

Pray for IBC Alumni



BARLOW GASPER
Zuni
Class of 2019

Barlow is a graduate from the Zuni Pueblo people, south of Gallup, New Mexico. Since graduating from Indian Bible College, Barlow has been working as a youth leader meeting twice a week with Zuni youth. One of the highlights since returning to Zuni was replacing his non-Native mentor and youth pastor, Roger. Roger was praying for a Native man to replace him and God answered his prayer through Barlow. In addition to being a youth leader, Barlow teaches a Bible Survey class at Zuni Christian School. This has allowed him to connect more with Zuni youth from the community. **There has been an increase in spiritual warfare among the teens in Zuni. Pray for protection, wisdom for Barlow, and for the students to find their hope in Jesus.**

Written by Daniel Esplin



ROBBY LITTLE
Navajo

Robby graduated from IBC in 2019 and currently works with several Navajo church communities around Page, Arizona. Recently he has been studying the book of Ephesians with the youth, leading a men's Bible study and discipleship group at Porcupine Mesa Church, and speaking once a month at Bittersprings Bible Church, where he is leading the congregation through the book of Genesis. **Please pray for wisdom and guidance as he seeks to strengthen and disciple the men in these communities. Pray also for God's guidance in using business as mission.** Additionally, there are big decisions to be made regarding repairs and construction for the church meeting place in the Coppermine community. **Pray for wisdom and discernment as the church community makes these decisions.**

Written by Irish Noble



DONNA DAYZIE
Navajo
Class of 2019

Donna is a 2019 IBC graduate who works and serves in the funeral home business, supporting grieving families through the difficult process of losing a loved one and guiding them through funeral arrangements. She is thankful for how the Lord has sustained her in this area of work. **Pray for Donna as she navigates shifts in church and ministry leadership and seeks to remain faithful to the way of Jesus. Pray for wise discernment and the courage to carry out the Lord's purpose.**

Written by Irish Noble

Welcoming 2 New Students to IBC!

Indian Bible College was pleased to welcome two new freshmen students in January. Kai comes from the Gallup, New Mexico area and is Navajo and Zuni. Shawna is Navajo from the little town of Houck, Arizona on the New Mexico/Arizona border. Shawna spent a year and a half at another college before coming to IBC, following in her older sister's footsteps.

Kai and Shawna have both worked at Broken Arrow Bible Ranch and desire to learn to be more effective as ministers to youth. They are both exceptional students and have enthusiastically embraced the IBC community and culture. **Pray they will persevere in their studies and finish this semester strong.**

Written by Martha Gushee



Coming up at Indian Bible College...

Summer Overseas 2023

IBC's vision is to see Native America cease to be the mission field and become a mission force. As part of our commitment to equipping Native Christians for biblical ministry and spiritual leadership to their people and the world, we are launching our very first "Summer Overseas" with the intent of providing every IBC student with an opportunity to engage in cross-cultural ministry abroad by the time they graduate. The plan is to lead several trips every year for the foreseeable future, creating space for alumni to join in the experience. This year we will be sending teams of Native staff and students to France, Uganda, and Israel.

Uganda—Christina Tree-Lasiloo is an IBC graduate and has been on staff as a bookkeeper, Student Life assistant, and Spiritual Formation mentor for over two years. As a Mending the Soul graduate through IBC and a contributor to the Mending the Soul workbook for Native Americans, she has a passion for walking alongside those who have experienced abuse and other forms of trauma and is excited to join Mending the Soul (MTS) in Uganda for two weeks of trauma care ministry this summer. Nearly half a million Congolese refugees have fled to Uganda over the past twenty years, seeking refuge from ongoing violence in their home country. MTS is responding to this crisis by training Congolese leaders in Ugandan refugee camps to effectively and compassionately aid survivors of trauma. Pray for Christina as she shares her story with these men and women and encourages them towards hope and healing in Christ.



France—IBC alumni and staff members Coreen & Daniel Esplin started the Natives to France ministry in 2016 with the goal of empowering Native Christians to become a dynamic force for global missions. Since then, the Espilns have built relationships with ministries and individuals throughout France, where fewer than 1% identify as followers of Christ. This year their team will include staff member and IBC graduate, Joshua, and senior student, Cecelia. Since Native American culture is a topic of interest in France but is largely misunderstood, the team will partner with local ministries to share cultural presentations. These presentations will not only facilitate meaningful connections with local people but will also offer an opportunity for the team to share the gospel and tell about the hope they have in Christ.



Israel—For 29 years IBC president Dr. Jason Koppen has had a burden to go—and lead groups—to Israel, but has longed to find a way to serve while there. Since coming to IBC 15 years ago, Jason has prayed for open doors to take students and graduates to the Holy Land. The Lord has finally answered his prayers. This June President Koppen and his wife Sarah will take two students, Aaron and Kelly, and one graduate staff member, Brina, to serve at an archeological dig in Shiloh! You can learn more about this amazing opportunity to “walk where Jesus walked and dig where Jesus dug” at www.biblearchaeology.org/shiloh-excavations.



Obviously, overseas travel is expensive, and each of these teams are raising funds to cover their travel costs. If you would like to contribute to one of these trips, gifts made to IBC with an expression of preference for a country and/or participant are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. To give to where it is most needed, simply designate “Overseas Trips” on your gift.

IBC's 65th Anniversary Celebration

We are excited to celebrate 65 years of God's provision and faithfulness to IBC this November—and you're invited!

We will be hosting celebration banquets in the IBC Student Center on the evenings of November 16th and 18th. We hope you can join us on one of these evenings for food, music, fellowship, and a celebration of all God has done over the past 65 years.

Space is limited—call 928-774-3890 or email info@indianbible.org to RSVP for the date of your choice.

We hope to see you there!

