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LIVING MEMORIALS

Navajo Ministries was established in 1953 for the purpose of caring for dependent children, regardless of race, religion or national origin, and for printing and distributing Navajo tracts and hymnals.

The ministry has expanded over the years to include: a non-commercial Christian radio station, KNMI Vertical Radio 88.9 FM, Counseling Center, Moms Too Program, providing a home for single moms and their children; Cross-Cultural Ministry, providing spiritual, emotional and material encouragement to those living in Navajoland.

When a donor expresses a preference as to the use of donated funds, Navajo Ministries will make every effort to honor their request and in most cases this is done in exact compliance with the donor’s wishes. However, the Board of Directors, in ensuring that Navajo Ministries carries out its exempt purposes required by law and effectively uses available funds, accepts the responsibility of applying funds in accordance with objectives of the ministry.

Views and opinions expressed in Navajo Neighbors by those interviewed are not necessarily those of Navajo Ministries.

Navajo Ministries is a Charter Member in good standing with ECFA (Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability).
Back in 1974 when Kay and I were still living in Pennsylvania, we began to seek God’s will concerning mission work. We knew God was calling us to work with Navajo children. The first organization we contacted told us that most of the dorm parents at their school were just there for a short term of nine months.

We knew God was calling us to a long-term mission experience and then discovered that Navajo Missions was in need of houseparents. After coming for an interview in January of 1975, we believed this was the place God would have us to serve. That was nearly 33 years ago. God had granted us our heart’s desire by allowing us to make a long-term investment in the lives of the Navajo through this ministry.

Over the years we have seen many staff members come and go. For some, it was a short-term experience that was just what they needed for that time in their lives. Many of them went on to other ministries and have blessed others with their talents and abilities. But there have been some that came, and like us, have invested a long portion of their lives in this place.

In the last issue of Navajo Neighbors you read about Bob Fitz being with us for 25 years. Rick and Paula Terpsma have been with us 20 years and Vickie Franklin just completed 19 years. Bill and Linda Eubank have served here for over 10 years. And, in November we celebrated 25 years of service for Art Hickmott. Many of us call him “Uncle” Art. That term of endearment began when his nephew Mark Frederick and his wife Karen were here serving as houseparents for over 10 years. Art’s wife, Louise passed away in 1994. Three years later he married Cheryl who was working with us in childcare.

We surprised him with gifts and good wishes at our annual pre-Thanksgiving luncheon at the school building. Many of the words of encouragement shared in the remembrance album talked of his happy positive spirit that carried him through the day as he performed his maintenance duties. Perhaps the words from one of our teens expresses best the feelings of love we all have for Uncle Art.

“It’s hard to talk about family considering I spent most of my life living with the ones the state gave me. But I knew once I moved here it wasn’t the genetics that make family, it’s the connection. You were the one I could always count on for a smile, the one who would stop to say hello on our way home from school, the one who would hear our little kid stories. Every memory of the mission we have includes you. You’re the maintenance man, the bus-stop cop, and the go-to-guy. You are Uncle Art.”

I’m so thankful for each and every one of our staff members who have heard God’s call and chose to invest their time and talents at Navajo Ministries.

JAMES D. BAKER
PRESIDENT
Helping Hands

Our annual Christmas Connection was a blessing to many families living on the Navajo Reservation. Thanks to the help of many friends, both near and far, over 300 needy families received food, blankets, Bibles, toys, etc. just before Christmas. Shown here are some volunteers who helped pack the beans, peanuts and fruit that were later picked up by Navajo pastors who took the gifts to deserving families in their area of the reservation.

(L to R): Gay Carlson, Maggie Fishburn, Phyl Hyre, Don Carlson, Charlene Jackson, Beth Dykstra and Jackie Hyre

Trail Christian Fellowship Team

In October of last year, we welcomed another team of faithful volunteers from Trail Christian Fellowship, Eagle Point, Oregon. Each fall this supporting church brings in a team of adults and the funds necessary to complete a manual labor project at the Ministry. This time, the team put a new roof on our maintenance shop and also constructed a shade covering for some of our playground equipment. This spring a team of young people will come from this church to help with another project.

Live Navajo Nativity

The children from the Four Corners Home for Children at Navajo Ministries participated in the 22nd annual Live Nativity on December 22nd. This living “Christmas Card” has become a tradition to many families in the Four Corners region.

During the two hours that evening, hundreds of carloads of visitors drove through the grounds. Angels, shepherds, wise men, Mary, Joseph and a baby wrapped in a cradle board were surrounded by live animals, all a reminder of the reason for this season. In the gazebo by the children’s homes on the lower level, carolers sang the songs of Christmas as the visitors winded their way through the lumanaria lined drive-ways of the Ministry grounds.

