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Back to the Reservation

Our recent trip from Illinois to the Arizona Indian country is the 23rd such trek back and forth across the country. Each trip has a history of its own. We have dodged tornados and struggled every trip to keep tires and wheels on our trailer. Once, God parted the storm filled clouds away from our path five times...and we drove all the way on dry pavement!

We try to leave Illinois soon after our family Thanksgiving/Christmas in November, but we were delayed and got caught by ice and snow and had a window of only a few hours before the long country



driveway would become so muddy that the heavy rolling teepee would be trapped for the duration. Then in Little Rock a very difficult night driving maneuver put the corner of the 5th wheel just a half inch too close to the back window of the truck. To add trauma to the drama, the tempered glass window went off like a shotgun!

Just have to remember that when we are plagued with little “issues,” it usually means that we can expect that God has big blessings in store. Since we had to wait at our son’s house in Dallas for replacement air springs to arrive, it didn’t take a lot of persuasion to stay a little longer to celebrate Christmas with our Texas branch of the family.

We had to hurry to Hikiwan to be back before a Jackson Hole, Wyoming mission team would arrive. What a blessing it is to facilitate successive mission teams and see a gradual layering of gospel truth on the hearts of the kids and now the adults in the Indian

A New home for Mendez...

I had no money at all last year when I said to Gary, “well, we must find a way to build them a house.” God has much more in mind than we could ever have imagined.

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village. This was a special group of young people who adapted very quickly from cold (climate) to warm and won over many hearts. AFTER the team left, on January 5, FIVE children and THREE adults stepped up, willing to sign that they wanted to receive Christ and to be baptized in believer’s baptism.

Their Own Carousel!

Thurleen got a surprise phone call on her birthday in November from her best friend all through grade school. “We rode the bus together and were in the same class for 8 years.” Without seeing each other for almost 4 decades, Thurleen had been looking for Deanna for a long time.

Her friend explained that since there probably weren’t very many “Thurleens,” she decided to try googling “Thurleen.” She quickly found our website.



When she called, Thurleen was amazed to find that Deanna and her husband Roger live only about four minutes from our son’s family in a Dallas suburb! Needless to say we arranged to visit.

While the girls were “catching up,” their husbands found that they had an awful lot in common. When Roger was showing a picture of their granddaughter on a fancy little carousel he had made, Ken said, “Oh, I’d love to have something like that for the Indian kids on the rez.” Without hesitation, he said, “well, just take it with you.” “I have a new mini roller-coaster being delivered later today.”

A picture says a thousand words! Thank you Roger! And I hope your granddaughter understands her sacrifice. Maybe these smiles will help.



A New Home...continued

"I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him."

A team from Kentucky poured concrete and erected framing. Another from Iowa built a fine ramada. Volunteers from Sells and Gary and Ken roofed the home. Over the Holidays the Wyoming team completed insulation and began drywall installation. The team held a bible club for Hikiwan kids each day. On New Year's Eve, Leader Tim built an innovative outdoor pizza oven to the joy of everyone who stuffed themselves



with pizza.



Pastor Gary Ramer was describing the project at a family gathering. His son-in-law, Doug Currie, a deacon at Trinity Baptist church in Casa Grande suggested that perhaps their men's group could take the project on as a mission outreach. We are told that the people of the church enthusiastically took up the challenge to be a blessing to their neighbors on the reservation. Doug brought his pastor and eight men to Charco 27 to see the project. The Wyoming team was still working. I was deeply touched that they were able to "transition" the work in the name of Jesus to the men of Trinity. The groups are pictured together:



It's really not about building a house. It's about the expression of the love of Christ in action. Believe me, though we may not see *them*, the people of Charco village will not miss noticing a single thing that *we* do. May it all be in the name of Christ. To think we could build a house, and see it done in a year is truly a miracle.

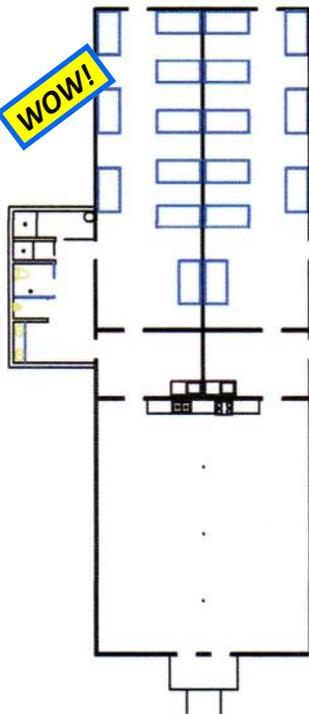
A New Hikiwan Mission House!!!

Last year when the contractor stopped by and said, "I've got something good for you," I knew God was up to something. The large trusses could build a new mission house.

But Lord, that's impossible, we wanted to say. But we're learning that He *is* a God of miracles. **There are THREE mission teams coming to build it starting in March.**

It will house at least 30 missionaries with bunks, rest rooms, and showers. As a multipurpose building, it will provide kitchen facilities as well as adjustable classrooms.

Perhaps our brainstorming about having a place where our Indian neighbors can learn some vocational skills wasn't so far out. Perhaps it will be a place where all sorts of new realms of ministry can take place!



Field of Souls

by Thurleen Bain

Yesterday, as I was straightening my office workplace in the Rolling Teepee, I found my favorite music CDs. As I listened to them, I was taken back to a wonderful Global Missions Impact conference that Ken and I were privileged to participate in a few years ago. We met an awesome music group, Wings of Morning, led by David Edwards. A song on the Wings CD caught my attention because it really expresses what being a missionary is all about. Here are part of the lyrics for you:

The fields truly are different no matter where you are serving. We have been in a dry land for several years, but now it is blooming! Thanks to you who have come along beside us in ministry. A few have come to the dry land, and a lot more have prayed! We are working the field of souls, "together you and I." Thank you, partners.

Field of Souls

We work the fields together, you and I
Some fields are blooming now
And other fields are dry
We are not the same
But differences aside
We will work the fields of souls
together, you and I

One is off to foreign soil
to work a distant land
And another anchors close to home
to hold a neighbors hand.

One shouts the Gospel in the streets
For every one to hear
And is bold to everyone he meets
And his word is loud and clear.

Oh, and another cries alone and prays
in silence on her knees
Before the Throne, day after day
where human eyes don't see
We work the field of souls,
together, you and I

From the CD *The Field*
Words and Music by Chris Davis

The Fire Went Out!

Flames were shooting out at least four inches from the back of this water heater in our trailer! We're certainly grateful the fire went out. We don't know where a new one will come from...but the Lord does!

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