

PROVIDING A HOPE AND A FUTURE



As I reflect on what God has done through this ministry during these past 12 months, I am reminded again that God is our source and we who work here and those who support this ministry with prayers and gifts are His resources. What a joy it is to serve together as a team, focused on restoring hope to families in Navajoland.

In addition to our staff, we are blessed with many who volunteer their time, talent and treasure for the good of Navajo Ministries. Those who serve on the Board of Directors, Advisory Councils and Navajo Heritage Center Task Force provide valuable insight as we develop and implement programs that lift up the downcast and point them in the right direction. Many others volunteer in unique ways through our fund-raising fishing tournaments and special events like the KNMI Share-A-Thons and the Christmas Connection to the Navajo Nation. Special recognition goes to Jim Althouse, who serves as a full-time volunteer at our on-site Navajo Ministries School.

As 2008 came to a close, America experienced a financial downturn. While our year-end gifts were a bit lower, we are encouraged with the faithfulness of many of our donors who are trusting God to meet their needs - and that includes a need to give to organizations like Navajo Ministries. In the midst of these challenging days, we believe God is calling us to move ahead with an aggressive Capital Campaign that will include a celebration of the Navajo people through the Navajo Heritage Center. Donations and commitments continue to arrive for this "extreme makeover" of our campus. Ground will be broken on Phase I (Education and Activity Center) as funds become available.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." [Jeremiah 29:11]

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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DEVELOPMENT



Eric Fisher

The Development Department at Navajo Ministries added a new director in September as Eric Fisher, a 20-year veteran of the newspaper industry and a former public relations coordinator at San Juan Regional Medical Center, joined the organization. Eric is involved in many community activities and is charged with helping to gain support and increased awareness for future campus expansion and general program needs at Navajo Ministries.

Members of the Navajo Heritage Center Task Force, a group of key community leaders, met monthly in 2008. Fund-raising efforts for the Navajo Heritage Center project began in the summer. Phase one of the project includes a new Education and Activity Center, followed by the Navajo Heritage Center that will transform the current Communication Center building into a true place of celebration of the Navajo people.

The Development Department continues to promote Navajo Ministries in a variety of effective ways, including through the full-color Navajo Neighbors magazine. Hannah Rodden also joined the department in the fall as our Graphic Designer. Hannah comes to Navajo Ministries from Ohio, where she worked for a local newspaper. She is a welcome addition and handles all of our graphics work for brochures, mailings, magazines and other organizational needs.

ON-SITE SCHOOL



Diane Hebbard

Thanks to some wonderful people who donated instruments for the school, the children are learning to play recorder, trumpet, violin and the piano. Jim Althouse, a retired music teacher and the aide for the school, is working with the children and our music programs. The students are even learning their states and capitals through songs.

Nina Benally is still sharing her time and talents educating our students about the Navajo culture. This year we did the whole process from start to finish in making cedar ash. The students have also made several beautiful items with beads. They first started with their own symmetrical pattern and then applied that to their bead boards.

One of the biggest excitements this year was having children from Childhaven attend our school. These

children come to us with similar backgrounds and have some of the same emotional problems as the students who live on campus. The school has had a child in every grade from first through fifth, which is a challenge in itself. We are seeing some tremendous progress with their reading and math skills.

FOUR CORNERS HOME FOR CHILDREN



Annette Hall

We ended 2008 with two brand new sets of houseparents in our long-term homes. The Owens returned to us from Alabama in September. They had been houseparents before, from 2004 to 2006. The Wood family joined us just as the year ended.

Our long-term homes, housed and cared for 36 children in 2008 and our Crisis Home provided shelter for 14 children who needed emergency placement. Eleven of these children eventually moved into our long-term homes.

We began 2008 with a Moms Too Program, but after 12 years, that program was discontinued and we began plans to open a maternity home. We are still in the planning stages of that future effort.

Sonya Begay-Rodriquez, one of our own who grew up at Navajo Ministries, joined our staff as the houseparent in the Crisis Home.

Our staff desires to provide so much more than just shelter to the children who call Navajo Ministries "home." It is our prayer to have a lasting impact on the lives of those who pass through our doors. We want to be Godly examples and show them the love of Jesus Christ.

We covet your prayers and ask that you continue to lift up our houseparents as they willingly serve God and care for precious souls.

ADMINISTRATION



Kelly Karlin

Overall giving was down only slightly this 2007/2008 fiscal year and we were able to decrease expenses. We purchased a used minivan for the long-term homes, which contributed to lower gas costs.

However, investment revenue was down considerably, meaning we did not end the year in the black.

The annual audit went smoothly and all new

recommendations are either already implemented or are in process.

NAVAJO NATION OUTREACH



Gerri & Joe Begay

We have been blessed to have Joe and Gerri Begay as part of our ministry for more than 20 years. They are currently pastors at a church in Chinle, Arizona, in the heart of the Navajo Nation. For many years they have been conducting Marriage and Family Seminars in many Navajo churches. Their story of God's redemption of their marriage has been a blessing to many, both within the Navajo Nation and across the United States, as they share their testimony in churches and through various media outlets.

Each year Gerri Begay coordinates our Vacation Bible School programs, which take place in Navajo churches in the summer. Teams of volunteers from churches in other parts of America come to help facilitate the VBS ministry. This is a great experience for both the teams who come to serve and the Navajo youngsters who come to sing, play, learn and pray. At some locations, the Begays also teach adult classes that week.

In December, the Christmas Connection provides practical gifts to needy families in Navajoland. Food, coats, blankets, toys and Bibles are shared with more than 300 families. Again, Gerri contacts Navajo pastors, who then deliver the gifts to folks in their area. Perhaps these words from one of the pastors best expresses the importance of these visits: *"I believe this has been the most joyful and memorable Christmas in recent memory for many of our families and their children. I thank you and your donors for supporting our church and giving the people a joyful Christmas."*

COUNSELING CENTER



Bill & Linda Eubank

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 "play" through their trauma since they don't yet have the words to

describe how they feel.

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

2008 brought more amazing opportunities for Community Impact in the Four Corners region for Vertical Radio. From broadcasting every pitch at the 2008 Connie Mack World Series to introducing our first annual Vertical Impact Day in conjunction with our annual Shar-A-Thon, it was a busy and rewarding year at the Vertical Studios.

We teamed up with The Salvation Army for "Stuff the Pack," and 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.

As with everything that changes, so do the faces at KNMI. Former KNMI General Manager Emmet Fowler rejoined the team at Vertical Radio after former Morning Show host and KNMI Music Director Kenny Montano left to take a pastorate job in Utah. Emmet and Al Downey, both full-time ministers in local Farmington churches, are now the co-hosts of the Morning Show on Vertical Radio. Also joining the staff in 2008 were Brandon Hampton and Josh Castillo. Brandon is the host of "The Drive" on weekday afternoons and is a children's minister at a local Farmington church. Josh Castillo joined the team as our Production Assistant.

"The Lunch Crunch," hosted by Wendy Curtin, and "The Saturday Show" with Cindy Verhaar are both going strong, growing and have a solid listener base. We are excited for the future of these shows. Chris Clark is still our faithful Administrative Assistant and she is a huge reason for our success this past year.

This year will be a year of growth for us and a year full of opportunities for Community Impact. We are always striving for excellence in broadcasting at KNMI and are excited for the coming year. We desire to take Vertical Radio to new heights in 2009.