

# kTb Ministries

Christ to the  
*First* Nations



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### BREAKING NEWS

Eric Gibbs was just elected 2nd Vice  
President of ARIZONA SOUTHERN  
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### Christmas

Ken Bain

For the past eleven years Thurleen and I used all the funds we had available to be able to get to our Arizona mission. That meant that we entirely gave up buying Christmas gifts for our grandchildren. We had not revealed that until now. We didn't want to make folks to feel sorry for us. Not that we didn't miss that for our family, but we were convicted that nothing was more important than holding up the arms of Native churches as well as our associated missionaries in the Sonoran Desert.

That's why the message we just received from missionaries Eric and Brittany Gibbs is especially sweet. They are about the same age as our youngest son Josh. For several years the Gibbs' have given out Christmas gifts to the native children, first in Sacaton where they live, then also some villages on the neighboring Tohono O'odham reservation. Before her stroke, Thurleen and I tried to be available to help them wrap packages and when possible to go with them to help with distribution. The last couple of years I was blown away to hear that they have been the "Christmas" to literally hundreds of children. But that pales in comparison with their plans this year.

First, they are giving gifts to 250 sponsored children by name. With all new clothes and toys...Amounting to about \$50 per child! Then they additionally are buying a vast amount of clothes and toys for 450 children of all ages. If it weren't for these missionaries, many of these Native children will receive nothing at all for Christmas. Van loads of gifts will go to each of several villages so that the kids with their moms can "Shop" through treasures on portable tables and in boxes, plus bikes and wagons and dolls. They give out all the gifts till they are gone, and sometimes find kids in another village if some gifts are left. And, of course they all get to hear the gospel before the gift distribution. I have attached a link to the Gibbs' message. Please read the message.

Please control + click to follow this link <http://liveloveaz.blogspot.com/> for more information on how to sponsor a Native Child this Christmas. If you are reading a paper copy of this newsletter, you may call (520) 610-7255 for information.



*Seeing a  
Christmas  
tree for the  
first time*

### Concrete

Why is concrete a big deal? Just call a ready mix company and order some. Well, out here its not that easy.

- The reservation is big and it's remote. Overall it is bigger than Connecticut. Hikiwan is 120 miles west of Tucson and about as far south from Phoenix.
- It is extremely difficult to get Redi-Mix companies to deliver out on the rez. When relative humidity is 11% and its 80\* on a cool day it doesn't take wet concrete long to set up.
- Last time I was finally able to find concrete, it cost an extra \$1,000 because of the distance. And I had to drive 90 miles so I could talk the company into selling concrete to us. Some companies simply admitted to me that they had a policy that they just won't go out on the reservation at all.
- It is my opinion that a lack of Redi-Mix may be the biggest barrier to economic development.
- So I have been searching for solutions.
- Find a way to create a mobile batch plant. Don't make concrete wet until it's ready to spread.
- We just happen to have a big 90 yr old concrete mixer...but how can we move it? **CONTINUED**

**Concrete**

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Now for the back story. Dan Schaumleffel. Dan has a heart toward God and for missions. He has been talking to me for months about his hunger to help us work with Native American churches. He is truck driver by trade, but talented in many ways. A few weeks ago he decided that he has nothing holding him back now, so he is leaving his job for three months. He will drive with us to Arizona after Thanksgiving.

- OK, if we had an equipment trailer...
- Found one advertised. Looks like it would work. Belongs to a friend's brother. Partners provided the money.
- Dan is willing to haul the trailer and concrete mixer to Arizona.

With the mixer on site on the rez... our ministry can make concrete as we need it. I am training a native young man to properly mix, pour, and finish concrete. But even more importantly, I can guide he and his wife to set up and maintain a business. Not only will it provide a source of income for them, it will allow them to hire workers as they need help. But I will need help to get a cash based business going. We have been praying for

years about how to bring economic development to these dear people...without subjecting them to the tentacles of government programs.

**NEEDS:**

- Concrete finishing tools; bull float, troweling machine, transit level, screed, vibrator packer, wheel barrows
- A heavy duty pickup, license, and insurance
- A very small bobcat or mini tractor with loader
- (We can get sand and gravel hauled in)
- Business computer and multi-purpose printer
- Cash for operating money
- God is able and has plenty of money

After all, we've seen 8,000 square feet of construction completed in the last 4 years. And the mission house at Hikiwan currently under construction is almost 4,000 sq ft. Almost all by mission team labor and materials purchase. But this is different. Here we are teaching people to "fish." However, we do need to provide the "boat" and "tackle" to get them started. And stand by them to help them through the hurdles that will come.

**THE GIFT**

So much to say. So little space to write. So little time. So many things are important for us to share about our ministry to Native Americans.

So Lord, what would you say to us in just this little space?

He would say, "I love you." "You are the apple of my eye."

And from our innermost part we would honestly reply, "but I'm not worthy of your love." "I don't measure up." "I've missed the mark...as a marksman would miss the target...not just the Bull's Eye, but the whole blamed target" (that's called SIN)

Then we hear from the Father, "so you think you're not worthy...hum." "Let me remind you, in Jesus, I took your sin in my cup in Gethsemane, I took your sickness and pain to the whipping post, and I sacrificed my life for you on Calvary. If you see all that, you really aren't worthy, are you? But BECAUSE OF MY LOVE FOR YOU, I did it all."

That's Grace! Grace is unmerited favor. Favor FOR you that you did not deserve. "But I loved you enough that I did it all for you."

You say, well, I'm going to turn over a new leaf, and live the rest of my life for you. I'll give to the poor. I'll never miss church. And I'll do the best that I can. God, you will just have to help me when I've done the best that I can.

I'm sorry, but that attitude cannot keep you saved any more than it could ever save you in the first place. You see, true life changing, eternally

saving Christianity is a "done" religion, not a "do" religion. Jesus did it all for us. He took upon himself our debt that we could not pay and suffered our penalty that He did not owe. If we "believe that Jesus is Lord and that God has raised him from the dead, then we will be saved." Rom 10:9

So if we are saved by grace through faith, and even that not of ourselves, it is a gift from God, how are we to live our lives? The answer is, we live by grace and in God's favor. ...The same kind of grace that saves us. And it gives us a new "want to" in an attitude of love.

Our relationship is best understood in the terms of ancient Kings and Kingdoms. You see, when a subject wished to approach his King, he would bow low at the throne. That was called "presenting your neck." On either side were guards holding long broadaxes. On the whim of the king, the subject either lived to receive his wishes or maybe lost his head. Making Jesus your Lord (King) is a very serious relationship. See 1st John 1

The other Romans 10:9 condition for salvation is equally serious. God restoring Jesus to life after a most brutal death and three days in the tomb shows that he was indeed dead. The Resurrection shows that Jesus' sacrifice for our sin was a suitable propitiation (payment) to permanently satisfy our sin debt. Death is defeated! What a GIFT! What a SAVIOR! Only believe to receive Jesus as YOUR Savior. Ken



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