A Return Home

DONAVIN ENOAH
Help Precious Children Today

In the past year alone, the Four Corners Home for Children at Navajo Ministries has provided a place of hope and healing to more than 60 children. Some of these precious young ones have been with us for several years, while others are here for a much shorter time period. The ages range from infants to teens.

They each come with their own unique stories – many of them are heartbreaking. Issues of abuse and neglect are common. However, they begin to experience love, safety and security once they arrive at the Four Corners Home for Children. This is new to many of these wonderful children. They discover the “home” they have been longing for.

The demand for services at the Four Corners Home for Children continues to be great. While we are seeing an increasing amount of disadvantaged children, the funds to operate the program are being stretched thin.

God has amazing plans for these children. And, God continues to be our Source, while people are His Resources. Will you stand with us today to help children in need?

If you would like to sponsor the Four Corners Home for Children, at $25 a month, or more, please fill out the envelope in the center of this magazine. You will also receive consistent updates on the children you are helping support.

For the Children – Thank You!

Deferred gifts, also called planned giving, are a much appreciated way to provide support to Navajo Ministries and its programs. Bequests, life insurance and charitable remainder trusts are several planned giving options. If you would like more information about planned giving, please contact one of our deferred giving specialists by calling 505.325.0255 or e-mail us at NMI@NavajoMinistries.org.

There are a number of ways to get connected with Navajo Ministries via your computer or mobile device. Both Navajo Ministries {www.NavajoMinistries.org} and KNMI Vertical Radio {www.verticalradio.org} have attractive, informative Web sites that continue to update friends on happenings.

Navajo Ministries and Vertical Radio also have Facebook pages, which are updated regularly. Facebook is a great way to stay engaged with us, no matter where you live. And, we also offer a monthly e-mail newsletter called Navajo Ministries Notes. Just let us know if you would like more information on any of our electronic “connections.”

And, remember, that we offer safe, secure on-line donation pages for those who prefer to give electronically. As always, stop by in person any time to see us at 2103 West Main Street in Farmington, New Mexico. We’ll be glad to show you what God is doing behind the sign!
LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the Fall 2014 issue of Navajo Neighbors, which is published twice a year and highlights some of the many ways God is working through this organization. Every edition is so enjoyable to produce as we get to share many wonderful stories of what is taking place right here at Navajo Ministries, and beyond.

This issue’s cover story is a true testimony of how God often works in our young people’s lives. Donavin Enoah, who was raised at the Four Corners Home for Children for much of his young life, returned “home” as an adult this summer, leading a church work group from Illinois. “This place saved my life,” he said during a one-week stay here. We hope you enjoy reading this amazing account of God’s grace and promise.

Other stories inside include:

• An update on what’s happening at the Four Corners Home for Children.
• The Navajo Ministries School is using innovative activities to help mold young lives.
• KNMI Vertical Radio recently won a sports play-by-play broadcasting award from the New Mexico Broadcasters Association.

There’s also much more inside these pages. Enjoy!

God Bless,

Eric Fisher
Editor and Vice President
Where Are They Now?

Kay and I have been fortunate to have served the Lord in one place for nearly four decades. We came from Pennsylvania in 1975 to serve as houseparents at Navajo Missions (now known as Navajo Ministries). Over these years we have seen many boys and girls come and go from these grounds. Some are here for just a few days or weeks until things improve in their natural family homes. Others are here for a more extended time.

Back in our early days we saw the children stay with us for a longer period of time. Some were able to stay through their school years. And after graduation we saw some of them go on to higher education or military service. Some of the children have kept in touch with us over the years; others have slipped away and have not kept in touch with us. We pray for all of them to be doing well as active members of society, leading productive lives.

It’s always a joy for us when we have some of these former kids return and introduce us to their children and desire to show their youngsters where they spent some of their younger years. They are most surprised when they take a walk to the rear of the property and see how the old weed-filled garden has turned into two new homes for children and more recently the new Education and Activity Center. Even a newer barn now stands where the old one was consumed by fire in the early 1980s.

A few years ago one of our former boys from our home called on Christmas Day to let us know that he was going to be married on Easter weekend and wanted us to be there. He has been serving in the Armed Forces in recent years. What a joy it was to attend his wedding in their church a few hours away on the Navajo Nation. He even asked Kay to share in the groom’s dance with his mother.

