

Pray for IBC's Alumni in Ministry



Jimmy '91 & Nevey Francisco

Navajo, Gallup, NM
Pastoring Defiance Navajo Bible Church

Pray that God would bless their new children's ministry, summer VBS, and outreach program. Also that He would send a younger pastor to take their place in His time.



Arnold & Bessie Betoney '93

Navajo, Tonalea, AZ
Drug/alcohol counselor
Christian Discipleship Center
Pray they would be able to continue ministering in the midst of health concerns. Pray also for their daughter, a single mother, suffering with life-threatening liver disease.



Leo Bird '04

Cherokee, Bemidji, MN
Resident Dir. & Missions Dir. @ Mokahum Center for Indian Ministries

Pray that the staff and students finish this semester strong, and that they would represent the school well as they speak in various churches.



James '09 & Char Betoney '14

Navajo, Flagstaff, AZ
Residential director for the Kinlani Dormitory

Pray for God's leading as they seek to commit themselves to a local church and that they would be able to continue their schooling, James at Phoenix Seminary and Char to train as a scrub nurse.



Anna Gabriel '13

Anglo, VanderWagen, NM
UIM @Broken Arrow Bible Camp

Pray for more leadership for the Tuesday night youth ministry in the local community that she is involved with, as well as for the summer horse program and processing prospective staff applications.



Melvin Nez '13

Navajo, Flagstaff, AZ
Director of Field Ministries, Flagstaff Mission to the Navajos

Pray for God's will and direction as interim pastor at Dilkon Bible Church, and his outreach ministry to eight churches in the western Navajo Nation.



Mary Lola Joe '14

Yupik, Eskimo
Hooper Bay, Alaska
Women's Ministry Leader

Pray for perseverance, focus, and discipline in the ministry God has put her in. Pray she would see this as God's training ground. "To obey is better than sacrifice..." -1 Samuel 15:22b



Wilford Bilagody '14

Navajo, Tuba City, AZ
Elder @ First Baptist Church, itinerant supply preacher

Pray for balance between ministry and work in the heating plant at the hospital, for other opportunities to preach, minister and counsel, for spiritual growth, and for his and his wife's health concerns.



Ammie Palmer '15

White Mountain Apache, Flagstaff, AZ
Admissions Counselor @ IBC

Pray for God to supply finances as Ammie serves as an IBC staff member, and for discipline in her studies as she takes three classes at Phoenix Seminary.

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Jacob Gonzalez

Jacob Gonzalez graduated from IBC in 2004 with a Bachelor of Biblical Studies. While a student, Jacob was known for his zeal for the Lord and passion for preaching. His wife, Regina, helped put him through school. Together they have 4 children, three boys and a girl.

Jacob grew up in a difficult home in San José, California, where drugs and alcohol were a normal part of life. Through the influence of his older brother, Jacob trusted in Christ. At age 17 he heard about a Christian camping ministry in New Mexico that reached out to Native American kids. Intrigued, he signed up for his first summer, and then his second, and then third. It was at Broken Arrow Bible Ranch that he met his wife, a Navajo believer.

Regina grew up in a little Reservation church in Thoreau, New Mexico, and longed to be used of God in ministering there. After she and Jacob were married, they served at the Crosslands Bible Church as youth workers. The pastor at that time was Jerry Yonnie, 1982 graduate of IBC and former president of the school. Jerry saw potential in Jacob and encouraged him to attend IBC. While a student Jacob served as the pastor of Crosslands, where he still serves today.

Jacob would like prayer for the ministry of Crosslands Bible Church, that they would continue to be faithful, reaching out to the community. Pray also for his family and home life that it would be pleasing to the Lord.



Jacob, Regina, and three of their children

Chuck Helton

Chuck grew up practicing Catholicism as well as Navajo traditional religion, but was confronted with the Gospel as a child. His journey with Jesus began with a simple prayer guided by a Christian missionary: "Dear Jesus, help me to become a Christian." Chuck attended Markoma Bible Academy in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, a Christian high school, but intended to work in a secular environment. He found work as a draftsman in Phoenix, Arizona. It was here that he met people from other countries and discovered an interest in working with foreigners. He attended a church that ministered particularly to Muslim background believers from Iran.

Though he had heard of Indian Bible College for a number of years, it wasn't until January of 2012 that he started classes at IBC. He graduated with a Certificate of Biblical Studies in 2013. While he was at IBC he was exposed to Campus Crusade for Christ (now CRU), through his Christian Service Assignment, and went on a short-term mission trip to Ukraine. As a result of a Christian online dating service Chuck met Yulia, a Ukrainian believer ministering with CRU. Eventually Chuck decided to move to Ukraine to work with university students, teaching English as a way to share the Gospel. He and Yulia were married and now have a little girl. They serve with World Outreach Ministries.

Chuck would like prayer that his contacts with students would bear fruit. Pray too for his growing family, for fluency with the language, and for financial provision for their needs.

