and begin working that plan for the new vision. Over and over we see new pictures, always beautiful, always different...and yet the same. As God begins to let us have a glimpse of what He is doing, then we can see that each beautiful picture is like a piece of a puzzle...God's perfect plan. What an awesome God we serve! How privileged we are to be in on some of what God is doing in Native America.

Thurleen Bain

Being the only white "strangers" living in the western Tohono O'odham villages, the inspired wisdom of our occasionally leaving for a time reduces pressure on the culture and avoids "pushback" that could cause traditionalists to insist that we be expelled from the closed reservation. You might say, "Well, don't we need to change the culture?" Just remember, we've tried to change American Indian culture for 500 years and most Natives are not yet reached for Christ. Christianity works in any culture. But when people experience true salvation, Jesus in them...changes them!

Ken Bain

Being Mission Service Corps missionaries, Ken and Thurleen are blessed to share with their partners who are Missionaries by Partnership. They are excited to tell them and their churches how God is multiplying investments of prayer and finances among Native Americans...and now among their cousins in Mexico.