Thanks for the Meat!!

We are thankful for the donation of half a beef and half a pork from PNM-San Juan Generating Station. Shown here, Lisa Martin, Public Relations/Communication Administrator with PNM helps Rick Terpsma of Navajo Ministries unload the meat which PNM purchased at the San Juan County Fair. This is a great help to the food needs for the Four Corners Home for Children.

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Elmer Yazzie, the Painter of Stories

When visitors walk in the front door of Navajo Ministries headquarters, they are immediately surrounded by a massive mural that wraps around the lobby, sweeping up to the second floor level. As you look closely at this work of art you will quickly realize that there are subliminal images hidden within the mountains, desert and sky. That’s a trademark of Elmer Yazzie, the painter of stories.

Elmer grew up in Shiprock and Farmington, New Mexico. Elmer and his siblings were preacher’s kids. Sampson, his dad, was pastor of the Christian Reformed Church in Farmington for many years. Elmer reflects, “Even though Dad was gone a lot visiting and preaching in revivals, we had many times when we traveled with him as a family. My parents provided a good balance to us with their time as we grew up.”

Elmer remembers doing some doodling as a child while his dad was preaching, but it was his sixth grade teacher at Rehoboth Christian School who recognized his artistic abilities. She gave him a set of brushes, paints and a canvas board and asked him to do a painting for her. In high school he was asked to do some drawings for the yearbook and often gave paintings to his classmates.

After finishing college with an Art–Education degree, he returned to Rehoboth in 1976 to begin his teaching career. While there he also coached cross-country for 19 seasons. Now he is in his second season at Push Ridge Christian Academy in Tucson, Arizona.

Elmer began painting murals at the Navajo Christian Church in Red Mesa, Arizona, where he painted the story of the Bible from Creation to Revelation. In addition to the mural at Navajo Ministries he has also painted one outdoors in Gallup, New Mexico. He also did one at a Christian School in Red Deer, Alberta, Canada and one last summer in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Elmer relates, “I know that I have been chosen by God and inspired by His Holy Spirit to put His concepts into these murals. Not too long ago I began taking my sketchbook along with my Bible to church and as the pastor spoke, the Holy Spirit would lead me to draw illustrations of the message. I was privileged to be invited by Focus on the Family in 1993 to go to the Holy Land and illustrate the teachings of Ray Vanderlaan as they video taped That the World May Know series.”

That the World May Know series
I enjoy painting both the stories I hear and also those I experience in my journey in my own life. I dedicate these stories to the Lord. I’m thrilled when people ask me, ‘What do these paintings mean?’ This gives me an opportunity to tell them how God is working.” Elmer goes one step beyond putting paint on canvas. He even makes his own brushes from the yucca plant. He uses the thicker leaf and cuts it into six to ten sections and chews the skin off, using the fiber inside for the brush.

Speaking Visually
Elmer reflects on his Navajo heritage and the things he learned about the traditional elements of his culture. “The hogan, the cradle board, the loom, and the basket all have stories and meaning for life. It’s a combination of that influence along with the scripture and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit that leads me as I paint.

“I encourage artists to speak with courage through their paintings.

“I think it’s really important for artists to recognize what the Bible teaches about art and that the artist seek out God to see what He wants them to speak, visually. In my work there is a lot of prayer and study of scripture and listening to the stories of what God has done in people’s lives. I’m not afraid to paint stories of addictions, conflict and struggles in life and how God delivers us from these heartaches.
Elmer expresses his passion for helping his students to see that they are a special creation made by God to touch lives. He continues, “I encourage my students to look at the characteristics of God and try to understand who He is as an artist. In Ephesians 2:10 we read that, ‘We are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works that He has prepared in advance for us.’ “Then I read the creation story and realize that everything was created with His voice except human life. It says God formed human life out of the dust of the earth. He took His hands and created us. We are His masterpiece. Each one of us is unique, one of a kind. Whether we like it or not we all have artistic characteristics within us and God wants us to contribute to the world just as Jesus Christ did. As God’s masterpiece, we too, can contribute uniquely to our world.”

Elmer met his wife Sharon in Chicago and they were married in 1978 and have been blessed with four children, Autumn, (who got married last summer), Dawn, Andrew and their youngest, Sierra. Please visit his web site, ElmerYazzie.com
Shiprock: Rock with Wings

Just thirty miles west of Navajo Ministries in Farmington, New Mexico, travelers will find an impressive rock formation that has been photographed by many over the years. Rising nearly 1800 feet above the desert floor, Shiprock Peak is the remains of a solidified lava core of a dormant old volcanic pinnacle.

