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The Other Half of our Ministry

by Ken Bain

It is astonishing to see God at work. It shouldn't be. Watchman Nee said *that* was the Normal Christian Life.. Henry Blackaby teaches, "find out what God is doing, and get in on it."

Well, we may have not been smart enough to do that, but God's grace was greater than our deficiency, and we often comprehend his manifest presence in the tracks he leaves as he allows us to connect the dots. We could not survive...well, thrive out here in a place that is the absolute essence of *different* from what made up our life experience of the first 90% of our years so far. We were given a keen sense of discernment to recognize the bread crumbs that God drops in our way.

His gift of unconditional love has allowed us to make so many permanent Indian friends. It is not common now for us to feel out of place when we are the only pale-faces in the crowd.

I was just thinking, you know, it will be a joy in

Heaven when we can introduce our Native Christian friends to all *our* Christian family and friends. Many will be able to say to them, "I feel like I already know you, because I prayed for you." "The Holy Sprit called you to my attention...I just knew you were facing a heavy burden, and had a great need."

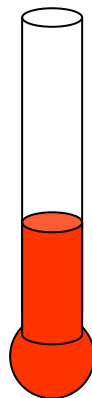
And more often than you might imagine, the role of pray-er was reversed and the Indians were praying for you.

Some of you will know that you obeyed God's call to share your bounty with this ministry so some of those needs could be met. As you send your check or your debit amount, we are enabled, even energized. So often a check comes just in the nick of time. It may be to buy some food or a car part, or to make a trip to advocate for someone who is in trouble. Sometimes just to *be there* for someone... And maybe it's the third 148 mile

round trip to the Post Office,

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House for Mendez



Next Phases in order:

3. Roof with extra insulation	\$1,600
4. Windows / doors	\$1,450
5. Siding	\$1,200
6. Primary Insulation	\$1,200
7. Electrical	
8. Plumbing / Evap. Cooler	\$1,850
9. Septic system	
10. Drywall /paint	\$1,100
11. Cabinets / lighting	\$2,600
12. Range, Fridge, and Washer	\$1,400

- Roof installed, need help with cost
- (#4) All but 2 windows donated

When a Plan Comes Together...

Like Hannibal Smith says, "I love it when a plan comes together..." God seems to love it too. And his plans build one upon another, compounding his good works into something much greater than the some of its parts.

Though none were here before 2007, the three permanent MSC families working with the US Sonoran Desert Indians (with a 4th family added in June) are uniquely postured to work *together*. For instance, this week Eddie Ware and his mission team from Atlanta put on a tremendous Block Party at the Hikiwan Rec Center. Then they invited us to bring a van load of

kids from Hikiwan to their "Rez to Rez" 3 on 3 basketball extravaganza an hour away in Sells. Remarkably good basketball sprang from kids teams paired to play as many as four games at a time. They must have been good... Though Ken had never coached anything



Romeo Garcia, 8 going for a basket



Lunch for the four Hikiwan Roadrunners

before, his *Hikiwan Roadrunners* won 5 of 8 games (in the 8 to 11 age group, they were only 7 to 9 yrs). They had never played as a team before.

Erica Garcia's team won the 2nd place trophy in the next age group. More than a hundred kids participated.

Eric Gibbs earlier brought his mission team from Benton Kentucky to build the first stages of a much needed Indian home for us in Charco. Eddie Ware brought a team from Iowa to hold a VBS, a revival, and build a ramada. Another group from Tennessee helped Ken and Pastor Gary Ramer ready the house for an insulated metal roof.

when it finally arrives...

...About the other half?? That's where you can help too. We return home for a time each year. *Its always magnificent to go back to our roots (and 22 grandkids).* But you can help by getting us an invitation to speak at your church, Sunday School class, or small group to raise funding for our work.

Love offerings are certainly helpful. But pray about raising up sponsorships to send monthly support. Regular giving insures regular opportunity to serve. You can encourage your church or group to be missionaries by partnership. But you and your family can also be a missionary by partnership *personally*. We are praying about developing a way to receive gifts from estates and wills.

