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## IBC Receives \$110,000 Gift!

By Dr. Doug Hanson, Director of Development

Cook Native American Ministries Foundation (CNAMF) has partnered with Indian Bible College (IBC) to expand the college's library and music program. CNAMF provides educational opportunities to current and future Native American leaders so that they can guide their communities and churches to influence the world at large.

CNAMF provided a gift to IBC of \$110,000 in June of 2016. This is the largest cash financial gift IBC has ever received. The gift was significant because IBC is pursuing accreditation with the Association of Biblical Higher Education (ABHE) and the college needs to expand its library holdings from 9,000 to 20,000 to meet accreditation requirements.

There are two initiatives to increase the college's library holdings. The first will enlarge the single-story library facility to house more books and provide more study space for students by adding a second story above the current library and adjoining dormitory rooms. The facility expansion is expected to be completed in two years. The second initiative will provide student access to electronic resources. IBC recently subscribed to Overdrive and currently has access to 770 electronic resources, with the ability to purchase more as needs arise.



The sponsorship will also enhance the college's music education program, through the purchase of music and sound equipment. Some of the purchases made so far include lyric projection software and a bass guitar. The gift is a tremendous blessing and IBC is thankful for CNAMF's visionary partnership.



Watch for IBC's four growth initiatives featured throughout this newsletter:

Accreditation--page 1; Expansion--pages 1, 2, & 3; Vocation--page 3; Extension--page 3

## The Accreditation Journey

By Dr. Kevin Newman, Academic Dean

On February 19, 2014, IBC was granted Applicant Status with the Association of Biblical Higher Education (ABHE). The process of accreditation with ABHE has three stages:

- 1) Applicant Status. In this stage ABHE recognizes IBC as a valid institution offering biblical education.
- 2) Candidate Status. ABHE has accepted a comprehensive self-study document demonstrating IBC meets all eleven of their standards. On October 18-20 a team of six evaluators will conduct interviews, examine documentation, and determine that IBC is doing what we stated. This team will submit a report to the Committee on Accreditation at ABHE. By February 2017 they will determine if we qualify for candidate status.
- 3) Full Accreditation Status. After acceptance into candidate status we will submit a third self-study and have a final evaluation visit. It is the hope and prayer of IBC to reach this stage by 2020.

There are many benefits to accreditation. One is in the area of excellence. Accreditation forces us to evaluate everything we do and ensure it is in line with institutional goals and objectives. Accreditation will also attract additional quality students.

A second benefit is extended funding. After qualifying for candidate status IBC students will be able to apply for federal and tribal grants.

Thirdly, accreditation will provide external recognition. Our focus on being biblical, relational, and transformational is unique to IBC. We would like opportunities to share with other colleges what God has taught us. Many schools will listen only if they know we are on equal standing with them.

Lastly, we are pursuing accreditation because of the extraordinary value of our students. We believe IBC students deserve the best. We cherish your prayers and support as we pursue this journey together.

## A Significant Contribution

By Hal Givens, Volunteer Coordinator

Financial gifts are always significant and welcome at Indian Bible College. But did you know there is another way to make a significant contribution to the ministry of IBC?

Last summer 105 people on 6 different work teams from around the country invested over 3,100 hours of labor to improve the IBC campus. In addition, they contributed over \$8,000 in materials for the various projects. According to statistics used by the U.S. government, the hours of work contributed by volunteers this summer were worth over \$74,000!

As the result of work team efforts this summer we have new shingles on the roof of the academic building, a transformed three-bedroom apartment, a workshop on campus for our vocational initiative, a renovated office and hallway in the student life building, new benches to beautify the campus and make it a welcoming and restful place, a renovated kitchen in a men's dorm, several repainted offices and hallways, and numerous other cleaning and grounds-keeping projects completed.

Dramatic transformations on campus make it possible for the staff at Indian Bible College to focus on the dramatic transformation taking place in the lives of students as they encounter the truth of God's Word through the influence of caring relationships.

We can put a price tag on the hours contributed by volunteers each summer, but the truly significant contribution they make as they partner with us in transforming lives for the glory of God cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

If you would like to know how you might make a significant contribution to IBC next summer, please use the contact information to explore what God might have in store for you and your team!

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## Value of a Christ-centered Short-term Ministry

By John D. Stevens, Faith Community Church, Grambrills, MD

What happens when you take 19 men and women ranging in age from pre-teen to seventies, fly them to Arizona, and ask them to do something constructive for eight days?

Well, it happened – and I'll admit up front that I'd gladly do it again. We were the diverse body of Christ from Faith Community Church in Grambrills, Maryland. For us, standing with the college meant using our gifts to enhance their on-campus facilities and support their local neighborhood ministry.

I have learned several keys to a successful short-term ministry trip. First, our short-term ministry team stuck to the **principles** of our church's mission.

Second, we took our time to **prepare** the people on the team, which not only included those who went, but also our supporters in finance and prayer. Candidates for the trip were interviewed (mainly to manage expectations) and approved by our church's mission team.

The third key to success was in the **planning**, where our team committed to a series of monthly training sessions. Training provided the scriptural basis of God's plan for missions, the cultural and historical context of Native America, and specific job details. By the time we stepped on the plane, we were armed not only with the tools needed for the specific projects, but also with a clear understanding of why IBC exists and how the school contributes to God's Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20).

Finally, as always, **prayer** was critical throughout the entire process. From the initial planning to the final goodbye, prayer kept us submitted to God.

