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Christ to the  
*First* Nations

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### From Our Heart, to Yours...

Thurleen and I return to Illinois each year to celebrate graduations. We have 22 grandkids, so one or more of them seem to reach that milestone each year. Likewise, we return again to celebrate Thanksgiving/Christmas with our family. Then about the first of December we move back to Indian reservations in the Arizona Sonoran Desert.

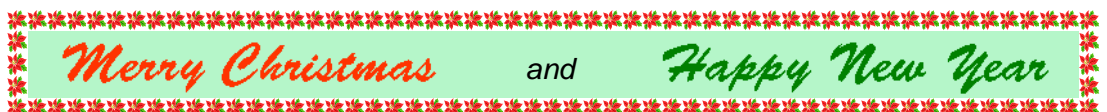
While we are back home it is good stewardship for us to speak in churches about God's work among Native Americans. That often results in new financial partnership development. It simply is necessary to add such new support so we can keep going, not to mention the added mission opportunities for which the Lord opens doors each year.

But this year we have added no new church monthly supporters. Our goal was to increase by seven \$100-a-month supporters. We need

five. We spend almost all of our retirement resources for missions so we have no personal cushion. Our work depends on our precious supporters. And thanks so much to all our supporters, especially ones who have faithfully sent what they could since day one, seven years ago. God has always supplied, and we believe he will again.

After numerous delays, we are in route to the mission field, and the long trip is costly. We would encourage you, pastor or church member to consider promoting a love offering in your church, Sunday School, or small group for kTb Ministries. Numerous friends have said, "just let me know if you need anything." Well, this might just be the time. We trust the Lord to provide for our personal mission needs as he does for projects.

We don't have gifts or rewards for you, but your investment can provide you with some "crowns" to lay at Jesus' feet when you see him.



### Like a Bolo Sling...

In the Christian world, pastors, members of their flock, and missionaries are like the weights attached to the ends of the chords of a bolo sling. Together, when hurled by the hands of an expert (the Holy Spirit), a "hunt" of great reward can be accomplished.

*A bolo-sling was a thrown weapon made from lengths of cord or leather strap tied together on one end with a heavy ball on the other end of each.*

*The user would twirl the bolo overhead like the blades of a helicopter and 'sling' it at the target, when thrown, it would wrap itself around a target, tripping it up or otherwise impairing it. Many tribes used some form of a bolo. Eskimos are even known to hunt low flying ducks with their bolo slings.*

When God's people come together in his team-plan, the good news Gospel goes around the world making disciples.

by Ken Bain



The risen Christ gave believers last parting instructions before his ascension:

"but ye shall receive power after the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." **Acts 1:8**

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My interpretation is to go, "Here, There, and Yonder." You might ask, where and when? The answer is, where you go...as you go. That covers all the earth. "*You shall be my witnesses*" means simply that you will tell about your personal relationship with Christ when you are given an opportunity. As if you are testifying before a court, tell what you **know** and **have experienced**.

The remaining, and most important portion of Jesus' instructions is the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. When the Witness tells his/her personal story of redemption power by the blood of Christ, it leaves the realm of humanity and goes into hyper-drive by the Holy Spirit. Like a laser guided missile, the Word strikes hearts with pinpoint effectiveness. So, don't be concerned about your ability, or your lack thereof. All God is asking for is your **availability**.

The relationship of pastors/churches to missionaries is crucial. Not every Christian is called or is able to personally respond to the "yonder" calling. Yet every Spirit-inspired believer can be a Witness of Jesus in Jerusalem (home) and in all of Judea (your near neighbors), and Samaria (the next county over). And every Christian can pray. Not every Christian can go but most all can support a missionary financially. Some a little and some a lot.

The Moravians; one in 58 answered the call to personally take the good news to foreign fields. They sometimes carried their meager belongings in a casket as they *walked* deep into countries that had never heard of Jesus. They didn't expect to return alive. The other 57 gave sacrificially so each missionary could go...

You can be a Missionary by Partnership. That's how a bolo-sling works. Each partner held in orbit by the others. Spinning in amplified energy by their partnership. Each enabled and empowered by the Holy Spirit ...the One who sends.

## He IS...

by Ken Bain

*For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,  
who is Christ the Lord.*

Luke 2:11

*The words Savior, Christ, and Lord are found together seven times in the Bible. They are not the full name of Jesus, but his titles. The words are the good news Gospel in a nutshell when you consider their significance.*

### • SAVIOR

When you are at the end of your self effort you come to realize that except that God do something, you are flailing in failure. The Law only serves to condemn you. Eventually you will find that you cannot keep it. But He *did* something. Grace frees you to righteousness *in the Savior*.

### • CHRIST

Hebrew Christians know that *Christ* is the New Testament word for the Old Testament, *Messiah*. The one who will come to rescue the people of God. Some Israelis still are looking for their messiah. David knew that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, his city. We know that He *came* to take sin out of us. He will come again, to take us out of sin.

### • LORD

Lord is a word used of kings. When a subject would come into the presence of the king, he would bow down, "offering his neck." That meant that he was submitting to the king. If the subject was found unacceptable, his head could be removed swiftly by the broadax of the king's guard. Thankfully, Jesus said, "I am come that you might have *life*, and have it more abundantly." Because they love him, believers submit to the Lord as King.

*The shepherd boys recognized Good News immediately when the angels made the announcement to them that "A Saviour who is Christ the Lord is born this day in the city of David." They ran "with haste" and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby Jesus lying in a manger. You see, Bethlehem had the sheep-pens where lambs were prepared for sacrifice in the temple for the annual atonement of the people's sins. The young shepherds knew that the Lamb of God had come to take away the sin of the world...once for all! What a shame that so many don't simply believe!*

## The ANGELIC ANNOUNCEMENT:

- **Where** could the Savior Lamb be born...but Bethlehem?
- **In what**...but a manger?
- **To whom** FIRST announced...but SHEPHERDS

## Words...

The heavenly Father's love for you is beyond comprehension. All his works and his Word(s) are to reveal Jesus. Righteousness apart from Jesus is impossible. Law kills. In the unmerited favor of Grace, the believer is righteous *in Christ*.

- Under Law, 3000 sinners died at Sinai
- Under Grace, 3000 sinners were saved (at Pentecost)



Merry Christmas

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Happy New Year

## Be a "Missionary by Partnership"

At home, you can help fulfill the Great Commission. Join us in taking the Good News of Christ to Native Americans.

- Be our prayer partners
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