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Update on

IBC's Summer of Expansion

By Jason Koppen, President and Acting Academic Dean



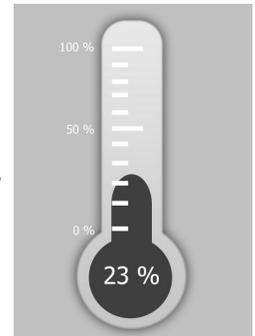
Common area between buildings

For years I have taught and counseled others that God's timing is not our own. Usually this means that our Lord develops things at a slower pace than we expect; our impatience is often our downfall. Every once in a while, however, the Lord's timing is sooner than we think or expect. This is the case in the area of our newly expanded campus. The need to grow the school was evident to me from day one of taking over the presidency in February 2009 but I never imagined it would come so soon—only 2 ½ years into my time of leadership!

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Fall semester is here and the expanded campus is a big hit! The majority of the new house was gutted and new floors, plumbing, framing, wiring, etc. were put in. It is now the nicest building on our campus! The new property not only houses six male students but also is our guest quarters for visiting faculty members *and* has opened up an outdoor commons for us. The commons has already been the place for barbeques, pictures, small group Bible studies, and more. (Our first attempt at an outdoor chapel was rained out, however!)



We want to express our gratitude to all the volunteers who poured out



Chapel service this fall

their time and money to help with the renovations. (See article on page 3.) A special thanks also goes out to Mark Haughwaut, a local Christian contractor (and adjunct faculty member) who lent his expertise and time at very little cost to the Indian Bible College as the project manager for the expansion.

Thank you, too, to all those that have given financially to the project. As you can see from the thermometer, we are at 11% of the \$100,000 goal, with an additional 12% pledged. Would you pray for the continued provision of the finances to reach this goal by April 2012 so that IBC can end this project solidly in the black? The campus is full (especially the chapel) and we are already praying for direction for the next step on our way to housing 50 or more students.

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The IBC Epistle

YOU'RE INVITED to come see the new property!
OPEN HOUSE and DEDICATION for the expansion property
Thursday, November 3, 6:30-8:00PM
Refreshments served; prayer and dedication from 7:00-7:30PM
Parking at the school at 2918 N Aris St.

New Staff at IBC

New Staff

By Martha Gushee, editor

When several indigenous people became believers in a remote area of Northwest Mexico they faced severe persecution for their faith. Relatives threatened them with the loss of use of ancestral lands, making it virtually impossible for them to survive in their home village. The Tarahumara people live as subsistence farmers, depending on the ability to grow beans and corn. This loss of land was intended to result in the believers either rejecting their new-found faith or choosing to leave the village.

Through their pastor, the Native believers sought the help of John Childs. John presented them with alternative options for survival. He suggested producing marketable goods from the abundant pine forests that surrounded the village. The men were able to fashion furniture they could market locally or as far north as the U.S. The new believers were enabled to attain relative prosperity while remaining in their home area as powerful witnesses to God's provision.

John and Anne Childs

have worked with AmeriTribes (which merged with Pioneers in 2009) for twenty years. John's areas of expertise are holistic ministry and



microbusiness. For three and one half years John, Anne, and their three children lived in a remote village among the Tarahumara people of Mexico, until the educational needs of their children required a return to the U.S. John continues to make frequent trips back to the villages where they ministered, encouraging the believers and providing tangible support for their business efforts.

The Childs recently moved to the Flagstaff area to partner with IBC. John is teaching intermittently and helping the students develop their vocational potential for the present, which will also benefit them in the future. Anne is putting her excellent interpersonal skills to work with a Spiritual Formation group of girls.

It was a beautiful day to swim in the crystal-clear pools that formed at the base of cascading waterfalls. Though his father had forbidden 13-year-old **Kee Hwang** to go, the temptation was irresistible and he joined his friends on that first day of summer vacation. The boys swam till they grew tired and then climbed up to help themselves to the ripened hazel nuts growing above the pools. Suddenly Kee felt a sharp needle prick on his left foot. Looking down as he jerked his foot away, he was just in time to catch a glimpse of Korea's most poisonous viper slithering away.



He could have died that day, or at least lost his leg, but he didn't. God preserved his life. Then there was the other time he almost drowned. But God had work for Kee to do. He managed to grow up, strongly influenced by his Christian heritage, and immigrated to the U.S. at age 21. Following the lead of a blind friend, he graduated from Philadelphia College of the Bible and then received a masters degree from Westminster Theological Seminary. He was ordained in the Presbyterian Church of America in 2001. Kee served as a youth pastor from 1989 until recently.

