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Progress Towards Accreditation!

By Dr. Jason Koppen, President



Indian Bible College has desired to obtain accreditation for over 20 years. When I came to be the academic dean in 2008, a primary part of my job was going to be pursuing accreditation. When I became president in 2009, that seemed further out on the horizon. Thankfully, in 2013 the Lord brought Academic Dean Kevin Newman and Librarian Barbara Berreman to join our staff, since those roles had to be filled in order to move forward in the accreditation process.

In February 2014 we were accepted into applicant status with the Association for Biblical Higher Education. Just weeks ago we received word that our self-study, which was turned in last November, was approved, making us eligible for a site team visit October 18-20, 2016.

The site team visit is the last major “hoop” to jump through before potential acceptance into candidate status in February 2017. IBC staff will spend significant time this summer updating the self-study in preparation for the site visit.



The Battle is Real!



By Mark Smith, Pastor of supporting church, Grace Community Church of Flagstaff

Our church has enjoyed a long relationship with Indian Bible College. However, it's only been for the past five years that we have committed to monthly financial support. When asked why we support IBC, my first thought was that the ministry of IBC is crucial to the mission of the Church, and specifically, Grace.

We pray for the students, faculty and administration of IBC because they, like us, are in a real battle. I know the Enemy doesn't want our church to succeed at what we do: evangelizing the lost, discipling believers and developing

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A Few Financial Facts!

The Indian

Bible College is funded primarily through gifts and donations so that students may graduate debt free! Here are the last four years of “donor data:”

- 2011-2012 = 389 donors gave \$369,883.
- 2012-2013 = 420 donors gave \$455,413.
- 2013-2014 = 473 donors gave \$494,111.
- 2014-2015 = 561 donors gave \$534,359.

So far during the current fiscal year (July 2015 - July 2016), 436 donors have given \$373,658.

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servants and leaders for ministry. I see the battle all the time and believe it is even more intense on reservations throughout our country. IBC is on the front lines teaching and mentoring students to think biblically and relate the gospel to all Native people and the world.

We started financially supporting IBC after hearing the vision and direction from President Jason Koppen. For many years I've known some of the faculty who have come through the school and have always been impressed with their love for God, His Word, and their teaching the Native American students how best to reach their own in a way that fits their culture. Jason will gladly tell anyone who asks why he does what he does and what he believes God wants to do through IBC. But it takes money for the school to excel and open its door to more and more students. We know that our monthly support helps make it possible for students to have this level of training with this caliber of leadership.

Another way our church serves IBC is through bringing a meal for staff and students to enjoy after chapel. A few years ago IBC started inviting local churches and friends to serve a meal one day a week. Our staff has taken this on one day each semester. We enjoy being around the campus, serving through providing a good meal.

God bless you, IBC, for the great work you are doing for the glory of God and the spreading of the Good News of His grace. Thanks for allowing us to come alongside and join you.



For the first time ever a current IBC student attended the largest missions conference in the world. On December 27, 2015, Fredricka and faculty member Martha Gushee flew into Saint Louis, Missouri, to join 15,745 mostly students at Urbana15. Attendees came from 88 countries and represented nine different ethnicities. Five days were packed with seminars, plenary sessions, opportunities to worship in a variety of languages, prayer times, and "small" group Bible studies. It was a great opportunity to explore a multitude of mission organizations and graduate schools represented.

Urbana 2015

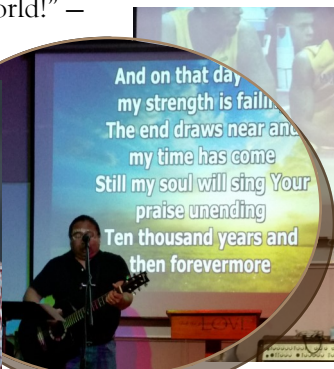
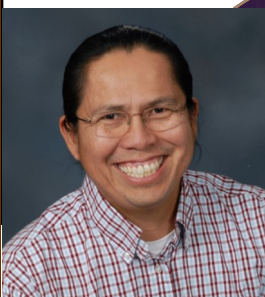
IBC Annual Mission Conference

IBC longs to see Native America move from being a mission field to being a missions force! For this year's annual mission conference (March 1-3) IBC had the

privilege of welcoming Pastor Daron Butler and his brother, Dino. Daron is the "Next Steps Pastor" at Grace Church of Wooster, Ohio, assisting people in finding their next steps in serving God locally or among the nations. Daron came to IBC's mission conference fresh from a trip to Thailand where he led a team. Dino and Daron are both musicians. Dino assisted with music while Daron spoke. The Butlers are Dine (Navajo) and grew up in Counselor, New Mexico.