This amazing monument has great significance to the Navajo [Diné]. Known today most commonly by the name Shiprock, the 1800-foot eroded volcanic plume is sacred to the Navajos as Tse Bi dahi, or the Rock with Wings. This name comes from an ancient folk myth that tells how the rock was once a great bird that transported the ancestral people of the Navajos to their lands in what is now northwestern New Mexico.

The Navajo ancestors had crossed a narrow sea far to the northwest [possibly the Bering Strait?] and were fleeing from a warlike tribe. Tribal shamans prayed to the great spirit for help. Suddenly the ground rose from beneath their feet to become an enormous bird. For an entire day and night the bird flew south, finally settling at sundown where Shiprock now stands. From ancient times to the more recent past, Tse Bi dahi was indeed a pilgrimage place of major importance, the destination of young men.

The name Shiprock apparently came into use in the 1870s as indicated by the U.S. Geological Survey Maps. The Anglo-American legend is that while they were in the area they noticed the similarity between the rock and the 19th century Clipper sailing ship of the time, giving it the name “Shiprock”. Until October of 1939, its ragged and sheer sides had never been climbed. Climbers from the Sierra Club of California made the first ascent. Navajo beliefs resented such invasion of their sacred peak causing it now to be illegal to climb.

Just to the east of this famous rock is the town of Shiprock. Over 10,000 Navajos call this town their home. It is also the location of The Northern Navajo Medical Center which includes over fifty beds. The youngsters in our care at the Four Corners Home for Children will sometimes be taken there for treatment. Every October The Northern Navajo Nation Fair draws over 100,000 visitors, mostly Navajo, to this site for several days of activities including crafts, dances, food, carnival, rodeos and the ever popular parade with many beautiful floats.
God Knows Me!

We have a beautiful family of six living here at Navajo Ministries. They have only been here a short while but in that time they have adapted well. I say, adapted but it is much more than that. They have connected and attached to many people here. Their house parents are caring and loving and that goes a long way toward building a trust relationship. It is also the foundation they need to be able to relate well to others.

We are blessed at Navajo Ministries to have so many caring people on staff in many different departments. Like our house parents, some staff members work directly with the children, like our school teacher Miss Diane and her aides, Sarah and Paula. Then there is Bill and Linda Eubank, who counsel the children and have a strong relationship with them. Others, like our office staff and Vertical Radio staff, might see the children on occasion but maybe not on a daily basis. They might not be in a position to directly influence these children but sometimes a certain child will connect with one of these staff members.

That is certainly the case with these children! They seem to have attached to everyone here! They are comfortable calling Navajo Ministries “home” and it is their desire to live here for a long period of time.

We recently had quite a scare involving these precious children. We received a call one day informing us that their placement was going to change . . . but only for four of them. The two oldest would be staying at Navajo Ministries and the four younger children would be placed elsewhere. It was a precautionary measure and one that made sense on paper but to these tender hearts, the news of being separated from their siblings and moved to a strange location was not something that made any kind of sense at all. They only knew it to be very frightening and something that brought about a great sense of helplessness. Once again, things were going to happen to them that they had no control over. All they knew was anger and grief. And they had less than twenty-four hours notice before being picked up. It looked as if there was nothing to be done.

The next morning in school it came time for devotions and Miss Diane, bless her heart, was still feeling nauseous from the news we had received the previous day. She didn’t have clear leading from God on what to tell them during Bible time. She looked at the children and was completely honest in saying, “I don’t know what to say.” One of her six-year-old students [one scheduled to leave] said, “I know what God wants to say!” He randomly opened his Bible and landed in Psalms. He pointed to Psalm 55 and Miss Diane began to read. “Listen to my prayer, O God, do not ignore my plea; hear me and answer me, my thoughts trouble me and I am distraught.” Moving down to verse 16, “But I call to God and the Lord saves me; evening, morning and noon I cry out in distress and He hears my voice.”

There is another student in class; her name is Morning Star. She pointed to verse 17 and exclaimed, “Look! I’m in the Bible!” This was almost too much excitement for the students to bear, but Miss Diane went on reading. “Cast your cares on the Lord, and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous fall.”

Miss Diane could feel the presence of the Lord in the classroom and she quietly went on reading. Psalm 56 – “Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you. In God whose word I praise, in God I trust; I will not be afraid; what can mortal man do to me?”

Psalm 57 – “Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me for in You my soul takes refuge. I will take refuge in the shadow of Your wings until the disaster has passed.”

