

Focus on Alumni:

Leroy and Virgelene Elgo



It was a fine morning on the San Carlos Reservation north of Phoenix when Leroy took off for a fishing outing with his stepsons. However, as he attempted to cross the slick dam spillway, the morning suddenly turned dangerous. Leroy felt himself slipping on the moss but couldn't stop his fall. He tumbled down the 50-foot spillway to the concrete below. The fall resulted in bruises and soreness but he avoided any lasting damage. It did, however successfully scare him into thinking seriously about eternity. He could have died that day, but instead he found himself willing to investigate the new-found faith of his wife.

Leroy and Virgelene Elgo enrolled at Southwestern School of Missions (now IBC) in 1991, graduating in 1996 with bachelor degrees. They have been serving in their home area ever since. The San Carlos Reservation is one of the most depressed reservations in the United States and a difficult area to work for any prolonged period of time but Leroy and Virgelene have stuck it out.

Before his retirement Leroy also worked as a supervisory Forest Service technician while serving as preacher and teacher at Peridot Baptist Church. Pray for the Elgos to be effective ministry as they continue to minister at Peridot Baptist Church. Also pray that their wayward children would follow Jesus.

Tiffany Yoyokie

The Hopi people are some of the most traditional Native Americans in the United States. Wandering through the ancient villages of Hopiland is like stepping into another world. Mud and straw bricks provide building materials for the ancient homes. The long-standing villages are nearly invisible from the road, located atop towering mesas. According to the official Hopi website, *"The Hopi Tribe is a sovereign nation located in northeastern Arizona. The reservation occupies part of Coconino and Navajo counties, encompasses more than 1.5 million acres, and is made up of 12 villages on three mesas"* (<http://www.hopi-nsn.gov>).



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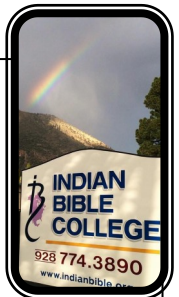
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Thank you for partnering with us and being God's hands in paying off "The Barn" in three or fewer years!

Tiffany came to IBC from her home on the Hopi Reservation as a freshman in 2008. Her mother is Navajo and her father is Hopi. As a child she was exposed to church by her grandparents, who were believers. She trusted Christ when she was 12 years old but didn't really grow until Ron Hutchcraft's sons, Doug and Brad Hutchcraft, began ministering on the Hopi Reservation.

In 2002 Tiffany traveled with the On Eagle's Wings (OEW) team, a part of Ron Hutchcraft Ministries. The ministry is dedicated to bringing hope to Native Americans through other Native American youth. It was on an OEW trip that Tiffany first heard of Indian Bible College. At IBC she was challenged to examine the foundations of her faith and was able to develop healthy relationships with fellow students and staff.

In addition to partnering with The Path, a youth ministry started by the Hutchcrafts Tiffany currently works in her home church, Kykotsmovi Mennonite. In addition, she assists her family with their tax preparation business. Please pray that Tiffany would see more young people come into the church, and that she would be spiritually renewed. Also pray for God's will in regard to future plans and that God would help her with her health.



Two New Students!

By Jan Hanson, Registrar

It is our privilege to introduce to you two new students as of January 2016.

Sheldon of Zuni/Navajo heritage comes from Zuni, New Mexico. His goal is to become a youth pastor among the Zuni Pueblo, so mid-year he transferred from a community college in New Mexico to IBC. Sheldon thinks IBC is a great school. He has been learning more about God's nature and identity. Pray he would be disciplined to do homework and to be moved by the Word of God throughout the semester.

All the way from Orr, Minnesota, from the Ojibwe Nation is Esther. Esther is a single mother with two adult sons. She has already completed a Bachelor of Arts in History, as well as several other degrees before coming to IBC. Her desire is to use her IBC training to help her people by leading them to a knowledge of God. Kudos to Esther for taking this journey at this point in her life! Pray for the needed finances for her to continue her studies at IBC.
