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Newly authenticated Cockleburrr Church supports missions

by **Thurleen Bain**

Last week, we had the privilege to go with the Gibbs family on their Tuesday night ministry at the northern Tohono O’odham village, Cockleburrr. Based in Sacaton, The Gibbs’ have been making the 40 mile trip to Cockleburrr every week since they first arrived on the Rez. Through disappointments and trials, they have endured...they just wouldn’t quit!

Now the result of their never-give-up determination is a “First Century” body of believers that are washed in the blood of Jesus, and they know it. The excited new Christians want to begin reaching into other villages! They want to share Jesus with their families, the whole tribe, and the whole world!

We were on site when they received their first communication from Convention offices in Nashville. They were so excited to be officially recognized as a church. This little body worships in an open ramada (only a tin roof on posts) with a dirt floor, and are excited to serve God. As we sat there surrounded by smoke from the open fire, with rain drizzling down, I had the feeling that I was in the First Century. After Eric brought the sweetest, most personal Christmas message I have ever heard, he opened their mail and explained the contents; it was about the Lottie Moon Christmas offering that goes to International missionaries.

They had already decided to take up an offering for the first time and quickly made the decision to put it in the Lottie Moon fund. A poster was included in the package and someone asked what its reference to a “goal” meant. Eric explained that it was their decision whether or not to set a goal for their fund raising. Due to the size of their congregation and their extreme poverty level, we didn’t expect them to reach very high for their goal. Were we surprised! They immediately decided they could reach \$300...and began making plans on how they could raise the money! I have no doubt that they will meet their goal and go beyond it! They are excited to be able to help missionaries reach lost souls in another land!

WOW! How many churches out there still have this kind of “first love” today? **“But I have this complaint against you. You don’t love me or each other as you did at first!”** Rev 2:4 NLT
... left and forsaken the object of love, but having lost the fervent degree of it that at first appeared.

Doug Jones Guest Speaker at Christ Fellowship Community Church, Hikiwan

We were blessed to have Doug Jones preach at CFCC on December 7. His powerful testimony always grips the attention of those he stands before.

Barely 4 years ago Doug noticed workers cleaning and painting the old adobe building at 1st Pima Baptist church in Sacaton. Ken and Thurleen Bain were in the last stages of remodeling the little parsonage for the Eric Gibbs family who were arriving as missionaries from Kentucky in only a few days. Doug noticed the Bain’s doing the remodeling and asked if he could help.

It was only days after Doug had escaped a long running fixation with evil spirits that obviously intended to destroy him. Such experiences are common among the tribes. He shared how evil spirits had manifested themselves in shimmering columns of cloud-like light reaching the sky and forcefully beckoned him to come in to them. Doug realized that he was in great jeopardy. His life flashed before him. He remembered from when he was young, the characters from the Bible that the Presbyterians had taught him. He raised his hands against the peril before him and resisted the forces of evil in the name of God, of Jesus, and in the name of every other Bible character that he could remember. Right before his eyes the columns became like sheaves of wheat bound tight and were ripped up out of the ground until they vaporized in the sky.

After graduating from Mid-Continent University God has opened doors for Doug to preach and share his testimony among his brethren as well as around the world. He has preached in Poland and twice in Africa. It was in Africa where he was preaching and teaching in a pastors conference that large crowds so identified from similar experiences with the evil entrapment that Doug told of, that many fell to the ground weeping and praising God!



Prayer:

- [Eric & Brittany Gibbs](#)
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Dealing with the Unexpected

By Thurleen Bain



Our "holding up the hands" of the missionaries takes on many different roles. When we arrived on the Rez, we learned that Eric had vehicles out of service, leaving he and Brittany and their large family with almost nothing to drive. Ken loaded up mechanic tools and we headed to First Pima Church at Sacaton, to see what we could do, Car # 1 had a wire left unplugged after a mechanic had replaced an alternator. After a few adjustments, it was running again. (Another problem has surfaced but should be able to isolate it the next available time) Car # 2. Eric had been told by another professional that the rear main seal on the engine was bad. When they put the SUV up on ramps they found that the huge oil leak was not from the rear main seal at all. The underside was so oil covered that it was difficult to find the leak and more difficult to remove the suspect oil filter bracket/manifold. The good news was that the transmission didn't have to be pulled to get to the seal. More trips for parts and several more hours crawling around on the ground and the big roomy vehicle was back on the road.

Then 1st Pima's church van was next. A bad water pump had it sidelined. A few more hours and it was up and going. Brittany asked Ken, "are you trying to open a mechanics shop?" He quipped, "ha ha, don't let the word get out."

Meanwhile back at Hikiwan. The old Ford van there at CFCC had a persistent misfire that a mechanic couldn't fix last summer with new spark plugs. An exchange of emails with John Crawford, a Ford MasterMechanic in Lawton OK (who Ken has received gracious info from before, helped him sort out the Ford flaws. After removing an hour and a half's worth of parts from the front and rear of the big V8... A Pack Rat built nest on top of engine. It was mostly pink fiberglass that was stored in the old double wide! Four wires to injectors were in his way, so he just ate 3 inches of each of them. Pack Rats are not at all like the ole barn rats back in So Illinois. They are amazing engineers. He had to carry almost a cubic foot of the itchy stuff more than a hundred feet...one mouthful at a time. Took most of a day to fix the wires. But now it runs fine.

Now Ken is building new countertops for the new kitchen in the new fellowship hall at 1st Pima. ...Never know...

World Champion, Brad Vinyard

Brad Vinyard has led mission teams to the Tohono O'odham Nation four times. A serious sports competitor, his promising sports career had been cut short by illness.

When he was here the 2nd time, he shared that it looked like he might lose his leg. His 3rd trip (21 months ago) was only days after getting his prosthesis. After pulling nails from used donated lumber



all week, Brad discovered that he could still use his arms in competition. And compete he does!

On November 19, Brad competed in the WABDL bench press world championship in Las Vegas...and **WON 1ST PLACE** in the handicapped classification, and **the world championship!!** 336 pounds!

Congratulations Brad, just one more way that you're a champion!

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Merry Christmas

We are blessed and honored to be associated with the other missionaries of the [Sonoran Desert Regional Missions](#).

The [Wares](#) and the [Gibbs'](#) and their partners have provided very



Christ Fellowship Community Church, Hikiwan

nice Christmas gifts to, we believe, more than 400 children who for the most part would not have had a "Christmas." They have brought gifts and the Story of Christmas to at least 9 Villages and communities this week, including Hikiwan and Congolese refugee communities in both Phoenix and Tucson. MANY families have been touched by the Gospel.



KTB Ministries Needs

Thanks to our partners!!!! Because of a nice end-of-the-year donation we were able to assist with Christmas gifts for the children, replace the burned out water heater in our RV, and a little seed money toward a car to use in ministry.

Pray about helping provide "baseboard heaters" for the church. The last big electric heater has now broken. Also about a projector, a good used computer, and an electronic worship media system.

There is still time to take advantage of 2014 donations. Can be processed as designated gifts through your church, or through NAMB by December 31.