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Campus Expansion Update

By Dr. Jason Koppen, President



What a joyful journey the Lord has taken us on these last four months! We will close on the purchase of the Salvation Army building (soon to be called the Student Center) on April 27. God's people have been incredibly responsive; since we went public with the campaign in early April, all the pledges have been collected and an additional \$135,000 has been provided for the purchase! This means all we still need to raise is \$65,000 for renovations!

On top of all this, our Amazing Provider has already been further supplying for this project:

- 1) A nearby school is moving its campus and is donating much of their library furniture to our new library.
- 2) A nearby church has already given 75 chapel chairs for the new worship space.
- 3) The Salvation Army has gifted IBC with the architectural documents from the 2010 addition on the building so that we can do the site plan for very little time and money.
- 4) A record nine work teams are planning to come to IBC this summer to help us renovate this building and continue to improve our existing campus.

God's "fingerprints" are all over this project! What miraculous provision!

You are welcome to call IBC at (928) 774-3890 and ask for Bob for up-to-date information on this project.

Go to <http://www.indianbible.org/news/new-library-chapel/> for a video of the facility or to <http://www.indianbible.org/invest/> to give online. Thank you for your prayers and generosity towards the expansion of IBC's campus! We are anticipating record enrollment in the fall; pray for us as we try to get permission from the city to use the chapel by then.



Students & staff praying in the new building



IBC Celebrates 60 Years of Ministry!!

In October 1958 four Navajo men started meeting with Dr. Gordon Fraser around his kitchen table in Flagstaff, AZ. This was the beginning of what became Indian Bible College. IBC began celebrating its 60th anniversary last year with an initial banquet held in Flagstaff on November 10. This was followed by a second celebration in Sun City, AZ, on February 3 of this year. Banquets, luncheons, or meetings were held in Nevada, California, Oregon, Washington, and Idaho from April 4 through 15. Stay tuned for more events to come yet this year!



New and Returning Students Spring 2018



Kelly (new)
Navajo
Mentmore, NM

I ask for prayer about school, that everything—finances, relationships, academics—falls into place.



Kyon (new)
Navajo
Indian Wells, AZ

Pray for my learning, spiritual guidance, leadership at home church, and possible missions trip to central Asia this summer.



Tony (new)
Oglala Sioux
Porcupine, SD

I need prayers to stay focused and the ability to manage my time wisely. I also need strength to continue to live a life of purity and integrity.



Robby (returning)
Navajo
Buckeye, AZ

Pray for the finances I need to finish my program of study and also for the right ministry for me to be involved with.



Donna (returning)
Navajo
Shonto, AZ

Pray that I will hold unswervingly to the hope and future I have in Christ and not allow blindness, callousness, or shame to hinder God's glory.

Spotlight on Alumni

Coleman Jerome Josh is known as a man of many talents. While a student at Southwestern School of Missions (SWSM, now Indian Bible College), Coleman helped out as mechanic, bus driver, choir director, and printer. In

fact, after Coleman graduated in 1980 the print shop was closed. Mr. Josh was known as a friendly, out-going person who could turn any conversation to spiritual things.

He was born and raised on the Brighton Seminole Reservation in Florida and came to Christ at 10 or 11 years of age. Unfortunately, while working for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington, D.C., in 1965 Coleman took up drinking. It took a vision of Jesus to bring him back to Himself. This time he turned to the Lord with unwavering passion and zeal and never turned back again.



*Coleman Josh in print shop,
2nd from left*

For a time Coleman lived in Oklahoma. There his pastor challenged him to consider attending Bible college. Through some research, they learned of SWSM. Director Robert Hardgrave encouraged him to come, so Coleman jumped in his car and drove to Flagstaff to begin school.

At SWSM Coleman met and married Dorothy Dayzie. Dorothy attended Navajo Gospel Mission's school at Hard Rock, Arizona, through 8th grade and also heard about Jesus through VBS on the Reservation. One day, when Dorothy was a young woman, Mrs. Dale Taggart, missionary on the Navajo Reservation, asked Dorothy if she would like to go to Bible school. Upon receiving an affirmative answer, Mrs. Taggart picked her up a little while later, and paid for the first portion of her schooling at SWSM. The remainder was paid for by her grandparents' cattle sales. Coleman and Dorothy were blessed

with eight children.

While a student Coleman worked with boys through the Christian Service Brigade, taught Sunday School, and helped out in other ways at Indian Bible Church. Mr. Josh found the greatest pleasure of his time at SWSM in the opportunity to lead English and Navajo choirs. He always had a love for music and especially enjoyed singing solos.

After graduation, Coleman and Dorothy continued working in the Flagstaff area for a time. In 1988 they moved to Florida, where Coleman was employed with the Seminole Tribe in Human Resources while also doing visitation, helping those in need, leading a choir, and witnessing among his own people. In an effort to give back, Coleman and Dorothy have been helping support IBC financially for many years. In 2014 Mr. Josh's health prevented him from working full time, but he continues to be a witness, as he is able, to anyone he encounters.

Coleman and Dorothy would appreciate prayer for his health and for strength for each day. Other prayer requests from alumni are: **Willie** (1975) & **Lena** (1984) Tsosie: for comfort as they go through a grieving process. **Vernon** (1999) & **Darcilla** Tsosie: for Darcilla's father's salvation and for Vernon as he teaches doctrine and Navajo reading at Twin Mesa Bible Church. Pray also for Vernon's desire to be the husband and father God has called him to be. **Mary Lola** Joe (2014): for her loneliness as she serves her community of Hooper Bay in Alaska. **Wilford** Bilagody (2014): for balance between work and ministry, for leadership at home, work, and church, and that he would stay healthy.



