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The IBC Epistle

## “Those Are Good Problems to Have...”

By Dr. Jason Koppen, President

We have been hearing this statement a lot lately as we share about the challenges of a growing school—and I agree! As you can see from the school picture below, we have grown again! Our student body size is 50% larger than last year, which is also the largest student body since the school became a genuine college (with a four-year degree). Our housing is packed, our chapel is crowded, our classrooms are bursting at the seams—we are full! This year we have even had to turn students away from housing—and thus from school. With a total student body in the 40s and 32 students in our spiritual formation/discipleship groups, the staff is “hopping” to keep up with student needs, especially in the area of discipleship.

Many of you anticipate the fall newsletter more than any other school mailing because of the student prayer page; as you can see, we’ve had

to make the pictures and the font smaller! Thank you for your prayers for IBC students—they truly are some of the best hope for developing healthy Native churches.



Would you pray with us, also, for the future of the school? Below is a brief update on our three future initiative areas:

**Expansion:** We expanded just a year ago and already need to consider the next step. There are multiple properties for sale around us; please **pray** we would have the Lord’s wisdom and provision to move in the direction He would have us go, in His timing.

**Extension:** We continue to offer local extension classes when we are invited (including one this last spring primarily via Skype). We are currently testing a video method for online courses. **Pray** that we would be wise as we continue to develop ways to take our education where Native people live and work.



recent chapel scene

**Accreditation:** We are rejoicing in having a balanced budget (thank you!) and in the arrival of Jeff McWhorter (see article on page 3), both of which *were* the two big road blocks to beginning accreditation. Please **pray** for us as we prepare to apply for the initial stage of accreditation this summer.

Each of these three areas is crucial to IBC fulfilling its vision in helping Native America cease to be the mission field and mobilize Native people for finishing the job of world missions.

Thank you for your prayers and support unto this end!

Coming up in the spring 2013 newsletter:

- “From the Mission Field to a Mission Force”
- Alumni update

## Report on Summer 2012 Work Groups

By Bob Richardson, Administrative Assistant



Depending on how you count them, there were between eight and ten work groups on campus

this past summer. They included Kahului Union Church, Maui, HI; two different teams from Bethany Bible Church, Phoenix, AZ; First Congregational Church, Middleborough, MA; Sa-Rang Community Church, Anaheim, CA; Rock Harbor Church, Sherwood, OR; Grace Baptist Church, Newberg, OR; Long Creek Community Church, Long Creek, OR; Navajo Friends and Calvary Chapel, Beaumont, CA.

### THANK YOU...

\*\* To everyone who helped with campus improvements this last summer!!

\*\* To everyone who is giving financially and helping us balance our budget—our deficit is gone!! Praise God!

A variety of projects were accomplished. One quarter of our basketball court concrete was removed (and later replaced by a retired local former concrete company owner). An office wall was soundproofed. Windows were made and installed in all office doors. Three showers in the dorms received fresh epoxy paint. A new kitchen sink and cabinets were installed in the apartment used to house adjunct faculty. The carpet was replaced on the first floor of the academic building. A sprinkler system was installed in the common area behind the administration building. The plumbing system in the academic building was redone so pipes that used to be exposed are now out of sight. Floor drains were installed to help eliminate flooding. Computer wiring and the wireless network were improved. Many books were removed from the basement and filed on the shelves in the library. Curtains were made and hung in the new dorm, and lots of cleaning and painting helped spruce up campus. Footings were dug for the RV port and many more smaller projects were completed.



We already have three groups signed up for next summer, but there is still plenty of room for your church to come help us. Below is the list we have compiled for next summer's projects (and projected associated costs).

### 2013 MAJOR PROJECTS

Landscaping and beautification of campus

Grass in outdoor commons area ~\$2,000

Landscaping & tree removal in duplex back yard

Library migration help (1-2 people per week to help librarian)

Carpet replacement in academic building (second floor) apartments, dorm rooms, offices, computer lab, and hallways

Paver walkway or narrower concrete to replace damaged concrete between main buildings

Paver walkway or concrete from main buildings to new dorm house

RV parking pad & shed (concrete pad) ~\$1,600

Improve downstairs dorm ~\$5,000

External antenna for wireless network

### EXPANSION POSSIBILITIES

\*\* Purchase Rose Street property ~\$300,000

\*\* Purchase Catholic church property ~\$2.5 million

For further information, or to schedule your group, please contact Bob at: (866) 503-7789 (toll free) or at (928) 774-3890