Our work here should outlive our time here so that the young missionary families can continue and expand it.

Not only has God directed us to build a house for Mendez and his little family, he has already begun providing materials for a **new mission house at Hikiwan**. We have been provided with trusses and a some lumber to build a 32 x 64 multipurpose building. The new building will replace the old double-wide annex building that is beyond repair. It will be large enough to house visiting mission teams, and also a missionary family. We are ready to schedule mission teams to do the construction and to bring necessary materials. Likewise, we need to schedule fall mission teams to complete the last half of Mendez's house.

Churches don't out-give God in sponsoring missions. Neither do people.

God's Sufficiency

by Thurleen Bain

It always amazes us at the attention God pays to provision for his work. He operates on a "just in time" system. Today's manufacturing operates on "just in time". That's why so much of our country's products are warehoused in trucks moving down the highways. No longer are there warehouses stocked with product or materials. When this system was touted as the latest thing in manufacturing back in the 90's, and how much it would increase efficiency, everything changed in the way things are done. But it was not a new idea, God has always operated Just in Time!

Just as we get discouraged, God shows up in a big way! The house project that we are working on is another example of God's greatness! We had NO funds to do a major project of any kind. AS we were praying about it and had boldly starting planning, a contractor working here on the REZ, gave us a lot of salvageable lumber the week before a mission team from Harrisburg, IL arrived. Their leader, Brad Vinson, was adjusting to a brand new prosthesis from the knee down and was wondering what he was going to be able to do. Brad and the one young lady on the team, Laura, spent several days pulling nails from lumber...a lot of nails. A 5 gallon bucket full. God's provision...just in time!

And then there was the concrete floor. Ken worked for weeks trying to persuade redi-mix companies to deliver concrete to the Rez. The distance and the extreme temperatures made them reluctant to do it, even if they would add *ICE* to the mix! It was looking like it was going to be hand mix on the site. Eric Gibbs had a team scheduled to work on the Gila River Rez who had asked if they could build a house. Eric didn't have a house project. (You just can't come out here and build a house or even remodel one without hurdling a lot of Tribal customs and regulations, both written and unwritten, which CANNOT be dealt with directly in any way by non-tribal members).

Eric put us in touch with the First Missionary Baptist Church in Benton, Kentucky. They weren't planning on doing concrete and didn't have anyone on the team who was a concrete finisher, but they were okay with doing it, even if they had to mix their own by hand! They understood "Flexadaptability"! Yet, right before they were to come, a concrete finisher volunteered to join the team! In Arizona, about the same time, a new concrete company agreed to deliver the redi-mix concrete!

Just in Time! Ken, with the help of the Mendez Joe, the homeowner; Romeo and Erica Garcia, Hikiwan children, got the site ready for the concrete. These great Kentucky men drove 104 miles early each morning to be at the site by 7am, and worked very hard in the triple digit heat! The floor was finished the first day. The second day they got the walls framed! The third day the rafters were up! Then they rejoined their team for the mission work on the Gila River, but left the all the wiring for the house!

While the 624 sq. ft. house was going up, Eddie Ware from Sells, had a team from Iowa, who came over to Hikiwan (60 miles) to do VBS and some of their men built a ramada at the house site in Charco. This will be a new worship point in that village. They also had a 3 night revival at Hikiwan. On Tuesday evening, everyone went over to the house site in Charco, formed a circle around the house, and holding hands, prayed for the house, the family, and the way God is going to use it! It was an awe-some time, as the sun went down behind the mountains!

In the time since they were here, Ken and Pastor Gary have worked



most every day on the little house. Just as we were getting somewhat discouraged, again God's "just in time" provision was arriving. We were able to get the roofing installed before the major part of the Monsoon Season drenches the little house!

When the money runs out, God always provides from His bounty! Rarely early, never late but "Just in Time". We are often surprised by whose heart He touches to provide for His work on the Rez! We are so grateful for the dear partners He has sent our way!

Thank you, KTBM partners, for being a part of this ministry. We could not be here without you!

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