



HOLBROOK INDIAN SCHOOL

Revealing God's Power and Glory

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Our Mission is to ...
inspire and educate
Native American Youth
to be
Christian servants
of God and man.

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"For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many"
1 Corinthians 12:12-14 (NKJV)

There is an undeniable peace that comes from being in nature. The fresh air, the sunlight... the unadulterated space. The all school camp out is a time during the school year, when students and staff alike, have the opportunity to spend three days and two nights dwelling in God's creation. The students eagerly packed up their gear the night before and waited with great anticipation for classes to conclude that Friday so they could embark on their adventure.

When the students and staff arrived at Apache Trout Camp ground near Big Lake, Arizona a flurry of activity ensued. Tents were set up, gear was properly stowed and the afternoon was spent establishing camping safety. That Friday evening the Sabbath was ushered in with students and staff joining together in song and praise. As the cool air of evening encircled the group, we huddled together to pray a prayer of blessing for our time together and for the privilege to spend Sabbath in the great outdoors. The cool evening made for perfect bonfire weather. Under the deans supervision, students gathered around the camp fire and reflected on Gods majesty. High school students Kobe and Ian shared how remarkable it was that



even in a fallen world, God continues to reveal His grace and love for us through the beauty of His creation. With the fire light illuminating their faces, the boys thoughtfully considered the power of God. Ian conveyed his feeling of humility that in the vastness of all God's earth, we are considered the most valuable and important of His creation. Coming from a home environment of neglect and despondency, the reality that he is loved, even above the highest mountains and vastest plains, struck him deeply.

Sabbath morning was a time for fun and fellowship. Pastor White engaged (cont'd on pg. 7)

Principal's Message

Dear Friends,

One of my favorite tasks as principal is to visit our school on the Navajo Reservation in Chinle, Arizona. For those of you who do not know, Holbrook Indian School (HIS) operates a one-room school there. Chinle is home of the world famous Canyon de Chelly (pronounced shay).

Rebecca Heinrich is in her second year as teacher at Chinle. She and her family came to us from Texas, and she is doing a fantastic job! Her job is a lonely one, but would be lonelier without a church family. Pastor Dave Wolcott and his wife Nancy have transformed the Chinle church community, literally bringing it back to life.

So why is visiting the Chinle school one of my favorite tasks? First, because the students run out and greet me with cheerful voices and plenty of hugs everytime I visit. Second, because I get to read to them. Third, I get to see first-hand Rebecca's accomplishments and can help her with advice and resources. Fourth, I think it is a beautiful drive from Holbrook to Chinle, for those of us that like desert scapes.

Working as a teacher in our Chinle school is no easy task. It is hard enough to teach six grades in one classroom, but add to that the administrative responsibilities the Chinle school teachers have, and the isolation and difference in culture on the Reservation. It can be quite a challenge. Additionally, Rebecca does not have the opportunity to collaborate with her colleagues face-to-face on a daily basis. She does not have easy access to services from the principal, counselor, receptionist, registrar, PE teacher and librarian. Amidst all of these challenges, there are rays of sunshine.

As I wrote this letter, I received a text from Rebecca letting me know that she is up to thirteen students from the eleven that registered in August. While this is good news, primarily because we can now help two additional students, she and her class need our continual prayers. You can imagine the disruption to her learning community while the new students adapt and become contributing members. There is also a great sense of satisfaction,

For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.
1 Corinthians 12:12-14 (NKJV)

and much praise ascends to our God, when she is able to make a breakthrough with one of her students.

Before closing, I must express my appreciation for the work the HIS faculty and staff do for our school family in Chinle. Rebecca brings the students to the HIS campus about once per month so that she can attend professional development sessions. Our PE, horsemanship, pottery, and gardening teachers take time to provide special activities for her students. Our maintenance personnel and our librarian visit the Chinle campus periodically to provide much needed repairs and support.

In this season of Thanksgiving, let me say how thankful I am for your generosity. We could not do any of this without your support. God is so good!

In His Service,



Pedro L. Ojeda





Left: Chinle Students celebrating 2nd grader, Shaylene's, Birthday. Back row from left to right: Donovan, Kent, Krishannon, Ivana and Shaylene. Front row: Amarè, Cisneros, Ramaya, Liliana, and Hannah.

Right: Elementary students participating in a cooking class. From left to right: 2nd grader Shaylene, 1st grader Ramayah, 3rd grader Kianah, 5th grader Krishannon, 2nd grader Hannah, and 2nd grader Liliana.



Left: Kianah and Liliana rolling out cookie dough.

Right: Mr. Ojeda paying a visit to Chinle school and leading out in an activity that depicts the anatomy of an avalanche.





From left: Quintin Clah, Adrian Wiles, Skylar Nez, Corwin Bahe and Adrienna Billy

Student Leadership Summit, to me, was more than I expected. Many of the games and activities had something to do with team building, how to lead in my position, building a connection with God, all while having fun. This was my first year and when I heard that the camp was only for 3 days, my first thought was “this is going to be a quick hello and goodbye event”. But it was more than that. I made connections to other schools, learned that our school wasn’t the only one facing problems, and how to most effectively lead in our position. The camp taught us how to be both professional and fun loving. Although our time there was short, it was an experience that will stick with me for the rest of my life.

— Corwin Bahe, Student Association president

Being a leader often means finding ways to make improvements. I want to say the Leadership Summit was perfect, but nothing is ever truly perfect. That doesn’t mean however, that we cannot learn from these imperfect experiences. Here are the areas I think the Leadership Summit could have improved: I would have liked it if our group was there earlier, so we would get to know the other students better which would have made the activities and worships more meaningful. I would have liked it if the activities were longer. There was so much to learn and explore and I felt rushed sometimes. Besides those observations, the leadership camp was an amazing time. My favorite part of my time there were the worships. I loved the youth pastor because he was funny and taught me a lot of things in a way I could understand them. He spoke about leading like Jesus. I left camp wanting to lead like that.