Another surprise came to us this spring when we moved off the campus into a home we purchased here in town. As we were moving into the house, our postman came by calling us by name and welcoming us to our home. It wasn’t until I got closer to this handsome young man and read his name that I realized he was one of our former boys that we had in our home many years ago.

We continue to hear from former children and how they’re doing as adults today. A beautician, soldiers, healthcare professionals, oilfield workers, graphic designer, plumber, carpenter, sales clerks, welder, banker, educators … these are just a few of the examples of what our former kids are doing today. One of them has even been serving with Joyce Meyer Ministries in St. Louis for many years.

Our cover story in this issue is another example of one of our former boys who has matured into a fine young man, serving his church in Springfield, Illinois. It was so good to catch up on what God has been doing in his life in recent years. Perhaps this would be a good time to ask other former mission children to contact us and let us know where you are today. And, if you’re nearby, stop in for a personalized tour of the campus.

James D. Baker, President
T. Greg Merrion Roast

**Raises Funds for Children**

The fifth annual “Celebrity” Roast, featuring T. Greg Merrion of Merrion Oil and Gas, raised more than $25,000 for the Four Corners Home for Children in April. Several community leaders took turns “roasting” T. Greg during the event, which drew a packed house of 400 people to the Farmington Civic Center. Miss New Mexico USA Kamryn Blackwood, a good friend of the Merrion family, was one of the many highlights of the evening and was a special “surprise” roaster.

T. Greg Merrion and the Merrion Oil and Gas Company have been wonderful partners to Navajo Ministries and the Four Corners Home for Children for years. We truly appreciate their support – and T. Greg’s great sense of the humor in being a good sport for a great cause.

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Navajo Neighbors

Former Navajo Ministries Child
Donavin Enoah Leads Mission Team from Springfield, Illinois

By Eric Fisher

Donavin Enoah was lost in his thoughts, remembering his days growing up at the Four Corners Home for Children. For much of his first 18 years, he received the love, care and stability that would not have been possible without a place to call “home” at Navajo Ministries.

“This place saved my life,” he recalled.

Now 46, Donavin has lived out his Christian faith that was first developed at Navajo Ministries, then known as Navajo Missions. He was brought to live with founder Jack Drake and his wife Betty in the late 1960s as an infant. Donavin’s aunt, Mary Enoah, rescued him from inside a pick-up truck. She, too, spent part of her childhood at Navajo Missions.

“My aunt told me why and how I got here,” he said. “My mother was an alcoholic and couldn’t care for me. She took me from a truck and brought me here because she said this was the only place where I would be safe and cared for.”

Donavin returned “home” to Navajo Ministries in June of 2014, leading a mission team from the iWorshipCenter in Springfield, Illinois. Along with serving children in need at Navajo Ministries, he was able to connect with family members and other friends during an emotional, spirit-filled journey that brought him back full-circle.

“I was once an infant and small child that somebody was holding and caring for, not knowing how I would grow
up. Today, I’m there for the children who live here. I’m playing with them and giving back to them. This not only makes me feel good, but it brings me real hope for these kids. I was also once lost, and had I not been here, I could have been dead. God spared me, and brought me here,” Donavin said.

The iWorshipCenter team, comprised of inter-denominational believers from Illinois, spent a week in the Bunkhouse at Navajo Ministries. They performed a much-needed work project on the ministry’s campus, connected with the children and houseparents, and also did nearly a week of outreach to Mitten Rock Full Gospel Church – located about 40 minutes from Farmington, the home of Navajo Ministries. Donavin was also recently ordained as a pastor through Five Fold International.

“I’m glad to be back because it reminds me of where I came from. It reminds me what God has done in my life,” Donavin said. “He always had His hand on me. Years later, I can really see that. Bringing a team down here to serve is just amazing.”

Donavin Enoah, who spent time in several homes during his years at Navajo Missions, graduated from Farmington High School in 1987. He realizes he had some struggles growing up, but he now knows God never left his side. He’s also amazed at the newer children’s homes and the Education and Activity Center, which is the newest building at Navajo Ministries.