Kee's first wife passed away in 1996 and he married Crystal, whose husband had also died of cancer. Crystal had three children from her first marriage and Kee had two. Together they happily welcomed Rebekah into their family in 2001.

Kee joined the staff of Indian Bible College in July of this year. He is currently attending several classes in preparation for teaching. Kee is also leading a Spiritual Formation group and assisting with the discipleship program. He will be teaching Introduction to Missions during the third term.

New Web Site

Have you checked out our new web site? Take a peek at: www.indianbible.org.

Announcing the Native Discipleship Program

By Jason Koppen, President

For some time now the staff of Indian Bible College has had a burden to begin a pre-enrollment discipleship program for Native men. There are a number of factors that have made this a part of our prayers for the future:

- ◆ Many of the students that apply to Indian Bible College want to grow spiritually but don't really need or aren't ready for college.
- ◆ There is no year-round residential discipleship program to send them to so they can grow, so we typically choose between accepting someone into the school who is not ready or sending them away to struggle on their own.
- ◆ The young Native men struggle the most; young female students succeed at a rate of 3-to-1 over young men.

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Summer Work Groups

By Bob Richardson, Business Administrator



Front of new property

We had a busy summer. The Lord allowed the school to purchase a new house adjacent to our campus (see article on expansion) this past spring. Seven different groups came to Flagstaff to work around our campus. A big **"Thank You!"**

to the summer work teams:

Dartmouth Bible Church, Dartmouth, MA; Sa-Rang Community Church, Anaheim, CA; Yamhill Christian Church, Yamhill, OR; Bethany Bible Church, Phoenix, AZ; Grace Lutheran Church, Wenatchee, WA; Faith Baptist Church, Defiance, OH; and Navajo Friends, Beaumont, CA.

Along with the complete gutting and remodeling of the inside of the new house, summer work teams added insulation to the two main buildings, replaced trusses on the two-bedroom house, created a prayer garden, improved landscaping, expanded a basement, replaced a waterline, cleaned dorms and apartments, and painted.

Dick and Doris Howard came from Portland, OR, for the



Back of new property

second time this summer, to help in the library. They added books to the computerized system, put on barcodes, and weeded out unnecessary books. **"Thanks"** to them also! Our library catalog is now online in OASIS (Online Academic Student Information System) and the physical card catalog is no more.

We've already had some inquiries about this coming summer. We have lots of ideas of what could be done. The list below is what we have so far:

MAJOR PROJECTS LIST—SUMMER 2012

- Finishing touches on four-bedroom house
 - Main kitchen - upper cabinets, island, etc.
 - Studio kitchen - sink, range, refrigerator
 - Curtains for whole house
 - Desks, dressers, and bookshelves for dorm rooms
- Landscaping and beautification of campus
 - Landscaping of duplex back yard
 - Possible tree removal in duplex yard
 - Grass and watering/sprinkler system in commons area
- Library help (one to two people per week to help Anna Del)
- RV parking pad and shed
- Resurface basketball court/parking pad
- Paver walkway to replace damaged concrete between main buildings
- Paver walkway from main buildings to new dorm house
- Carpet replacement in academic building, which includes the chapel, classrooms, offices, computer lab, and hallways

(If possible) Remodel women's dorm

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Our prayer over the last couple of years has been that the Lord might provide the housing and the staffing to be able to begin to disciple these men. In early August two young Navajo men came into my office on the same day asking for help even though they knew they couldn't be full-time students. Through this the Lord made it clear that the extra housing from the expansion needed to be used to begin this program. At our staff retreat the second week of August we were praying for a third young man, who called an hour later and was subsequently added to the program!

The program has three parts:

1. Participants receive large group, small group, and one-on-one discipleship every week; they can also take up to two college classes.
2. Participants work about 30 hours a week so they can take full responsibility for their lives and program costs.
3. Participants live on campus in Christian community with each other and the other full-time students; this creates a fantastic climate for spiritual growth.

Prayer Requests

- ◆ God's provision to replace reserve funds that were used for the renovation of the new dormitory.
- ◆ Consistency and spiritual growth for all the students and staff as we continue to seek the Lord.
- ◆ God's provision of a new Dean of Students, an Academic Dean, and new supporters to make up the budget shortfall for the General Fund.
- ◆ Wisdom for Jason and others as they develop the Discipleship Program around the three young men presently in attendance.

Please use the enclosed insert to pray for the students. Feel free to post on your refrigerator or leave in your Bible. Thank you!!