## Woodrow Kroll Visits IBC!

Since 1939 Back to the Bible has been faithfully spreading God's Word through television, radio, and publications. Currently Back to the Bible has offices in eleven countries and broadcasts around the world in twenty-five different languages. Theodore Epp, the founder and president of Back to the Bible for many years, had a passion for Native peoples and Native ministries, having grown up on the Hopi Reservation as the son of missionaries. The current president, Dr. Woodrow Kroll, is continuing that concern, having donated his library to IBC several years ago. On September 14 Dr. Kroll took time out of his busy schedule to get to know our school a bit better. He relates, "I wanted to visit IBC just to see the facilities and get a feel for what God is doing at the college. And while I did that, what impressed me most was the student body. The students are eager to learn and wholly dedicated to the Lord. Seeing that firsthand made my visit outstanding." Thank you, Dr. Kroll, for taking the time to stop by!



## New Staff at IBC

By Martha Gushee, editor



When the plane caught fire on the way out of the airport in Entebbe, Uganda, Jeff and his wife and daughter thought this could be their last ministry trip. They had been serving short-term in missions, seeking the Lord's direction for full-time ministry in anticipation of Jeff's retirement. The family did live to tell about their adventure, however, as the plane was able to land safely.

We are truly multicultural with the addition of our latest staff member. Born and raised in the Dallas, Texas, area, Jeff McWhorter sometimes needs an interpreter to explain his Texan English! Moving to Flagstaff, Arizona, has been a huge change for Jeff and Alice, his wife of 27 years, and their teen daughter, Elisabeth. Jeff has come as IBC's facilities manager and accreditation director after retiring from the Health Department of the City of Mesquite, where he served for the past 30 years. In addition, he is teaching Bible Survey and substituting in several other classes as needed. Jeff joined the staff in August.

Jeff grew up in a Christian home and came to the Lord at age eleven, but he did not grow as a Christian until his adult years. He met and married Alice, a Mormon, believing that Mormonism was just another denomination. Alice trusted Christ within two years of their marriage and they began to grow together as believers. Their daughter, Elisabeth, was adopted into their family as a baby about ten years later. About this same time Jeff and Alice began to experience a growing interest in missions. Jeff even served on weekends with Baptist Men Builders, using his construction skills to minister in the local area. He also became involved in short-term trips to Uganda, Guatemala, Mexico, and the Christian Discipleship Center of Cortez, Colorado. It was there he learned of Indian Bible College. When the doors to ministry in several other areas closed, Jeff contacted IBC about the need for workers. He was accepted to serve at IBC in January 2012.



Jeff & Alice serving on the Kampout

## The Native Masculinity Collaborative

By Daniel Esplin, Admissions Counselor

What is life like for a boy growing up without a father? How can he come to understand what it means to be a man? Where does he learn how to use a chain saw, perform an oil change, or raise a family? Unfortunately, many boys grow up without the presence of their fathers. This is especially true across reservations where many men are absent from their homes.

The Native man is like a caged lion. He has great potential to lead and be a positive influence but he is emasculated by alcohol, drugs, immorality, violence, gangs, bitterness, irresponsibility, etc. Where are the men who unashamedly provided for and protected their families? Where are the men who were once called "warriors?" The warrior is still inside him but the Native man looks to everything but Jesus for the answer.

Several years ago IBC President Dr. Jason Koppen and I had a discussion about the state of Native men and their absence from families, churches, and communities. This led to the development of a collaborative to research why Native men struggle to fulfill their callings as husbands, leaders, providers, and protectors, and to discover the real meaning of manhood. Thus, the Native Masculinity Collaborative (NMC) was born. This collaborative is made up of male and female students who research how to help Native men regain their masculinity as they look to Jesus as the ultimate example. The class is broken down into four main areas of study: what is a man, the current state of Native men, chauvinism vs. cowardice, and the ultimate warrior—Jesus.

Many of us in the collaborative have grown up without the example of a father, so this class has definitely opened our eyes to true masculinity. **We ask you to join with us in prayer** as we enter our second semester of the NMC study. Our hope is to develop a strong biblical resource to help Native men break the chains that enslave them and discover the full meaning of biblical masculinity—looking to Jesus, the ultimate Warrior!





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## Fall Kickoff Kampout

Thursday afternoon, September 27, a caravan of nine vehicles left IBC and headed north to Lake Powell on the Utah border. For the next three days the students and staff were engaged in intensive time together as Spiritual Formation groups, exploring spiritual disciplines and spiritual pathways, playing on the lake, singing, and praying. Below are a few photos to give you a feel for the trip.