“There are great facilities for the kids who are growing up here. It’s amazing how God has blessed this ministry. Looking down the hill where the new children’s homes are located, I can remember when I was here. Down there were pig pens and cows. I had to clean the pig pens, feed the cows, get out the slop buckets. What a difference today,” he said.

Navajo Ministries still operates a Ranch Program, complete with sheep, goats, horses, donkeys, llamas and other animals – but the pigs and cows are long gone.

Donavin also spent time working at KNMI radio, now more prominently known as Vertical Radio, FM 88.9. It was the first Christian radio station in the Four Corners region when it went on the air in 1980. As a teen Donavin would “spin records” on weekends. He remembers enjoying playing music for the praise and worship time on Sunday mornings.

“This was a good place for me growing up. I had people here who cared about me,” he added.

Following graduation, Donavin spent some time performing with the well-known youth entertainment group Up with People before finding his way to Western Illinois University, where he graduated. He also spent 14 years with the Marriott Corporation as a catering manager.

“I loved the catering business,” he said.

Donavin Enoah, second from the right on the top row, is seen with the Bob and Leslie Fitz family at Navajo Missions in the 1980s.
He also worked for the Illinois state government before becoming an educator in Springfield, Illinois. He was recently a teaching assistant with Lakeshore Elementary School, a program of the Hope Institute in Springfield. In late summer, Donavin was promoted to Recreational Specialist, a managerial position.

“The program is similar to what you have here with the Navajo Ministries School. We’re working with children who have emotional and behavioral challenges,” Donavin said.

Bob Fitz, the Projects Manager at Navajo Ministries, and his wife Leslie served as houseparents to Donavin for several years in the 1980s. Bob said it was great to see a former Navajo Ministries child return to provide ministry outreach to the Navajo people.

“It was a blessing to see Donavin and how he has allowed the Lord to work in his life to become who he is today,” Bob said. “Donavin’s story is a testament that God redeems all things and changes lives.”

Donavin said there are still many needs in the Navajo Nation, but he said he was encouraged to see more Christian mission teams and churches gaining momentum in recent years.

“The evangelical churches and outreach efforts are popping up more than when I lived here. I’m just happy to be a part of it,” he added.

Along with spending time with friends at Navajo Ministries, Donavin was able to meet family members for the first time in June. He said he never knew his mother or father.

“About a year and a half ago, a sister of mine found me on Facebook and told me ‘I’m your sister.’ Her name is Shirl Enoah. I also found out I had two more sisters and a brother. One sister recently died and another brother died in the early 1970s. I was able to meet with Shirl and another sister, Susan, along with my Aunt Mary. That was an amazing experience.”

Donavin has been a part of the iWorshipCenter church family since 2008. The mission team he led, which totaled 12 people, had many kind words to share about their week of ministry in the Four Corners region.

Below are just two comments that were shared:

“I could feel the Holy Spirit and God’s love as soon as we drove on grounds. I could totally see how much you all cared about the kids.”

“I was very impressed with the kids – they were so happy and loved! It’s obvious that everyone here truly cares. What an amazing experience!”

Donavin said he and the iWorshipCenter team plan to stay in consistent contact with Navajo Ministries.

“This was a very quick week,” Donavin said on the final day of the mission trip. “The team is so encouraged, and we want to take what we experienced back home. This was a great Christian connection that will continue.”

Donavin is pictured this summer with the Vacation Bible School team from Springfield, Illinois.
Located on the border of the Navajo Nation in northwest New Mexico sits a hidden gem of ancient Pueblo Indian culture – The Aztec Ruins National Monument. Aztec Ruins is a 900-year-old set of smaller ruins that are part of the Pueblo’s history that includes the larger Chaco Culture and Mesa Verde National Parks.

The Pueblo Indians, also referred to as Anasazi, lived throughout the Four Corners region as part of their long migration journey that eventually led them to central New Mexico and Arizona. Aztec Ruins, which is one of the many stops of the annual Navajoland Tour led by Navajo Ministries each September, is a unique experience set on the edge of Aztec, New Mexico. The trip allows visitors to experience the history of neighboring Navajo tribes.

Visitors can explore a Pueblo Great House of more than 400 masonry rooms, look up to see original timbers holding up a roof and search for fingerprints of the ancient workers in the mortar. A reconstructed Great Kiva is also one of the highlights of this special place, which allows people to take a step back in time. Visitors are able to explore throughout the grounds of these ancient ruins, just as hundreds of years before others did.