Students provided the following feedback at the end of the conference: "It was a good reminder that we have the power to make a difference. We can swim against the stream!"—Efrain.

"It was a redirection of focus and reminder of what God has called me to do. I don't have a superhero complex, but I want to change the world!" — Josh.



Introducing Life Coaching

By Dr. Jason Koppen, President

Over the years at IBC we have desired to see students grow spiritually, academically, and socially. But at one point it became apparent that our training still needed to expand to cover several other important aspects of life that students needed to succeed. Many students had no idea how to apply for or keep a job. Many failed to take personal responsibility for their school bills. And there were always interpersonal struggles cropping up. Enter, Life Coaching!

An IBC LIFE COACH (LC) will walk alongside a student during his/her time at IBC and help this person develop in various areas of life as a student and an individual. The LC might help students adopt new work techniques, assist in relational difficulties, or help them overcome personal limitations. They may also help students learn new life habits. In essence, a Life Coach walks alongside or coaches a person for a season of life.

A LC will provide guidance in five areas:

1. **MINISTRY EXPERIENCE, TRAINING, AND CHURCH INVOLVEMENT.** “How do I serve Jesus by serving His people?” This covers current Christian Service Assignment requirements, church attendance, chapel attendance, etc.
2. **ACADEMIC PLANNING.** “Which classes should I take and how do I do well in them?” Academic coaching includes degree program guidance, developing good study habits, tutoring, etc.
3. **VOCATIONAL DECISIONS AND DEVELOPMENT.** “How do I honor God with my work?” This includes such things as working a traditional off-campus job or developing entrepreneurial work, providing assistance with interviews, and filling out applications.
4. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING.** “How will I eat and pay my school bill?” This includes learning to take financial responsibility for school bills and finding scholarship assistance.
5. **TIME MANAGEMENT.** “How do I manage my time to accomplish everything the Lord has called me to?” This involves keeping the first four things in balance: working enough (but not too much) to pay their school bill in addition to classes and ministry engagement.

More and more people are paying big money to receive life coaching today; IBC provides it to full-time students at no additional cost! IBC Life Coaching demonstrates an exceptional commitment to help every *student* in every *way* so that they might become every *thing* they’ve been created and called to be in Christ Jesus!



By Barbara Berreman, Librarian

Life Coaching has been a rewarding ministry for me. As a result of a lifetime of experience in dealing with the five areas we cover each week, I have been prepared to engage in the students’ lives. I have been blessed to be able to pray more deeply for their needs and can see how the Lord has helped me to share my life with the two girls I work with in ways that have encouraged them. Last semester I did some word studies on areas I thought would be helpful to them. The week I chose wisdom, one of the girls said she had just been thinking and praying about wisdom that morning! The first couple of meetings this semester have been awesome to see the Lord help me share some of my life experiences and to see the students learn and grow in areas they have been dealing with.

One student commented that “Life Coaching has helped me out a lot with time management and accountability. I feel more solid in the different areas. Barb is really encouraging in her advice.”—Anika

Blessings of Life Coaching

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Praise and Prayer Report:

Praise God for progress in accreditation.

Pray for our preparation for the accreditation site team visit and for provision to cover the \$12,000 price tag.

Praise God for students who are growing and preparing for a lifetime of ministry.

Pray for the Lord to call more men and women to come receive training at IBC (our enrollment is currently down).

Praise the Lord for a powerful missions conference with speaker Daron Butler.

Pray that students will have a global mindset in the midst of their local ministries.

See website for updated student prayer page.

Update on the Payoff of “The Barn”



We are nearing the end of the second year of the mortgage on our new administrative building and the payoff amount is down to just under \$145,000. There are multiple properties for sale within walking distance of IBC that we would like to pursue when this is paid off. Would you prayerfully consider using the response slip in the insert to make a contribution? All gifts go directly to paying down the principle. Thank you!

Commencement Weekend

Join us commencement weekend for the Student Ministry Showcase (7:00 PM Friday, May 20th) and for graduation (2:00 PM Saturday, May 21st), both held at Flagstaff Nazarene Church (FlagNaz) located at 3505 East Soliere Avenue.