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### Wow!

Henry Blackaby said, "Find what God is doing and get in on it". I have often said that Thurleen and I didn't know to do that, but by grace, the Holy Spirit guided us into that position.

This year has been incredible. We didn't set out to build houses, but the ***New home for Mendez Joe*** and his family has been painted inside and out and a dedication is scheduled for June 8 with the Men of Trinity who have covenanted to complete the house. They, along with other mission teams, groups, and individuals, have permitted God to use their talents and treasure to construct a really nice little home. I hope Mendez will be able to arrange with the Tohono O'odham Utility Authority to get the electrical service, water, and septic installed without delay.



Gary Ramer  
baptizing  
Mendez



### A New Mission House

In 2008, our first labor at Hikiwan was to install a shower in the old "double-wide" at the church in order to house visiting mission teams. In the past, it had served the church as classrooms and as a parsonage. It was originally manufactured as a "portable" classroom building. Apparently well "used" even before it was moved to Hikiwan, it has deteriorated into an un-reparable state. To replace the subfloor, some of the trusses, the roof, insulation and the desert woodpecker-riddled siding would cost so much that it would be much better to apply any available funds and labor to a new multi-purpose building.

So we began to pray with the church about the possibility of building. But with the church then actually in decline for a number of reasons and with a seeming lack of interest by local residents, it just didn't compute as possible to build a new building, especially when long-time beloved pastor Pete Reede resigned to go into full time evangelism. But God had his own plans, and he honored the sometimes stubborn perseverance of the missionaries.

First, when the pulpit became vacant, Ken avoided being the pastor in favor of a local man being found and called. He devised a list of men for pulpit supply. When dear friend Gary Ramer called (actually by *accident*), Ken asked, "what are you doing on May 6?" Gary went to Hikiwan to preach from God's word that

day and has been there for two years. Though now with 6 decades of pastoral experience, he is perceived by the village Indian kids almost as if he's a pied piper. They respond so keenly to the love of Jesus through Gary.

We had not seen adults added to the congregation in over five years. But now there is a precious increase in adult worshipers, as well as children. Part pastor Gary Ramer. Part good mission teams whose injection of the Gospel by accumulation in the hearts and minds of the Indian kids. Part Baptist Indian Fellowship churches who have begun being missional to their own...starting at Hikiwan. All gathering together to cause some parents to come and see what it is that their kids are getting. All the work of the Holy Spirit!

Then last year... The contractor stopped by and said, "I've got something good for you, and I know you can build something really good from it." He showed Ken a stack of new trusses. After winching the heavy trusses onto a borrowed trailer and hauling them back to the church, a long tape measure showed that the trusses were thirty-two feet long!

Ken said, "Well, Lord, now I know how **wide our new mission House will be.**"

Usually we would host one or two mission teams each year. Un-usually, we had four teams schedule with us this Spring. All of them were God-ordained to be with us. The first team from

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Wyoming sacrificed to move Mendez's house project well along. The other three, from Harrisburg IL, from Kansas City, and from Hodgenville KY all committed to build the new Mission House. Each contributed their labor and funds according to their abilities.

The result was that when the three mission trips were finished, a new 32 x 92 building was under roof, and stabilized until the next round of work can take the project to the next level!

**Why so big?** The following statement was written in January, when it was only a concept...

*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!*

With continuing prayer that God's building be designed for his purposes, it seemed increasingly imperative that it should be as large as practical using the donated trusses. On one bright moonlit night, Ken walked out to look at the miracle building under construction. Realizing what Noah must have felt when he looked at his project once on a similar night, he thought, "Lord, this thing is big." "Are we sure I heard you right?" But it is beyond question in our understanding to say that we were directed by Providence to design the building just as it is.

As Paul Harvey would say..."now for **The rest of the Story.**"

A continuing dream of faithful Indian believers at Hikiwan was voiced again recently. It was said, "I have often wished

that we could have a Bible College so our people wouldn't have got off the Reservation to get a good education." Ken had heard that before, but this time instead of letting the limitations of improbability rule, he allowed some room for the idea to ruminate.

There are four or five young men who are about to complete, or have completed studies through Golden Gate Seminary who already are involved in Native American Missions in the Sonoran Desert region. What really does it take to qualify to teach Bible College classes? What would it take to administer very simple college programs? What sort of facilities would be required? **Could that space requirement be why all the extra area in the new "Mission House" was inspired?** (And the church sanctuary could easily hold more than two hundred.)

Early consultations have produced only encouragement. Incredibly, one well respected Seminary professor even suggested moving half of his Missions classes out to Hikiwan! Ken said, "I don't know if we have a college, but it appears that we are scheduling a block of college classes right in Hikiwan!! **WOW!!!**



Harrisburg IL

Kansas team

"Taste and See"

Hikiwan Volunteers

Hodgenville KY

### Taste and See!

Harrisburg, IL author Mary McSparin taught a cooking class from her devotional cookbook, "Taste and See". All participants received a copy. We expected it to be a ladies class, but men came too. Especially the young ladies eagerly absorbed Mary's riveting life testimonies as they sampled her recipes.

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## What Else is Up?

Ken and Thurleen are greatly blessed that God has called young missionary families to work with the Tohono O'dham people in other parts of the reservation.

- 1st Papago Church (Native American) in Sells is preparing to develop a "5 Year Plan" and a "10 Year Plan." Their goals include establishing a day care center. And a Christian school. As the Lord provides, they will need to expand their facility very soon. Under the anointed preaching of pastor Jay Juan the original adobe church is already packed with worshippers!
- 1st Pima Church in Sacaton is building a new fellowship hall. The church is growing rapidly and will need to add more space soon. New worship points in Cockle-burr and Chu Chui can soon be churches.
- The missionaries in all three sectors are reaching out beyond their comfort zone to present the Gospel.
- The "on the field" missionaries are working on plans for new sources of funding. Their current partners are their bedrock support. Each of their ministries cannot operate without their current church and individual partners. But huge new opportunities make drastic new funding sources imperative. By working together as "Sonoran Desert Regional Missions," they are preparing unified methods to receive Legacy Giving with the help of Baptist State Foundations and specialists with the North American Mission Board. Such funding can support the day to day needs of these missionaries, but can also make possible new facilities for worship, for education, and for training.

Please pray about how your small group and your church can be a part of what God is doing! Consider including Legacy Giving to missions, securing the important work of the Sonoran Desert missionaries as part of your plans for ultimate stewardship.