**Aztec Ruins Facts**

Aztec Ruins National Monument is open every day. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Labor Day through Memorial Day and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. No entry is permitted after hours. The park is closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, and January 1.

Admission is $5 per person, with children 15 and under free.

Descendants of the ancestral Pueblos at Aztec Ruins include the Hopi in Arizona, and the 19 Rio Grande Pueblos of New Mexico: Taos, Picuris, Sandia, Isleta, San Juan, Santa Clara, San Ildefonso, Nambe, Tesuque, Jemez, Cochiti, Pojoaque, Santo Domingo, San Felipe, Santa Ana, Zia, Laguna, Acoma, and Zuni.

**Aztec Ruins Gives Glimpse Into Pueblo Indian Past**
Children Remain a Precious Gift from God

By Kelly Hargrove

Children are a gift from God, even at 2 in the morning! When our children are infants, we get used to being up at all hours to take care of their needs. For houseparents at the Four Corners Home for Children this still rings true. As the demand for placement of younger children continues to rise, so does the middle of the night phone calls.

Navajo Nation Division of Social Services, as well as Children Youth and Families Department, receive calls from area police departments or hospitals at all hours. They then have to make phone calls to the community homes and foster homes in the area to try to place the children. For some reason, those calls have a tendency to come in the middle of the night on weekends! I am very grateful that we have houseparents in place who are available and willing to welcome these little ones in.

The House of Hope is one of our three community homes that make up the Four Corners Home for Children. It is licensed for 8 children, with the two larger homes licensed for 10 children each. We try to keep beds open so that we can accommodate emergency placements. Emergency placement is a short-term placement of children while natural family members are being located to care for them.

This past January we had a change in our houseparent staff in the House of Hope. We now have a full-time couple, Jeremy and Jade Begaye who oversee this home. Jade has been with us as an assistant since December 2011. Jeremy is the son of our longtime friend and assistant, Eleanor Begaye. The extended Begaye family has unselfishly served the children at Navajo Ministries for many years.

Jeremy and Jade have three children – Jeanna is 6, Jayce is 4 and Jeremy Jr. is 2. This family has been a great asset to our ministry. Jeremy and Jade have a true love for the children. Jeremy has taken the 9-year-old boy in his home under his wing. This little boy has never known what it’s like to have a Dad. Jeremy gets the privilege of showing him the love and support of a true father figure.

Jeremy is also helping with the maintenance needs at Navajo Ministries. We are truly blessed to have all of our houseparents, who all answer their phones when I call, no matter what time it may be. After all, we are called by God to care for these precious gifts.

Kelly Hargrove is the Director of Children’s Services at Navajo Ministries.
Students Learn New Activities
Outside Classroom

By Cheryl Sanders

Last year was a great first year teaching at the Navajo Ministries School as the students grew in their academics, as well as in some new and exciting extracurricular activities.

We introduced the students to the sport of archery, which we have added to the physical education portion of their education. The students are looking forward to continuing archery in the coming year. We are also planning on entering competitions to teach the students the importance of sportsmanship.

This summer we had a student who signed up in the 4-H lamb project, where she raised and worked with her lambs all summer and showed them this August. Trista won Best of Breed in the Western Whiteface class at the San Juan County Fair and was able to sell her lamb in the fair sale.

The class also did horseback riding during PE two days a week for those who were interested. It is so rewarding watching the students learn new things. Along with the regular classroom setting, these new activities also help in their overall growth.

We are looking forward to another exciting year here at the Navajo Ministries School. We currently have 10 students in the first through fifth grades. Most of them were with us last year, but we do have two new students. They are interested in horses, so they will be participating in our horseback riding PE class.

Cheryl Sanders is the full-time teacher at the Navajo Ministries School, which provides educational services to elementary-age students who live at Navajo Ministries.
Bi-Fly Tournament Raises $60,000 for Children

The 21st annual San Juan River Bi-Fly Tournament raised $60,000 for the Four Corners Home for Children August 22-23. A big “thank you” goes out to everyone involved in this wonderful fishing tournament! The funds raised came at an ideal time since finances were lean in the summer months.

