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Snow, snow, snow. Mud, mud, and more mud. Such is life on the Reservation and you'd think we'd be used to it by now! We're not trying to begin this newsletter with negative

thinking...just letting you know the facts! The first Sunday of the month found us once again wondering how we'd get to church since 2 trucks belonging to neighbors had the dirt road blocked. Apparently they made it as far as they could in attempts to reach their homes the previous night and ended up stuck "side-by-side". We resolved ourselves that we would walk the mile in the snow, but God intervened and the neighbors' trucks "disappeared" before time to leave for church! Arriving at the church we were greeted with water running down the hallways...an "insulated" pipe under the kitchen sink had frozen and burst!

Another "opportunity for creativity" came our way one morning in 18 degree temperature when we used a portable electric heater hooked to an extension cord to warm the inside of the jeep! The heater in the jeep had gone out but I still needed to make a run to town for water early before the roads thawed. The portable heater worked fine to temporarily warm the jeep and away we went, bundled like Eskimos!



Several of our members have had to park their vehicles on the main gravel road and walk to their homes in the snow and mud since the first of the year. None of their homes



have sidewalks, porches or gravel drives. One lady shared with us that as she was shoveling the snow from her front yard she was thinking, "If Bro. Baker only had a tractor he would come help us remove this

snow so we could get our cars home!" The same lady is employed at a local grocery store and counted it a blessing that she's been "written up several times lately" for sharing Christ with her co-workers while "on the clock".

There are blessings that come even in the midst of trials! The water leak is repaired, the snow is beginning to melt from the parking lot and dirt road, and I've even been able to use a submersible pump and generator to pump water from low spots in the road. God is so good to us and we love the challenges we face with our Navajo family as we build a work for the Lord!

"Olympic Bible Project"

Although we are hosts to several churches each year who come for summer ministry on the Navajo Reservation, Connie and I have seldom actually participated in other mission trips until this year. Love offerings received during the past couple of years made it possible for us to participate in the Winter Olympic Bible Project in Vancouver this month. The project is sponsored by Hillcrest Baptist Church, Acworth, GA and under the leadership of Bro. David Hardin of Hillcrest. Ministry teams were sent out into the city streets and neighborhoods of Vancouver to share Christ with thousands of people from around the globe. We were honored to be among God's people from across our great nation as we gathered in Vancouver. We stood in awe at the vast sea of people flooding the streets, thousands of whom had never heard the name of Jesus! We left there different than we arrived, and are grateful for the various love offerings that made the trip possible for us.

"Summer Missions"

This summer is shaping up to be the busiest one yet as far as VBS efforts are concerned. With 12 church groups confirmed and another considering a trip out here, Bible schools will be conducted in 11 different Navajo communities with all but one group coming in the month of July! Other individuals are making plans to be a part of our annual outreach at the Navajo Nation Fair in September. Some folks are inquiring about work projects! In addition to sharing the Gospel, there is always "behind-the-scenes" work to be done and we are grateful for the many who choose to be a part of the summer mission efforts of Twin Lakes Baptist! In addition, for those interested in assisting with the Christmas Project for Navajo children, it's not too early to be making plans. Give us a call or email for more information!

"VBS Seminar"

We are once again privileged to host a VBS Seminar for the churches of the southwest. This year's theme, "Soul Survivors on Danger Island" promises to be exciting and we look forward to conducting another seminar. Workshop instructors from GA, AR, OK, NV, NM and AZ will be on hand, along with representatives from the Texarkana book store. April 10th is the date for the seminar. Pray for us as we make our church facility available to assist area churches in preparations for VBS!



Thank you for choosing to be a part of the Lord's work among the Navajo people of Twin Lakes and surrounding communities! Because of your help we have a nice church building!

Financial Report

Twin Lakes Mission	
Balance 1/31/10	\$ 36.28
Total Mission Offerings	2,128.00
Faith Promise (designated missions)	300.00
EXPENDITURES:	
Missions	\$ 513.00
Propane	550.00
Church electric	123.35
Gas & auto repair	45.26
SS Literature	141.13
Jerry Baker, Utilities	70.05
Jerry Baker, Salary	350.00
Balance 2/28/10	\$ 671.49
SPECIAL BUILDING FUND	
Balance 2/28/10	\$ 207.55

Navajo Missions:

Balance 1/31/10 \$ 62.64

Receipts \$7453.66

Disbursements:

Salary	\$3000.00
Social Security Fund	250.00
Medical Fund	300.00
Housing	800.00
ABA 2010 expenses	300.00
Ladies Ministry (designated)	25.00
Children's Ministry (designated)	25.00
Christmas Shoebox Project designations	30.00
Church Vehicle Tags	37.00
Office/Cleaning supplies/Teaching mtls	302.35
Gas (part of Jan & Feb)	314.51
Auto Maintenance	675.00
Summer Ministry Fund	600.00
Balance 2/28/2010	\$ 857.54

HOUSE/Fencing

Balance Forward 1/31/10	\$ 202.27
Lake Park Baptist, Crystal River, FL	\$ 100.00
BALANCE 2/28/10	\$ 302.27

Building Fund:

