

Pray for Our Alumni!

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Allen Early-1969



Living a life of violence, alcohol abuse, rage, and bitterness landed Allen Early in prison but Allen found Jesus and, miraculously, was released. He started school at Southwestern School of Missions in 1965. Allen graduated in 1969 but stayed with the school for eleven years as teacher and outreach speaker.

Allen traveled the country sharing his testimony. He had a movie made about his life. He joined the American Indian Crusade while still a student at SWSM. He also worked as an evangelist for 17 years.

Currently Allen Early is assisting with the Cass Lake Bible School in Minnesota. He has worked with the Native Evangelical Fellowship in the Northwest Territories. He also assisted in starting Native New Life Fellowship in Alaska. Allen continues to minister in prisons through the ministry of Chuck Colson's Prison Fellowship. Pray that he would have free access to the prisons in San Carlos and that he would recover from a recent bout with pneumonia. Pray also for his radio program in English and Apache.

Willie Tsoisie-1975

Born and raised on the Navajo Reservation, Willie grew up in the traditional way. He trusted Christ at boarding school and started attending SWSM right out of high school. He met and married Linda (Lena) Goatson, and they attended classes together at SWSM for one year. Following Willie's graduation they moved to Gallup where he revitalized a Christian Reformed church.



In the fall of 1981 Willie and Lena returned to SWSM for Willie to teach Bible and Lena to finish taking classes. He also assisted in the completion of a Navajo concordance at this time.

Willie served as SWSM/IBC Board President for many years and has planted or revived several churches on the Navajo Reservation. He joined the Conservative Baptists as a church planting missionary in 1993. His first church plant was in Kaibito, Arizona. He successfully revived a congregation at Mesa View as well. He continues to focus on developing leaders and teaching the Bible. This fall Willie and Lena's son, Avery, started IBC as a freshman. Pray for God's blessing on Willie and Lena's ministry.

Jeanette (Posey) Dayzie-1987 and 2006

Jeanette graduated from SWSM in 1987. While at SWSM she took piano lessons and sang in the choir. Today Jeanette enjoys assisting other churches who desire help with their choirs, especially during summer Bible conferences.



The greatest trauma she and her husband, Robert (see back side) have had to overcome has been the paralysis of their first-born son as a result of his being run over as a two-year-old. Through this experience Jeanette has learned to forgive and to trust God no matter what He might ask of her.

In 2003 Jeanette came back to SWSM, now called Indian Bible College, and graduated a second time in 2006.

Robert Dayzie-1991

Robert grew up in boarding schools and under the tutelage of a grandmother and step grandfather. He came to know the Lord through an encounter with a young lady on the streets of Flagstaff and started attending SWSM in 1982. He was called up for active duty in the Marines in 1983 and didn't return to SWSM until 1988. Upon graduation, Robert and his wife, Jeanette, immersed themselves in ministry on the Navajo Reservation, serving the Shonto Alliance Church for eleven years. Robert preached in Page and Tuba City while they lived in Tuba City. He has earned an M.Div. from Goldenville University and is currently working on his doctorate while serving as pastor at Gray Mountain Bible Church. He has served on the IBC Board of Directors since around 2004, as well as on the Western Navajo Bible Fellowship Board of Trustees.



Robert and Donna in 2012

In the spring of 2012 Robert and Jeanette's daughter, Donna, started attending Indian Bible College as well. It is her hope to become involved in ministry at an orphanage in Mexico where she has traveled on several occasions with her dad. Pray for strength and wisdom for Robert and Jeanette as they care for their family and minister to the people around them.

Johannah Charley-2005



After graduating from IBC, Johanna worked for three years (2006-2009) with Navajo Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) and assisted a local Native church with a ministry for youth called "Warriors for Christ."

In 2009 Johanna moved back to Cottonwood, Arizona, to assist her father. John and Lena Charley, Jo's parents, were missionaries with United Indian Missions (now UIM, International) when Lena was killed in a car accident in 2001. John has served with UIM for over 30 years. Jo is assisting her dad in nursing home and senior citizen visits, home visitation and camp meetings, helping out at the church, and working with her brother (who also attended IBC briefly) in a variety of ministries for youth. They lead Sunday School, have a Thursday night "Warriors for Christ" meeting, and Sunday night youth ministry. In addition, Jo currently leads music for the youth group and sometimes for morning services at the church. During the summer they hold basketball tournaments and run Vacation Bible School as well.

At this time Johannah is working on completing an application to serve full time with UIM. She would like prayer for the ministry and outreach in Cottonwood and surrounding communities and for her dad's health and ministries.

James Betoney-2008

When he enrolled at IBC in 2003, James expected to become a pastor, but God had other plans. After helping out with his home church for a time, James worked at a boarding school on the Navajo Reservation for three years. God used him to bring several students to Jesus and influenced many as a positive role model.



In 2012 James, his wife, Char, and John, a young man whom James had brought to Christ in the boarding school, moved to Flagstaff to enable Char to attend IBC. James took another job in a high school dormitory in Flagstaff. James has freedom to lead Bible studies and share his faith with the students. He has become good friends with a medicine man who also works with students at the school in an advisory capacity. James and Char would like prayer for provision for the family while Char is a student, for John's completion of high school and continued growth, and for God's direction for their future.