Morning Star’s brother was in class that day. His name is Shadow Hawk. He took note of what Miss Diane had read. He said, “Hey! I’m in the Bible, too! God knows me!”

The kids were excited [Morning Star and Shadow Hawk were elated!] and Miss Diane was overwhelmed, overwhelmed by God. How great is His faithfulness. God made Himself real to these children in the midst of disaster. Calm peace fell over the classroom and in the hearts of the children. Miss Diane was comforted by the fact that God is in control but she remained heartbroken that this family would be separated by day’s end.

An hour before the dreaded pickup time, a call came in from the children’s attorney informing us that he had a court order for the children to remain at Navajo Ministries.

“The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry. The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.”

“Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass.”
Lessons of Culture

The Four Corners region is unique because it is rich in diverse cultures. Hispanics, Caucasians, and Native Americans including Navajo, Ute, and Apache call the Four Corners region home. A majority of the children who reside at Navajo Ministries are Navajo. Therefore most of the children who attend the on-site school at Navajo Ministries are Navajo.

On-site school lessons of Culture

The timeless traditions and the beauty of the Navajo Culture are celebrated at Navajo Ministries and are taught at the on-site school. Recently it has been reported by media that younger generations are losing touch with their culture. This is an issue that is growing, especially among the Navajo youth. It’s also been reported that only five percent of Navajo children can speak their native language.

Teaching Navajo culture is a major part of the curriculum for the students of the on-site school. Through a variety of art projects, language projects, and even construction projects, students are enlightened on their culture. Games are a big part of the Navajo culture. The “shoe” game is a favorite among the students, as well as the “stick” game. Both the shoe game and the stick game were created during the winter months. When the weather was too cold and the days shorter, these games were played inside warm hogans. (Keep reading Navajo Neighbors for more information on the shoe game as well as the stick game.)

The students also practice their native language in a variety of activities. Earlier in the fall semester, students learned how to write and recite the Pledge of Allegiance of the United States in Navajo. Ms. Nina, a supervising housemom for the Moms Too program of Navajo Ministries, visits the school regularly and provides very valuable teaching of Navajo culture.

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In cooperation with Farmington Municipal Schools, Navajo Ministries operates a school for children in kindergarten through fifth grades. This unique on-site school, with one teacher and a teacher-aide, has proven to be of great benefit to the children who are residents at Four Corners Home for Children.
Nothing is harder in life than being a good parent. The responsibility we have been given by God to prepare the next generation to be productive individuals is enormous.

Now imagine the burden on single parents, especially when the other parent is not involved financially, emotionally, spiritually, etc. Wow! Imagine working two jobs to make ends meet because the other parent doesn’t help with expenses, doesn’t attend activities or sports your kids play. And because you are working, you are not able to spend much time with your children, much less quality time, because you are tired from working. This is a common scenario in today’s society. Did you know that the greatest percentage of households in the United States is a single parent with children?

We all have heard and seen the result of the attitudes of people who have not walked in the shoes of these single parents. Those who launch critical remarks or have negative thoughts and actions because “Mom” or “Dad” should have made better choices to begin with or they wouldn’t be in this situation.

It is time for us as Christians to step up and help where it is needed - not to do for but to come alongside. Boys growing up without fathers need spiritual male mentors that can spend a few hours doing “guy” stuff every week. Young ladies without moms need godly older women to be a listening ear. Most of us could fit one more person (child) in to our busy schedule. It may mean getting out of our comfort zone or being willing to be used by God in the life of a child. That single parent needs your support and mentoring role in their child’s life. They can’t do it all and they may not have family in the area to help.

We no longer share each others burdens in the church. We are instead a people grateful that ‘but for the grace of God go I’. This attitude should drive us to a willingness to share the burden instead of setting ourselves apart as one of the fortunate.

Painted Desert, page 12: The Counseling Center is located on-site at Navajo Ministries. The Eubanks are licensed, professional clinical counselors (LPCC). For more information, please call 505-327-0264.
Adobe Oven Project

There have been special projects done by the students of Navajo Ministries’ on-site school which have demonstrated the Navajo culture. Last year, students were given an opportunity to weave Navajo-style rugs. This past year students constructed an adobe oven. With the guidance of Ms. Nina, students used adobe bricks and mud to create the oven.

A Horno (pronounced OAR-no) is a mud adobe-built outdoor oven used by Native Americans and early settlers of North America. It is used to cook corn, bread, and even meat such as mutton (sheep meat), beef, and turkey.