Balance forward 1/31/10	\$ 3,141.25
First BM of East Milton FL	10.00
Grace Baptist, Hobbs, NM	66.66
Traceland MBC Verona MS	50.00
Charles & Nona Glenn	50.00
New Testament MBC Lonoke AR	100.00
Balance 2/28/10	\$ 3,417.91

ROAD FUND:

Balance forward 1/31/10	\$ 3,804.42
Evergreen MBC Marston MO	50.00
Faith MBC N Little Rock AR	25.00
Robert & Lynn Curtis	50.00
North MS Ladies Aux	120.75
Zion MBC Ladies Aux	50.00
Sublet Rd MBC Arlington TX	50.00
Anonymous	200.00
BALANCE 2/28/10	\$ 4,350.17

FUTURE YOUTH CAMP:

Balance forward 1/31/10	\$ 7,280.91
Chris Provence	100.00
Jack & Betty Williams	10.00
Ron & Cheri Provence	25.00
First MBC Hodges AL	134.99
Don & Rita Whitten	100.00
Park Avenue MBC Stuttgart AR	347.06
Mt Carmel MBC Bradford AR	116.00
Traceland MBC Verona MS	50.00
Expenses: Camp trailer utilities	48.50
Balance 2/28/10	\$ 8,115.46

NEW TRACTOR FUND

Calvary MBC Duncan OK	\$ 183.51
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WATER WELL DESIGNATIONS:

Balance forward 1/31/10	\$ 3,397.91
Anonymous	200.00
Balance 2/28/10	\$ 3,597.91

February Receipts, Navajo Missions:

Jack & Betty Williams	\$ 10.00
New Testament MBC Lonoke AR (Van tires)	500.00
Lone Mountain MBC Las Vegas NV (2 months)	200.00
Hickory Plains Ladies Aux, Hickory Plains, AR (Children)	25.00
New Shady Grove MBC Carthage TX	104.56
Jerry & Nanette Carwile (Van Tires)	175.00
Anonymous	200.00
Ron/Cheri Provence	25.00
Calvary Ladies Aux., Duncan, OK (Ladies)	25.00
Pleasant Grove MBC, Pleasant Grove, AR	100.00
Calvary MBC, Duncan, OK	50.00
Unity MBC Hattiesburg, MS	25.00
New Union MBC, Red Bay, AL	50.00
Anonymous	50.00
Calvary MBC, Muldrow, OK	100.00
First MBC Hodges AL	134.99
Pinecrest Baptist, Corinth, MS	300.00
James & Sandy Scott	60.00
Hooks MBC Hooks TX	50.00
Bethel MBC Iuka, MS	136.75
Antioch MBC Pearl, MS	135.00
Quaker Avenue MBC, Lubbock, TX (salary)	50.00
Kevin & Cindy Jablonski	225.00
Bethel MBC Milton FL	56.50
Don & Rita Whitten	100.00
Oak Grove Baptist, Hattiesburg, MS	90.00
Center Fork MBC Hot Springs AR	20.00
Danny & Joan Waters	10.00
Antioch MBC, Perryville, AR	450.00
Friendship MBC Friendship AR	100.00
Lakeview Baptist, Corinth, MS	50.00
Ridgecrest MBC, Levelland, TX	65.00
Nevill's Chapel MBC Mt Pleasant TX	150.00
Wyndrock MBC Ladies Aux Abilene TX (2 Months)	20.00
Bethel #2, Rison, AR	110.00
Thomas & Carole McClellan	50.00
Florence Blvd. Baptist, Florence, AL	100.00
Antioch MBC, West Helena, AR (\$30 Christmas shoebox)	150.00
Mt Zion MBC Amory MS	226.00
Glyness & Nell Keith	20.00
Todd/Kim Hill	25.00
First Thonotosassa MBC, Thonotosassa, FL	50.00
Loyal Daughters SS, Jewel Baptist, St. Louis, MO	10.00
Landmark MBC Farmington NM	72.56
Faith Baptist, North Little Rock, AR	100.00
Trinity MBC W Memphis AR	200.00
Grace MBC Fellowship SS Corning AR (3 Months)	150.00
Alan & Janie Bargery	20.00
South Lamar Baptist, Oxford, MS	50.00
Larry & Cheryl Cook	15.00
Westwood MBC Yazoo City MS	25.00
Glenwood MBC, Jacksonville, FL	116.52
Hatley MBC Hatley MS (2 months)	200.00
Hickory Plains MBC Hickory Plains AR	200.00
Hillcrest MBC Acworth GA	50.00
Hyde Park MBC W Monroe LA (2 months)	200.00
Landmark MBC, Prescott Valley, AZ	50.00
Okeechobee MBC, Okeechobee, FL	110.78
Pinehaven Baptist, Pensacola, FL	240.00
Pixley MBC, Pixley, CA	200.00
Skyline MBC, Madison, AL (salary)	100.00
Unity Baptist, DeWitt, AR	270.00
White Oak Baptist, Nancy, KY	100.00
Anonymous	400.00

Several are already responding to the need for a tractor & blade and road improvement funds, as well as assistance for propane to heat the building. Thank you so much! Thanks also to those who are helping purchase tires for the church vans and other special offerings...a huge need for summer VBS ministry! God truly does supply all our need, and we're asking Him to abundantly bless each of you!