More than 50 anglers raised funds by gathering pledges for the largest trout they caught during the two-day, catch-and-release event. Major sponsors and a banquet held at the end of the tournament also helped raise the much-needed dollars for our children.

Next year’s event is scheduled for August 21-22 and teams are already being formed. If you’re interested in learning more about the best fly fishing tournament in the Southwest, please call Tournament Director Bob Fitz at 505.402.6995 or e-mail him at Fitz@NavajoMinistries.org.

Counseling Important to Children’s Healing Process

By Linda Eubank

When children are placed at the Four Corners Home for Children many questions arise. What are the issues? In what ways can we be of help to them? Can we help provide hope? Can we provide healing? These are some of the difficult questions we have to ask ourselves, especially when we are not sure how long the children will be with us.

I have been trying to meet the needs of these children since 1997. The needs today are much more complicated than in the past. So many of the children have experienced physical or sexual abuse. Some have been living on the streets or in a car with a parent. Some don’t know where their next meal is coming from and have learned to live out of garbage cans.

Many are rescued by Social Services agencies and placed into a home environment at Navajo Ministries. Here, the donations from loving people provide shelter, food, clothes, schooling and a structured environment. But this means living with a new family, going to a new school and having rules that allow the house to run smoothly and provide consistency. Yes, now they are safe, but they still miss what they have known and the family they had.

Not only do we need to help them overcome traumas and neglect, we need to help them adapt to their new world while living in foster care. You can imagine that at times this can be confusing and scary. When children first arrive we attempt to make them feel welcome, safe and cared for. They receive their own bed and some new clothes and lots of new siblings!

We give them a little while to settle in before they start seeing me, “Ms. Linda.” I attempt to connect with them while making them feel comfortable in our visit to the Play Therapy Room. Part of the trauma work has to come when they feel ready and safe. But most of all they have to feel trust. It takes some children a long time to open up about past hurts, neglect and abuse.

Children often express themselves with anger to hide insecurity, learning problems or past trauma. I help them correlate their behaviors to what they are feeling down deep inside. Once we understand it, we can work on it. They begin to understand their prior behavior as a protection. Now it is safe to manage their behavior in a healthier way.

I have been privileged to watch some children grow up to be healthy, productive members of society. It is a result of the good work by all the staff that interacts with them to give them hope for a better future. They come back to visit and bring their children! Children that have healthier parents who understand how to care for and nurture them. What a gift!

Linda Eubank is a licensed professional clinical counselor with the Eubank Counseling Center, located on the campus of Navajo Ministries. Two-thirds of her clients are children ranging in age from 3 to 17.
Each summer, Navajo Ministries has the pleasure to welcome Vacation Bible School work teams from throughout the United States. These teams provide much-needed help with maintenance projects in and around our 16-acre campus, offer entertaining and thoughtful programs to the children and staff members, and also spend much of the week organizing VBS programs at churches in the Navajo Nation.

This summer’s four teams included Mount Pleasant Community Church from Lyndon, Kansas; Trinity United Methodist Church from Smithfield, Virginia; Kahului Union Church from Maui, Hawaii; and iWorshipCenter from Springfield, Illinois. All four church teams stayed with us for a week in our two-level Bunkhouse.

It is always such a wonderful experience to see what God has in store during these visits. The VBS teams always give back to us and the Navajo people we serve in so many memorable ways. We thank all four teams for making this another great summer!
KNMI Vertical Radio, the first Christian radio station in the Four Corners beginning in 1980, is widely known as offering “more than music” to its faithful listeners. While an energetic Christian Hit Music format hosted by local DJs is the largest part of any day at Vertical Radio, the station has also garnered a reputation as an outstanding outlet for high school sports broadcasts.

Vertical Radio is the official station of the annual Connie Mack World Series, which just celebrated 50 years in Farmington in August. The tournament is a showcase for amateur baseball players throughout the country from 16 to 18 years of age. More than 60 current Major League players at one time played in the Connie Mack World Series at Ricketts Park.

Vertical’s team of broadcasters called 19 games in one week of furious action in Farmington. A team from Dallas (Dallas Baseball Academy of Texas-Gallegos) edged a Cincinnati-based squad (Midland) to win the title.

