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Five Baptized at Hikiwan

Most would say that a church who has suffered such severe declines in numbers over the years could not continue to exist. Not so fast. Rome wasn't built in a day, God's timing isn't our timing...but He's always right on time.

First, Carleen accepted Christ as her savior. Then one by one, four of her siblings followed her example and her persuasion. Is there any better form of evangelism than a new Christian who's life has been changed by meeting Jesus? Easter Sunday was a great day at Christ Fellowship Community Church. Sunrise service, breakfast, the Baptism, lunch, and a preliminary viewing of the "Jesus" Film in O'odham in the evening.



Ken and Pete baptizing five

Prayer:

- [Eric & Brittany Gibbs](#)
- [Eddie & Candy Ware](#)
- For more than a hundred new Believers. That they be discipled and taught God's Word
- For mission support

Going Home...

Sabbatical, Furlough, Deputation, Returning home... There are several words that people use when missionaries temporarily leave their field of service. By whatever name, it's always bitter-sweet.

It is simply splendor how our Native American friends have made us part of their family. But thirty-three of our own...our kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids *need our attention* as well. And we need hugs from our partners and churches also.

Then, it is a joy to share our experiences with pictures and stories with new partners and churches—to discover new strengths from additional prayer and financial support.

Besides, when the little Indian church(s) do without the missionaries presence for a little while, they are buoyed to live in Christ, worship, and reach out with the Gospel on their own. In such ways, people grow in little steps.

But even when we're away from the desert, we are always "working"...overseeing pulpit supply, answering phone calls to help get someone's car running, or just to encourage. When you are called to do the arm-lifting of Aaron and Hur, a lot comes with the territory.

We Need you...

Five years now. Its hard to imagine isn't it? Thurleen and I have invested a lot to help Native American believers and leaders to hold up their arms so their people can experience victory. But we couldn't do it alone. As you clearly know, all supplies are costing more and more.

We want to schedule a time with you to tell our story. There are Churches, Sunday School classes, small groups, and individuals who are eager to become "Missionaries by Partnership".

Our country owes native people so much. ...And you are called to "Make disciples" in all nations and peoples. If you cannot personally *go*, you can *send*.

If you would like us to make a presentation, **please call or text 618-771-3318**. You can email us at ktbministries@live.com.

Help us fill up our weekend schedules.

Supply Preachers

The pulpit at CFCC has been filled since January by George Martinez (*Navajo*), Felix Juan (*Tohono O'odham*), Jay Juan (*Tohono O'odham*), John Coleman, Eddie Ware, and Ken Bain. Yes, and Pete Reede (*Apache*).

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Harrisburg Mission Team

Only days after a deadly tornado slashed through Harrisburg, Illinois killing seven, determined Christians left there for Hikiwan Arizona to honor their commitment to minister to Native Americans. It was the most deadly Southern Illinois storm since 1982

One couple had already left for Arizona in their RV. They waited in route to hear if their home had been spared and to find if the rest of the team planned to continue with their flight plans.

One young lady on the team lived with her grandmother. Their home was destroyed but she was



not at home and though her grandmother had to be pulled out of the debris, she was not seriously injured. The rest were spared from the tornado's wrath.

More powerful than the storm was the spiritual seed that was planted by the actions of the team

while they were at Christ Fellowship Community Church in Hikiwan. Seed that ultimately sprouted over the next few weeks. ...Not fully known if direct or indirect, but five have since been baptized at Hikiwan.

Very importantly, the team repaired, repainted, and reinstalled a sign at the entrance of the church. It is one of the few signs that exists on the reservation.



Harrisburg team repairing roof & ceiling of Sunday School room at Hikiwan



End of the world: 9 miles

Ajo AZ: 12 miles

Where we are: 37 miles from Ajo, AZ (as the buzzard flies)

...Like a Mighty Wind

by Ken Bain

When your calling is to hold up the arms of Believers in discipleship, patience is likely to be tested. The bottom line is that "they who wait upon the Lord can mount up on wings as eagles."

Just a few weeks ago...surprisingly it was after the first one of the young people at the church had made a profession of faith in Christ...I digressed to make what I thought was an "honest" assessment of our five years on the rez. I should have realized that what I was feeling was actually "doubt" disguised in the form of "assessment." I guess I wondered if we were really accomplishing any thing.

But I heard that "still small voice." His Spirit said to my heart, "I know that you really are not hung up on numbers as so many of my workers are." "But let me show you some numbers anyway...remember its not just the Indian Believers whose arms you are holding up, its also other missionaries for whom you are providing assistance, encouragement, and logistics."

Like a gentle breeze blowing the petals of a flower, I began recalling precious ones who, over the last couple of months had surrendered their will to Christ. In addition to the five young people at Christ Fellowship Community Church, there were four at Sacaton, then five on Pastor Pete's evangelism tour.

Eddie told of four baptisms at Sells, then seven more received Christ in Eric and Brittany's brand new North-side work in Chui Chu. Like a mighty wind the Holy Spirit is moving among Native Americans.

Late last year, a man called to tell of how God had called their Texas church to find a way to reach an "unreached people group" who are related to the people we work with. Indian

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friends helped us do research and we found that such a ministry venture would be likely to be very dangerous. We cannot tell where the location is. I have expressed to people that no one should go in there without a "Water on fleece" calling from God.

We put him in contact with someone who works in the general area. They adjusted their itinerary to include introducing him to pastors on the other side of the area. An impromptu revival service erupted, producing I believe, nineteen decisions for Christ. In the following days, the pastors' follow-up yielded ten more.

A few weeks later on another trip there, twenty were saved in one location and thirty in another... Like a mighty wind...

Thurleen and I had nothing to do with reaching most of these new converts...or did we?