IBC Initiatives Update

April 3, the bill that was put before the Arizona State Legislature that would enable us to be recognized as accredited, was signed by Governor Ducey! This bill was necessary in order to proceed in the accreditation process, as it will enable us to be licensed by the State of Arizona and obtain what is known as an OPEID number. This number is essential for students to apply for tribal funds to help with their school bill. We are hoping to obtain initial accreditation by 2021.



IBC Team at AZ state capitol

Accreditation: Praise God with us that, as of

Vocation: IBC is excited that the Wheless Family Stewardship Fund has provided a grant to underwrite a Director of Work position at 60%. This would allow an individual to work part-time to oversee and develop the Fifth Wind business that currently provides employment opportunity for interested students. The plan is for the position to transition to self-funded through additional personal support, profitability of Fifth Wind, and/or programmatic support within the next four years.

Extension: Four students (pictured to the right) from the Tuba City extension site hope to receive their Certificate of Christian Ministry (a 16-credit-hour course of study) this May in our commencement ceremony! They also want to re-start the program for their peers in the fall.



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

FISCAL YEAR 2016 – 2017

\$623,291 TOTAL GRANTS & CASH DONATIONS

from 528 generous individuals, churches, and foundations



\$88,929 TOTAL GOODS AND SERVICES DONATED



including classroom instruction, building repairs, and library books

\$22,686 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

to students made possible by the generosity of donors. Scholarship fund donations were up 18% compared to the prior year.



56% PERCENT OF TOTAL DONATIONS GIVEN FOR MISSIONARY-SUPPORTED STAFF



to provide the utmost affordability for students so that they can graduate debt-free

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(This is the third in a five-part series introducing IBC's Core Values)

IBC Core Value #3: Incarnational Evangelism

Jesus came to us (Luke 19:10), as one of us, but was without sin. He then sent us as the Father sent Him (Jn. 20:21). Like Jesus, the Church needs to be a friend of sinners (Matt. 11:19), serving those around us and establishing meaningful relationships through which we can share Christ. This means serving the lost, not just preaching at them.

In the previous issue of the *IBC Epistle* we introduced our Core Value #2 and the importance of building relationships in order to disciple or mentor another individual. Core Value #3 likewise requires relationship in order to be effective, but this time, with unbelievers. Typically, those who do not know Christ are reluctant to enter a church building. They may feel uncomfortable or out of their element and so will likely never darken the doorway. How then will they ever hear the Good News? Of course there are unlimited opportunities to hear anything a person chooses on the Internet, but the reality is that very few of us make major changes in our lives without having input from someone we know and trust. Hence, we, as Christ followers, need to engage those in the world around us. It is also necessary to share the Gospel message in terms that will be relevant and comprehensible in the individual's social and cultural context.

At IBC we attempt to model compassion for our world and community through such events as the Ministry Immersion Trip or our semi-annual Serve Day. A number of students take secular employment not only to pay their bills but to have contact with unbelievers. As he engaged with this concept, Larry Whitehair (2016 graduate) talked about having his eyes opened to a new method of ministry, by targeting people where their felt needs are. He proceeded to apply this concept by thinking about the specific needs in his home community in order to be more intentional about reaching out to them.

Hazel Alsum (2015 graduate), a trained linguist, shared that "incarnational evangelism is how we live out Christ's mission through His method." She went on to talk about her and her husband's commitment to living on a reservation rather than commuting to it, reaching out to their community through a ministry of conserving, preserving, and protecting Native languages.

As an avid soccer player (from Peru), Efrain Aspa (2017) applied the core value this way: "The efficient way of [reaching out to the lost] is by forming relationships, meeting people where they are just like Jesus did, eating with them, laughing with them and playing soccer with them, not waiting in a box with four walls called 'church.'" Well, I'm not sure Jesus ever played soccer, but we get the point! See IBC's video on this core value at: <http://www.indianbible.org/core-values/>.

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Praise & Prayer

- Praise God that the bill we submitted to the State Legislature which would enable us to proceed in the accreditation process was approved and signed by the governor!
- Praise God for the many generous donations toward the new property purchase and renovation costs!
- Praise God for successful Ministry Immersion and 60th anniversary tour trips this spring!
- Praise God that all 23 full-time students from the fall semester are still at IBC. We have 28 full-time students!
- Pray that students and staff would finish the semester well.
- Pray for wisdom in assigning projects for work teams this summer and praise God for nine teams preparing to come!
- Pray that God would be glorified through the year-end events (ribbon cutting, ministry showcase, and commencement).
- Pray for safety and blessing for summer work teams.



You Are Invited to Celebrate with Us!

IBC is excited to announce that we will be celebrating the acquisition of our newest property with a **ribbon-cutting ceremony** on Friday, May 25, at 11 a.m. at the new facility (2229 E. Cedar Ave.), followed by lunch. After lunch we will be presenting the **Student Ministry Showcase**.

The next day, May 26, you are invited to attend our annual **graduation ceremony** at 2 p.m. at **Trinity Heights Methodist Church, 3600 N. 4th St., Flagstaff.**

Welcome to IBC
Graduation 2018