The procedure still used in parts of New Mexico and Arizona is to build a fire inside the Horno and when the proper amount of time has passed, remove the embers and ashes and insert the bread to be cooked. After the right amount of time the cooked loaf of bread can be removed. In the case of corn the embers are doused with water and the corn is then inserted into the horno to be “steam” cooked.

This kind of corn bread is known as Kneel down bread. Kneel down bread is often described as a “Navajo tamale”. The cornmeal type batter is placed into corn husks, wrapped and placed in the oven. This type of bread is very popular during the harvest season when the corn is ready for the picking.
“It was a beautiful day in northern New Mexico. I was driving through town, running errands and making my way through the busy day. God’s glorious creation was all around me. The bluffs looked especially majestic in the fading light of the evening. I began to think and reflect on who God is and all that He has done. At that moment, my favorite song began playing on Vertical Radio. God was speaking to my heart with each and every note. The music was comforting and the words were ministering directly to my need. God is so good to reach down and get our attention at the moment we most need Him. I began to sing along with this beautiful song and just as the chorus began … static. NO! THE SIGNAL IS GONE!”

We at Vertical Radio used to hear stories like this all the time. Stories of listeners who were traveling around town, tuned into Vertical Radio, when their radios instead tuned in static noise because of interference. Or maybe they lost the signal completely somewhere in town because they were “in a bad spot.” We also have listeners who used to pick up Vertical Radio in one room of their house, but not other rooms.

That sounds funny, but those of us who live in the Four Corners know exactly how frustrating it was. Our radio tower, which held our old, aging antenna at the very top, sits near a bluff, and our signal could not get through to certain places.

We’ve known for some time that we needed to purchase a new antenna which would increase our signal and power. Our old antenna was in operation for about 25 years. New advances in technology allowed us to boost our signal power with the purchase of a new antenna recently.

We needed that for our listeners because we want them to have the assurance that every time they tune into KNMI 88.9 they will be able to clearly hear the music they love and count on, and they will be able to continue hearing it clearly no matter where they are! We want our listeners to have confidence that when they need us, we will be there.

There are other listeners who also were struggling to tune in on a daily basis and they are our internet listeners. We have a large number of people who listen to Vertical Radio online, over the internet. Some are local folks who like to listen to our music on their computers while they work. Others are in different cities and states and can’t reach us on the dial. We even have listeners in other countries, including Iraq! It has been and continues to be a blessing for people who have no Christian radio station in their area, to be able to listen online, but as technology advances, we have to stay current and that takes funds. Our streaming needed to be updated so we could reach Macintosh users and others who have upgraded to newer versions of Microsoft Windows. All of this, the antenna and the flash streaming upgrades, still requires more money than we have!

As we prayed about these things late last year, God led us to have a one day Vertical Booster Day on November 30th to supplement our annual spring Share-a-thon. With our need for an upgrade in technology, we added the booster day for the sole purpose of purchasing the equipment needed to reach our listeners.

We raised approximately half of what we needed for the antenna and that has now been purchased, installed and is up and running! We enlarged our signal “footprint” and are now operating with more signal power. This means that in areas where we broadcast, we have a much clearer signal, fewer areas that are “spotty”, and now we are also streaming online for all types of computer users! It is so exciting to see God work these things out for our good and for His glory! He took us from 6,000 watts to 26,000 watts!

But the work is still just beginning. We continue to need the funds to keep coming in, we always will, but we pray and ask God for our daily bread. He is faithful and will supply our every need. Maybe He wants to do that through you.

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Or listen to live streaming at www.VerticalRadio.org
Creating a **Snapshot of Memories**

As we watched the devastating fires sweep through the populated hills of Southern California a few months ago, we witnessed interviews with those who were told to evacuate their homes as the wind driven flames moved their way. Some had to leave quickly and could take only a few precious items with them as they fled. Most all of them talked about taking their photo albums and home videos.

Next to life itself, we hold our memories of loved ones near and dear to our hearts. We hold photos, tell stories and read words that remind us of past days filled with happy times. Another way we can remember our loved ones is through a Living Memorial gift to Navajo Ministries, benefiting the Four Corners Home for Children.

Your gift in memory of a departed loved one or in honor of a friend or family member, who is still living, will provide assistance to our childcare ministry which provides homes for children who have come to us from abusive or neglectful family situations. While they are with us, they create some new memories that may include riding a bike, skateboard or even a horse. You can be a part of these new happy memories through your Memorial gift.

After receiving your gift, a lovely remembrance card will be sent to the family of the one you are memorializing or honoring. No amounts will be mentioned. All gifts are tax deductible and will be receipted. **Please use the enclosed envelope to designate your Memorial gift along with the names and addresses of those to be notified.**

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