So what really does happen when you take a diverse group of 19 men and women, fly them way off to Arizona, and ask them to do something constructive for eight days? In the name of Jesus Christ, it is U-N-I-T-Y. See I Corinthians 12.

Finally, I have witnessed a very gifted and dynamic staff at the Indian Bible College who are committed to their mission, including our own, Doug and Jan Hanson. We were able to accomplish much in one week, but there was plenty more to do. Indian Bible College is on the move, and we were privileged to contribute to their growth. Would you consider forming a team and experiencing the value of a Christ-centered short-term ministry trip next year?





## IBC Extension Classes

For decades the Indian Bible

College has offered extension classes in a variety of locations throughout Arizona and New Mexico, most recently in Window Rock and Albuquerque. We also have a few online students every year.

After many years of praying for ongoing extension sites, a new partnership with Tuba City First Baptist has resulted in our first reservation extension site! The site was dedicated Sunday, May 15 (top photo). The first class was taught April to June (second photo) and the second class is currently underway this fall!

IBC continues to pray for additional opportunities to bring the best of what we do to where Native believers live. Join with us in praying for this!

## IBC's Dean of Men!

For three years the Manning family served the Lord faithfully in Mongolia, developing leaders for the indigenous church. Learning a new language and living in a diversity of cultures was exciting as well as challenging. They thrived in a ministry augmented by hospitality, where their home and children were assets. Josh was invigorated by the harsh climate and venture of trekking across trackless wilderness in the Gobi Desert with Mongolian companions. Even though this sounds much more romantic than coming to Indian Bible College in Flagstaff, Arizona, the Mannings believe God has definitely called them to IBC.



Mongolia served to prepare Josh and Heidi for IBC by developing a deeper love for indigenous peoples, by shaping, breaking, and molding them, and by showing them their need to depend on the Lord. Their weaknesses became evident as they worked with teammates and learned to develop deep relationships. Heidi relates that it was actually more difficult to leave Mongolia and follow God's call back to the U.S. than it would have been to remain in Mongolia, but God's leading was clear.

After returning to the States Josh spent two and a half years in Albuquerque working under Western Indian Ministries (WIM) as Director of Church Development. Chuck Harper, director of WIM, encouraged him to network with IBC through teaching extension classes in addition to discipling indigenous believers within the local church context. Then the call came from IBC encouraging him to consider filling the need for a Dean of Men. In December 2015 Josh was accepted to serve with IBC. The big move took place in August of this year. Josh is now immersed in IBC culture, working with the men on campus.

Pray that God would provide housing for the Manning family (they are presently living on campus), that He would raise up the additional support they need, and that Josh would be effective as he ministers to IBC students.

## The Center for Native Business Development

By Dr. Doug Hanson, Director of Development

In preparing students for ministry in what are often generally depressed economic situations, Indian Bible College (IBC) endeavors to embed in its students an appreciation for and experience in entrepreneurial endeavors. We want our students to experience the following during their time at IBC:

- A level of health that comes from good work
- A productive way to fit into the community
- A positive step in battling dependency and healing broken economies
- A model for peer and community leadership
- A preparation for future ministry with needed work skills and the likelihood of bi-vocational work.

Towards this end, IBC is nearing completion of converting an RV-carport on campus to a wood-working shop. Students currently make rustic wooden signs in a support staff member's workshop some distance from campus. They then sell the signs at farmers' markets, over the internet, and through retail stores in northern Arizona. Through it all, students are learning the full breadth of business skills.

We have named the newly converted workshop "The Center for Native Business Development." The name seeks to capture the essence of the facility. It is a center where our students, who are primarily Native, will shape and mold their entrepreneurial skills. Please join us in rejoicing as the Center for Native Business Development becomes operational soon. We also are thankful that the Arizona Community Foundation Flagstaff has seen the benefit of this endeavor and has partnered with us by providing some funding for the renovation.



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## Introducing the Indian Bible College Core Values:

Did you know that IBC has five ministry values that are intensely biblical and immensely practical for Native ministry? These were first developed in 2011, became board-approved in 2013, and have become such an essential part of the DNA of IBC that it is finally time to introduce them publicly! Core Value #1 will be introduced in the Spring 2017 newsletter via articles and an online video!

## IBC Speakers Available for Your Missions Conference

IBC President, Dr. Jason Koppen, was the keynote speaker at the September 9-11 missions conference of Faith Community Church in Gambrills, Maryland (pictured below). Jason's wife, Sarah, participated in

the events and spoke to the children about Native ministry at the Indian Bible College.



Did you know that IBC has a number of capable speakers available to be conference or worship service speakers? Please consider inviting an IBC staff member to serve your church (or school) as a speaker.

## Recent Grants given to IBC

- Cook Native American Ministries Foundation \$110,000 (library & music)
- Chatlos Foundation \$13,900 (accreditation)
- Faith Community Church \$5000+ (accreditation)
- Arizona Community Foundation \$1,515 (workshop)

## PRAISE AND PRAYER

**PRAISE** God for the progress on accreditation (page 1). **PRAY** for the site team visit October 18-20!

**PRAISE** God for all His miraculous provision through churches, individuals, and foundations that are supporting IBC (page 1, 2, and above). **PRAY** for the Lord to continue to provide for IBC's growth and for wisdom in using the resources God supplies.

**PRAISE** God for all the full- and part-time students (insert). **PRAY** for even more students for spring semester.

**PRAISE** God for the extension site and student workshop (page 3). **PRAY** for the Lord's blessings on these endeavors.