“It was an honor to be part of the 50th Connie Mack World Series in Farmington,” KNMI General Manager Emmet Fowler said. “This event was so memorable for everyone involved, especially the players, coaches and participants. It’s a privilege for us to be able to broadcast these games both locally and throughout the globe through our on-line streaming (www.verticalradio.org).”

In addition to the Connie Mack games, Vertical Radio Sports calls high school games throughout the year in football, basketball, baseball and softball. Earlier this year, KNMI was awarded best sports play by play from the New Mexico Broadcasters Association for its call of the Girls Class AAA State Championship basketball game between Shiprock and Portales. Portales upset the previously unbeaten Shiprock team, 62-59, in overtime.

“This was our first statewide sports broadcast award,” Fowler said. “It’s special because of the kind of station we are – a locally owned, locally supported, non-profit Christian station. We have an all-volunteer broadcast team for our Games of the Week during the high school seasons. Many of the stations do a really good job, but we just happened to win it this year.”

Fowler was the play-by-play announcer and executive producer on the winning broadcast. Paul Corley provided color commentary, Cheyenne Corley handled stats and spotting duties, while Kurt Fowler was the game’s producer and engineer.

“We’re a part of the community here and we’re helping to make those community-wide memories. Vertical Radio is certainly ‘more than music’ through everything we do here. Vertical Sports is an integral part of serving our community,” Fowler added.
A Work of Art

It’s hard to believe that a year has passed since Art Hickmott of our staff went home to heaven.

Art always took pride in his work, whether it was trimming a bush, cutting grass, painting a fence, or repairing a piece of furniture. And, as he moved about the campus, he never minded having some of the ministry kids tag along to see what he was doing.

On many occasions he would find tools missing and have to round up some of the boys to see what they were building and retrieve his tools, too. He really was like an “uncle” to the kids and they enjoyed hanging out with him.

Art gave us a great example of how to live a life of integrity and grace. He was a peaceful man with a big heart who loved to serve God and His people. We’re reminded of the apostle Peter’s words when he said, “If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength that God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.” (I Peter 4:11)

As our staff began each day of work with a devotion time, Art was always the first one there. He loved being with the staff at the start of the day and was always ready to greet us with a smile. When a pastor would share a devotional, he would often sit there with his eyes closed and a smile on his face soaking in God’s Word for a new day.

Perhaps you know someone like Art. May we encourage you to consider a Living Memorial for your departed loved one? Or maybe you wish to honor a friend who is still living. Simply use the enclosed envelope and indicate your desire.

All the funds received through this program are tax deductible and benefit the Four Corners Home for Children here at Navajo Ministries. A beautiful card will be sent to a loved one or family member recognizing your gift to the children. No dollar amounts are ever mentioned.

It’s because of friends like you that we can remind the boys and girls that through God’s hands they are truly a “work of art.”

Jim Baker, President

Living Memorials Through July 2014

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Each Christmas season, Navajo Ministries partners with Navajo pastors to help collect and deliver food, toys, Bibles, blankets and other items to needy families in the remote parts of the Navajo Nation. Navajo Ministries is again collecting these items for this year’s Christmas Connections, which will help more than 300 families in distant areas of the Navajo Nation.

Some of the items needed include:

- Health supplies, such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, conditioner (even small sizes), deodorants, combs and brushes
- School supplies
- Kitchen items, such as dish cloths, tea towels and pot holders
- Financial gifts are also needed and much appreciated to assist this project

More information on Christmas Connections needs is available by contacting Director of Partnership Ministry Kay Baker, at kbaker@NavajoMinistries.org, or 505.324.5236

Box Tops, Labels Help School

Box Tops for Education and the Campbell’s Labels for Education programs have been a major help to the Navajo Ministries School each year. In recent years, the school has purchased computer learning systems, exercise equipment, science kits, learning software and much more through these two great programs.

During the 2013-2014 school year, Navajo Ministries earned $4,702.80 through Box Tops for Education and now has $1,706 for the current school year. The school was able to purchase one iMAC system and one iPad at the end of last year through the Campbell’s program.

Thanks to everyone who helps with the Box Tops and Labels programs. Every submission is making a difference for our students!

For more information on these wonderful programs, please contact Kay Baker at kbaker@NavajoMinistries.org or call 505.324.5236.