

A NEW ERA AT NAVAJO MINISTRIES



As we enter this new year and decade, I'm thrilled to share with you exciting news: the creation of the Navajo Heritage Center - *A Celebration of the People*. Actually, we have been actively working on this project behind the scenes for the past three years. The plans call for an extreme make-over of the existing campus located here on West Main Street in Farmington. Some of our buildings, like the Communications and Administrative headquarters, will be expanded and renovated to include a museum-based enterprise.

While we expect this center to attract many visitors from around the country and the world to learn more about the beautiful culture of the Navajo people, we look at this facility as a place for Navajo families to also visit. Many of the younger generation are not aware of the stories of the Long Walk, Navajo Code Talkers and the creation of the written form of the Navajo language through publications like the Navajo Bible.

In the fall of 2009 we had a ground breaking event for phase one of the project, the Education and Activity Center. As always, we are beginning and building on a cash basis. We are thankful for a local Task Force of nearly 40 community leaders who are advising and assisting with this new expansion, but we will need the support of friends both near and far to see this entire Heritage Center project become a reality.

While we are all going through challenging days in our country, we believe God will continue to provide for all our needs as we trust in Him. As you read through this Annual Review you will see that God is providing friends and funds to accomplish His purposes. Actually, we see the Navajo Heritage Center as a vehicle to bring in new supporters to help us meet some of the ongoing ministry outreaches to the Navajo, the people we love and serve.

For more information on the entire project I invite you to visit our new Web site: www.NavajoHeritageCenter.org. Also, please don't hesitate to call either Eric Fisher, our Director of Development, or me at 505-325-0255. We would love to visit with you.

I invite you to join the Celebration ...
The Navajo Heritage Center – *A Celebration of The People*.

James D. Baker, President



PROVIDING HOPE AND RESTORATION TO FAMILIES SINCE 1953

Navajo Ministries serves people, primarily the Navajo, in the Four Corners Region of New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and Colorado. Since 1953, we have helped to meet the physical, emotional, educational and spiritual needs of Navajo families and children. We will continue to build a future for Navajo families through programs which establish self-sufficiency, resilience and Christian family values.

ANNUAL REVIEW



A YEAR'S WORTH OF BLESSINGS



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FOUR CORNERS HOME FOR CHILDREN



Annette Hall

Long-term houseparents, Marvin and Shelia Owens, celebrated another year's anniversary with Navajo Ministries in September 2009 and Jonathan and Christine Wood completed their first year as well. Our long-term homes housed and cared for 32 children in 2009, and 10 of those children started and ended the year with us. We have been blessed with the opportunity to build relationships with and extend our ministry to some of the natural parents of those children.

Our Crisis House provided shelter for thirteen children who needed emergency placement. We closed the Crisis House in June and, while we are actively seeking staff to reopen that much-needed program, we are looking to God to bring someone to us who has financial support from their home church or other sources.

The staff of Four Corners Home for Children is honored to serve God in this place and we ask you to partner with us as we continue caring for God's children.

ON-SITE SCHOOL



Diane Hebbard

The dreams of so many are finally becoming a reality as we began to see our new On-Site School being built, just to the north of the long-term children's homes. I am looking forward to moving below the hill when all of the construction is finished. In 2009 we had 18 students come through the school, with seven of those students coming from Childhaven.

God is truly blessing me with Jim Althouse and Nina Benally and the work they are still doing in the classroom. Jim assists with the everyday duties of helping the students with their academic lessons. Nina brings with her all the wonderful Navajo culture that she teaches.

Our students performed very well on the state testing that is required of them. Some of our students are in an after-school tutoring program to help them reach their grade level in reading and math. The students also performed throughout the year, singing the song "Go My Son" to different audiences. The message in that song is to get an education, to climb the ladder and to return to help their people.

NAVAJO NATION OUTREACH



Gerri & Joe Begay

We were blessed to be able to assist the Ministry in bringing the love and hope of Christ to many Navajo families again this year. *"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned."* (Isaiah 9:2)

Through the Vacation Bible School programs during the summer months we were able to work with several churches from throughout the United States by partnering them with churches in remote areas of the Navajo Nation.

