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## Critical needs for the ministry at Hikiwan

Most of you know and love Pastor “Pete” Reede, either from meeting him or from our newsletters. The windshield of his truck has been broken.



The deductible on his insurance is higher than the cost of a new one and he has been having to look around the dollar size impact to drive. He got a warning already and now risks a big fine.

On our all-purpose 160 mile run to Casa Grande, I stopped in at Somers Glass to see what kind of money it would require to get the window replaced. I told Mrs. Somers that I have an Indian pastor friend who needs a windshield and side window. I said, “I need to know how much money I need to raise.” She asked what kind and

called her supplier. She hung up the phone and immediately replied, “it will be in after 2 o’clock tomorrow.” Before I could comment, she said, “if you don’t have all the money, you can pay me later. I thought about objecting because I don’t have any available funds, but “*Pete needs the windshield.*” So I thanked Mrs. Somers and left.

“Now, Lord, you’ve put me in a faith box.” I need to be able to present a good testimony to Mrs. Somers, a widow who, with her husband started the glass company 50 years ago. So I am sharing this need with you. If five of you will pitch in fifty dollars each, that will cover the cost and part of the gas to make the trip to Casa Grande. If you can do that, please reply immediately and I will tell you how to deposit your gift in our ministry account in a bank that’s probably near you.

## ALSO:

Pastor Pete and Nora, along with their two daughters and their children, live in her Hikiwan family home that’s one of the nicer homes on the reservation. But we just found last week that they don’t even have a stove to cook on. They are having to use an electric skillet for all the cooking they do. I believe I am led to start a fund to build them a kitchen. If someone is led to provide a new stove, I would suggest making online arrangements with either Lowe’s or Home Depot in Casa Grande. They have used propane in the past, but having a chunk of money at one time that is large enough to fill their bulk propane tank is often out of the question. They are using 20 pound gas bottles to heat water...more than one a week. That’s the least efficient way, but when there’s no other choice, that’s what one does. (That’s exactly what Thurleen and I have had to do in the months we are at home in Illinois for the last two years).

An electric stove will be easier to support month by month, but that presents some problems as well. It will cost about 400 dollars to upgrade the electrical service. That must be done soon any way. The old one is bad, with no extra spaces for new circuits, and may be a fire hazard.

Their cabinets were torn out sometime ago. Being a cabinet maker by trade I have wanted to build new ones for them, but I haven’t had any money to buy materials. We really need to at least get a starter set of base cabinets and counter top before we return to Illinois for the summer. Please pray about what your role could be in this important project. I hope to hear from our partners in this work soon. If you cannot participate financially, please pray for those who can.

## Connect The Dots

A young woman who is a friend to my family has been through an incredible journey of health difficulties. She has been at death’s door so many times that her family and friends have lost count. Among other

physical problems she has experienced years of dialysis, a kidney transplant, its ultimate failure, and with many more years of dialysis that will likely continue for her whole lifetime. One might

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expect to fit into the role of encourager when talking to her. Think again. Her incurable optimism is infectious. It is borne out of persistent dependence upon the Faithfulness of God. Instead, she is the encourager!

When I spoke with her recently, as missionaries in remote Native American lands, my thoughts were fresh from wondering where our next tank of gasoline might come from. To make matters worse, I had just calculated that our Ministry would likely use almost 2500 gallons of fuel this year. But the subject of our conversation did not focus on our ministry needs and concerns.

Yet she concluded by saying, "just hang in there and let God connect the dots." She may have sensed the unspoken "huh?...?", that wondered across my mind. It seems that when another friend was driving her to the hospital...which happens at least three times a week...she related, "A Christian's life of faith is like a child connecting the dots." Her faithful friend explained. "It is like a child's coloring book. You just have to connect the dots, and then the hidden picture appears."

That simple illustration of "child faith,"...or as the Bible says, "from faith to faith"...made its way through the twists and turns of my storehouse of remembrances.

I've done a lot of drafting work. My dad, whose rural poverty a century ago limited him to the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, taught me to draw by making dots where the corners should be ...and then to... *connect the dots*. When I was eleven I drew the designs and basic plans for our new church building after the old one burned. (Our friend's father helped officiate my mother's funeral there, not so long ago).



Some years ago I was honored by being given a position of the management of an engineering department, in spite of the fact that my formal training was limited to one semester of "Mechanical Drawing" ...when I was a freshman in high school. It was there that my teacher Dallas Rea once told me, "Well Bain, if you're going to make the dots, at least try to hit them with your lines."

*So Lord...show me where the next dot is. I'll do my best with the grace you've given to make my line hit the dot.*

*I can't wait to see how the picture turns out.*  
**Ken Bain**

*"The great thing is that God already knows what the picture is and we will see what He sees if we connect them in His way and (hardest for me) in His time. I always have to remember that the picture might not be what we think it should be, but it is the best one ever because it is His. He is just letting us help Him draw it. What amazing colors He uses!"*  
**Alisa Waddell**

***The power's back on at Christ Fellowship Community Church!***

When the "Power goes off" in a church, it usually means that the church is dead and the remaining members are just waiting to be buried. Not so in the village of Hikiwan.

Not only is the handful of believers here deeply committed to Christ, they are determined to never give up. Accordingly God has sent two missionaries who are determined to keep that church's needs before as many people as it takes to help them survive!

Ken and Thurleen Bain are convinced that God doesn't want the enemy of the Gospel to stop the good work of the Great Commission here. They say thanks to their faithful supporters. They may be few, but their ranks are growing.

This "current" battle was to get the electricity back on. Help has come from as far as Alabama from a man who heard Pastor Pete preach and Poplar Springs Church in KY whose on-going help is crucial. New help

from Tucson; A special offering from Vistoso Church, Caring Ministries, and especially \$14 dollars from a couple who could probably least afford it.



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