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Four weeks back home

We make a point of attending the graduations of all of our grandkids that we can.

There are twenty-two of them, so one or more is always listed on



Invocation: *Salutatorian*
Grandson, **Eli Pemberton**



Great-grandson
Aidan Odle

some graduation program. And... this graduation season was especially important because our Pima Indian friend Doug Jones (from Sacaton, AZ), has completed his studies

at Mid-Continent University and we saw him don his cap and gown there.

As soon as we introduced Doug to him, Dr. Cecil set out to ensure that Doug could enhance his education. Doc was called on to Heaven

before he could see it through. Thurleen and I were thrilled to represent Arizona Indian missions, sort of in Doc's place.

Two other reasons made it important for us to spend time back home. First, we know the importance of making contact with our Midwestern Partners periodically to share our experiences and needs.

Then, it is also important that we give the Indian culture a rest from the sometimes curious presence of the Anglo's (us) in their village.



Doug Jones Pres. Imhoff

James W. Cecil Memorial

The Bain's hurried back to the desert to participate in honoring a modern Christian hero. Literally into his last hours, Dr Cecil was preparing paperwork for a new missionary couple to serve among Arizona Native Americans and meeting with the leaders of Simpson Baptist Church where he served, to provide leadership for the future.



Thanks to NAMB missionaries Eric and Brittany Gibbs, a special memorial was celebrated at 1st Pima Baptist Church in Sacaton Arizona on the Gila River Reservation. Eric demonstrated the sort of class he learned from his professor and mentor in leading an elegant while simple celebration of Dr. Cecil's life and leadership.



Mary Cecil Eric Gibbs

Shawn Whitey, native Pastor of 1st Indian Baptist church spoke with passion and more than a hint of emotion about the importance of Dr. Cecil's enduring friendship and mentoring in his life

and ministry. Shawn was recently 1st Vice President of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention. His election almost made Doc "burst his buttons" with Joy.

Dr. David Johnson, Director of the Arizona Campus of the Golden Gate Theological Seminary, and now the Executive Director of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention spoke, saying, "You couldn't keep me from being here to honor Dr Cecil." Dr. Johnson told of the large number of students that "Doc" forwarded to the seminary for theological training.

Ken Bain presented an abbreviated tribute to Dr Cecil that he had earlier written and distributed. The full version is available at the following [link](#) .

Dr Cecil's love for Indians was mutual, and he visited 1st Pima, his "Arizona home church" very often.

He would have profoundly enjoyed Navajo Woody Silver and Apache Pete Reede each, both singing and praying in their respective native languages.

We miss you Doc.

Incubating Hope Where There was No Hope



In 2007, we met a young Indian mother with two little boys living in this old mud and stone traditional home that was in terrible shape. When rains would come, water would run down the hill behind it, right through the house. It had missing doors, windows, and wall sections, and all too often rattle snakes would take refuge in it. God allowed us to help connect the dots and a house trailer was donated for her.

Some months ago Pastor Gary Ramer found an Indian man walking in the desert and drove him home. Gary told me while we were back home in Illinois how he had struck up a relationship with Mendez Joe and his family. When he described their meager shelter, I could hardly believe it. Mendez and Daisy and their two little boys were now taking shelter in the same old house six years later! Thurleen and I had used this picture of it for six years in our missions presentations to illustrate the plight of native people!

Eric Gibbs and I were talking about the old house and the Holy Spirit impressed us that maybe together we could be able to build a house for them. We saw that by combining the efforts and resources of donors and visiting mission teams, perhaps the precious little family could have decent and safe shelter. At the same time God was at work bringing the family into fellowship with the Hikiwan church. Ken asked the church about the appropriateness of building a home for a family on the Rez. The answer came



The Joe family, Daisy, Molimo, 4, and Mendez. (Talo, 6, was in school)

through our Christian Indian friend Allen Garcia when he said, "I've been praying that someone would find it in their heart to build them a house."

Well, with the help of mission teams from Harrisburg IL, Benton Kentucky, KTBM Mission Partners, as well as Mendez and Indian volunteers, Pastor Gary and his neighbor Kim, the floor is in place and the house is framed up and closed in.



To say the least, there are lots more needs coming before this project is completed. A list of phases and the costs of each in order is printed below. But the first need is for a generator to run power tools. The roof is needed really soon to protect the work already done and the materials used.

And thanks to a team from Rock Rapids Iowa who facilitated a wonderful VBS at Hikiwan and held a 3 day revival. Some of the men took time to build a ramada for the Joe family. It presents the best opportunity we've ever had to have Bible Studies in this village.

Thank you Lord for your supply to complete this home in Charcoal!

Next Phases in order:	
3. Roof with extra insulation	\$1,600
4. Windows / doors	\$1,450
5. Siding	\$1,200
6. Primary Insulation	\$1,200
7. Electrical	
8. Plumbing / Evap. Cooler	\$1,850
9. Septic system	
10. Drywall /paint	\$1,100
11. Cabinets / lighting	\$2,600
12. Range, Fridge, and Washer	\$1,400



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1960's Translator Returns to Hikiwan

It was such a joy when Pastor Gary Ramer brought Velma Lewis to visit the church at Hikiwan. It was obviously a treat for her as well.

Until the 1960's, Miss Velma was a translator for the missionaries here on the west side of the Tohono O'odham Nation. Their work ended when they had to leave the reservation. As she shared about her time at Hikiwan, she told of a the man who let them have services at his place, even though he held traditionalist religious views.

Before she left that day, she said, "I prayed for a building such as this!"

It is a special privilege to spend time with Miss Velma. We met her in Ajo our first year, where she lives. Ironically, she was from Casa Blanca Baptist Church, on the Gila River Community. And our dear Navajo friend Woody Silver is her son-in-law. How neat it is how God moves us in linking "circles" as we allow him to "connect the dots!"



"If God has called you to be a missionary, don't stoop to be a king."

Charles Spurgeon