Our 2009 Christmas Connection project was such a blessing again this year. We were able to work with a dozen Navajo churches in the Navajo Nation who connected the gifts accumulated at Navajo Ministries with nearly 300 needy families in many remote areas. We were blessed to personally be a part of these visits.

During our Christmas visitation in our own home town, we were shocked at some of the most poverty-stricken homes. Some of the people shed tears as we gave them gifts at the time of their urgent need. Just to pray with them meant something special. We can truly say poverty is in our back yard. As children of God, we all need to be more aware of our neighbors' needs.

DEVELOPMENT



Eric Fisher

The Development Department at Navajo Ministries enjoyed a very active year, despite a challenging economic climate. God continues to provide for this ministry through His people. What a blessing it is to realize that He is in control and uses supporters both locally and throughout the country to help meet the needs.

The Navajo Heritage Center project continued to gain momentum in 2009, highlighted by the September 10th groundbreaking event for the phase one Education and Activity Center. More than 100 community members gathered at the site of the new building to celebrate this major campus make-over.

As the year came to a close, the foundation was being prepared for this great new facility as nearly \$800,000 had been raised in cash, gift intentions, donations and in-kind services. Enough funds were available to complete the actual structure, but more financial commitments were needed to finish the

necessary electrical, heating, cooling and other systems. Depending on future fund-raising success, we hope to open the new Education and Activity Center by the 2010-2011 school year.

Following construction of phase one, we will move forward with the phase two Navajo Heritage Center – A Celebration of The People. More information on the overall project is available at www.NavajoHeritageCenter.org.

We continue to search for new funding sources for our existing programs through innovative events, and by building new partnerships with individuals, foundations and other organizations.

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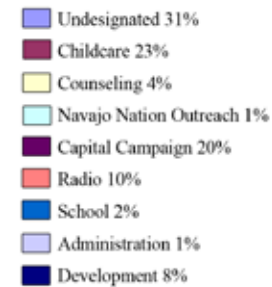


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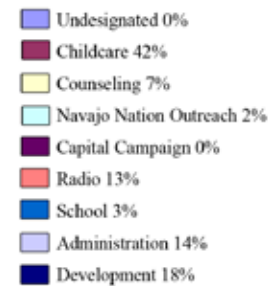
We continue to be a charter member in good standing with ECFA (Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability).

Here is a quick glance at our revenue and expenses for 2008-2009.

REVENUE 2008-2009



EXPENSES 2008-2009



Bill & Linda Eubank

COUNSELING CENTER

Bill and Linda Eubank are both Licensed Professional Clinical

Counselors. They provide counseling services to not only children and staff at Navajo Ministries, but also to community members in the region.

Linda counsels mostly children and women. Using the Play Therapy Room, she helps children (age 2-14) "play" through their trauma since they may not have the words to describe their thoughts and feelings.

Bill is a certified Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) therapist. This is a relatively new therapy using bi-lateral brain stimulation, which is very beneficial for those dealing with past trauma, depression and anxiety disorders. Bill continues to provide couples counseling, and works with male individuals from age 15 through 80.

KNMI VERTICAL RADIO



Darren Nez

The year brought many amazing opportunities for Vertical Radio to impact the Four Corners region. It was busy, sometimes hectic, but always rewarding year at the Vertical Studios.

We teamed up with the Blue Star Mothers for "Remember Our Veterans, Support Our Troops." We also partnered with numerous other organizations for community and family events throughout the year.

We also welcomed new people on board. New Morning Show host, Michael Colomb, joined the team at Vertical Radio after former Morning Show host Emmet Fowler took over on-air responsibilities for "The Drive" in the afternoons. Michael Colomb and Al Downey are now the co-hosts of the Morning Show on Vertical Radio. Also joining the staff in 2009 was Carrie Olson, who is in charge of Sales and Marketing.

Our coverage of local high school sports continues with the "Vertical Sports Game of the Week" broadcasts every week throughout the school year. We are so proud of our local high school teams and athletes and are excited to be able to bring these games to the community. We are also blessed to broadcast the Connie Mack World Series in 2009.

The year 2010, our 30th anniversary year, will be a year of growth and challenges for Vertical Radio and a year full of opportunities for "Community Impact." Thank you for your prayers