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What a Summer!

Can't believe we are about to begin our eighth year. Thurleen and I make a practice of returning for a time from the Arizona Desert each year. We are committed to our own family as well as to our Indian friends, our other family. We do our best to be present back home for graduation exercises. We have twenty-two grandchildren and three great-grand children. It is easy to understand that someone in our family will be graduating from something each year. It is important for Grandma and Grandpa to "be there" for our young ones at those special transition times in their lives.

Fiftieth Reunion

Also, this year is a special one. Thurleen's high school class celebrated their fiftieth anniversary. Old friendships were restored, some after many decades of experiences that took them in different directions. It was so encouraging to hear so many classmates express their faith in Christ.

Time at Home

After seven years, we have been able to spend much of this summer at home. All of our mission teams wisely chose to come to the desert in the winter and spring this year. They escaped their cold climates for warm Arizona weather. When we facilitate summer mission teams, it is much more expensive as well as uncomfortable.

We had time for a family campout in July, and it has been really sweet catching up on so many unattended tasks at our home.

Meet Churches

Also sweet is that we have been able to meet with several churches who have sent mission teams to us on the reservation. Our "connection" with the teams has been good, but our relationship with their churches has been second handed. Now such first handed connections with the churches has been wonderful and powerful.

For example, we were able to get acquainted with South Fork Baptist Church in Hodgenville, KY. Their wonderful mission team finished stage one of the new missionhouse at Hikiwan. This

Sonoran Desert Regional Missions

Mission work with the American Indians of the Arizona Sonoran Desert is now vested in three Mission Service Corps couples who live on the reservations. All are fully self supported. The persistence of their faith and personal sacrifice is undergirded by that of their partners who supply the necessary funds and prayer support. Ken and Thurleen Bain were called to hold up the arms of Indian believers like Aaron and Hur did for Moses. As the additional missionaries have arrived with giftings and passion to put the work into overdrive, the Bain's hold up their arms as well.

In their quest to find critically needed innovative sources of missions funding, the missionaries have organized as "Sonoran Desert Regional Missions." Ken and Thurleen traveled to Springfield IL to establish a fund through the Baptist Foundation of Illinois. The foundation is prepared to receive funding, including Christian Family Estate Planning. Distributions are to be made according to the pre-established wishes of participating donors.

To learn about Sonoran Desert Regional Missions and the Baptist Foundation of Illinois, call Doug Morrow at 217-391-3102 or Ken Bain at 618-771-3318.

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summer we met that great church where Thomas and Nancy Lincoln attended with their little toddler, Abraham, so many years ago.

Our Call

When God called us to missions, the Holy Spirit with his still, small voice said to both of us, simultaneously but separately, "why don't you think about going to Arizona for 4 or 5 months." We certainly didn't have the resources, but God honored our obedience with his provision, and we were on the mission field within 6 weeks.

Intermittent Presence

Over and over we have been shown God's wisdom of there being gaps in our presence on the reservation. We found that it was important to leave for a while for reasons of security that are serious enough that we choose not to cast light on it in print.

And, we may be about the only Anglo's to have ever lived in one of the villages on the western side of the reserva- ...CONTINUED

Autumn has arrived

By Thurleen Bain

Today, I sat quietly in the prayer room of an intensive weekend retreat. While I was waiting for Ken to return after giving his talk, I noticed leaves floating down out of the trees to the ground. It was almost time to "pray him down" from the talk he had given and release it to the work of the Holy Spirit upon the participants in the conference room. Watching the leaves float down, I was impressed that just as the leaves have completed their task this year, they have turned loose of their "job" and are freely floating down to the ground, without noticeable weight, to gently land where the breeze sends them.

The breeze (the work of the Holy Spirit) is present to enable us to carry out the commission that Jesus gave before he ascended to Heaven. Our job is not to provide the energy, but to "float in the breeze". The strength of the Holy Spirit is immeasurably greater than self effort.

Fifty-three years ago this month, Ken and I met in High School Speech Class. The circumstances of our meeting were far beyond coincidental. There has never been any doubt that our relationship was ordained by our Abba Father. From the beginning of our acquaintance, our focus was on serving God. We were very young and didn't know much, but had a desire to serve God together in whatever capacity He desired. Fourteen months later we were married. Matthew 6:33, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and all these things will be added to you" became our marriage verse. We didn't have a clue what "all these things were".

We've been up on the mountains, through the valleys, we've hit mud holes, and have been scraped by the brambles. Now as we look back over our life together, we can see the path that The Holy Spirit has led us down. And so many times he had to rescue us, all to the Glory of Abba Father.

Ken and I have reached the autumn of our life, but the journey continues, Holy Spirit is with us, guiding and watching over us. Our steps are slower, everything has slowed a bit by the natural process of the seasons.

Very soon, we'll be hitching up the Rollin Teepee and the Wonder Wagon to the big ole Ram with the cry "Wagon's Ho...To the REZ we go".

May God keep all the hoofs on the road and the Rollin Teepee rolling as we continue on our journey. Thank you Partners YOU have kept us on this journey with your prayers and finances. We love you and appreciate you! You are traveling this journey with us as we begin our 8th year on the Rez!

Mission teams at Hikiwan!

Last year brought a wonderful series of mission teams to Hikiwan. Faith Baptist, Rock Rapids, IA, Chapel at River Crossing, Jackson Hole, WY 1st Baptist, Harrisburg, IL, Knox Presbyterian, Overland Park, KS, South Fork Baptist, Hodgenville, KY, and Indian churches; 1st Pima, Sacaton, AZ, 1st Papago, Sells, AZ, as well as the combined mission effort of the churches of the Baptist Indian Fellowship.

It looks like this is going to be another busy year at Hikiwan. At this point there are five teams in various stages of preparations.



KTb Ministries Needs

We need a minivan or small SUV to drive on the reservation. We've already put over a hundred thousand miles on our big truck that we pull our "house" around with. A less expensive, economical vehicle would take a lot of miles off the truck, and reduce costs.

Also, please consider contributing to our travel fund. We have now spent over fifty thousand dollars on travel (not counting vehicle costs). Donations can be made through your church, through NAMB, or directly to KTb Ministries, but need to be received by October 25, 2014.

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tion. It is beneficial that we leave and take our trailer away to reduce some pressure on the delicate Indian culture from time to time.

All that being said, it is so remarkable how Thurleen and I have been received into the Indian church family. We are just blown away at the mutual love that the Indian people have demonstrated to us and that we feel for them.

Deputation

A very real part of being a missionary is the need to keep in contact with supporting partners. We have made a lot of mission presentations this year. Some were to report to partners to encourage them continue supporting us. Some have resulted in new financial support. We are so grateful for partners who undergird our work.

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