— Skylar Nez, Students Association vice president

To me, Leadership Summit was about building team skills and learning to meet new people and grow from what they share. The thing I liked the most about the leadership camp was getting to play basketball with the other students, and learn more about them and their experiences. I also liked how I got to learn new activities from other schools. They taught us how to work together as a team and how to find creative ways to solve problems. I learned how to put others before myself, for example not to be selfish and to think about others’ needs and interests first. I am happy that I got to learn the difference between being a good leader and a great leader.

— Quintin Clah, Student Association social vice president

Special Feature

At the Leadership Summit I learned things I never knew. The kids were very supportive and they were positive to one another. On the night we arrived we played games to bond with our groups and just to have fun with one another. The next day we went to our Student Association groups. We learned how to budget, and make the school year more exciting for the kids. Our main focus was working with shy students. We brainstormed ways to break down their walls and encourage them to socialize with their classmates. The only thing that was bad about it was we were only there for three days, but it was the most awesome three days I ever had. I wish the leadership camp was longer, other than that it was very exciting. Everyone was very respectful and it was just so much fun.

— Adrian Wiles, Student Association social vice president

My experience at the Leadership Summit was far beyond what I imagined camp would be like. Although it was my second year, I enjoyed every moment I had at Leoni Meadows. There were many things I liked about camp, but what I liked most was the opportunity to meet other people and get to know them in such a way that we would want to reach out to them even after camp. I had a hard time saying good bye to some of my new friends I met at camp. But I am glad that we still keep in contact. There's not one thing I didn't like about camp. Everything was so amazing. All the staff, sponsors, students from other schools, the activities, the ideas that were brought up in our groups, the effort the students put in participating in teamwork activities, the afterglows, the food, the scenery... all of it was simply amazing. Everything around me as I walked around the camp made me feel peaceful. Something I haven't felt in a long time. Words can't explain how much I miss Leoni Meadows. Everyday I pray I can go back and spend some time there again next year. I hope there will be more students willing to go next school year, so they can have the opportunity to experience what I experienced at camp.

— Adrianna Billy, Student Association religious vice president

It is always a blessing to observe our students experiencing new things. They seemed to take everything in with a wide-eyed wonder and though wary at first, by the end of the Leadership Summit, all voiced appreciation for the opportunity to meet new people and be in an ambiance where positive initiative is encouraged. On Friday night, we had a communion service. It was humbling to realize that most of our kids had never participated in communion before, nor did they understand its importance. We were the last school to finish because we spent some time discussing the Last Supper. By the end, our kids split in to pairs and they prayed over each other as they washed each other's feet. My heart was filled with joy and gratitude at being able to see their vulnerability and tenuous reach towards Jesus in this new way. During After Glow, all our kids decided to stay and most were trying to learn the children's songs (with the motions and everything!). It was a beautiful way to welcome the Sabbath! On Sabbath afternoon, we spent some time discussing what we learned from the camp and I was pleasantly surprised to hear the depth of understanding almost each student gained from big concepts, like what it takes to be a great leader, how can we as leaders prepare the student body for the Kingdom, and what is necessary for long-lasting change. I considered it a privilege to be a part of SA and the Leadership Summit. Seeing our student leaders learn and grow is one of the biggest blessings in working at HIS!

— Giselle Ortiz, Student Association sponsor



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Tribute gifts listed were given from September 1 - September 30, 2016
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In Honor of:

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All Students, be faithful, I want to meet you in heaven

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Joshua, My Son, who went to Iraq & Afganistan to give those people a chance at Freedom! Praise God for keeping him safe.

By Albert Larson

Our Father's Love

By Mayo & Suzanne Cummings

Pastor Robert Randall

By George Fulton

Terry, Daughter & Husband Skip's 44th Anniversary

By Betty Lacey

Cover Story cont'd

students with a Bible word game that involved finding passages from scripture and identifying a specific word in that passage. Teamwork was key. As students hurried to find the passage, they shouted words of encouragement to their teammates. Adrianna, a sophomore in high school, displayed significant knowledge of the books of the Bible. She could be overheard saying “ 1 Corinthians is in the New Testament... after Romans”. The teams cheered and applauded. It was wonderful seeing the students enthusiastic and committed to a game that drew them into the word of God. Following that activity, a group of high school students presented a skit, depicting the parable of the good Samaritan. We sat transfixed as they played out the story with great emotion and exertion. Sabbath afternoon was spent with faculty families hiking, canoeing and wading in the lake. It was a day of relaxation and spiritual revival. Elementary students, Naracaho, Elyse and Katelynn were heard singing praise songs. 8th grader Linfred, played melodies on his guitar while Ms. Ortiz played along on her ukulele. That evening, as the Sabbath came to a close, it was with grateful hearts that the staff and students enjoyed a hearty dinner. They would need a good night's sleep to be ready for “Sunday-School” activities.

At 6 am on Sunday morning all were awake and at breakfast, eager and ready for the outdoor classes to begin. Fishing, archery, canoeing, outdoor cooking, nature arts and crafts, and identification of edible wild plants awaited them. Young boys Leo, Elyse and Ivan all stood together with their fishing poles at the ready. They had been practicing casting all week and had been helping each other when their lines got tangled or caught up in the reel. They looked to Mr Tabo, their fearless fishing leader, for help baiting hooks. With each fish they caught, their confidence grew. They learned to gently release the fish back into the lake after admiring them, allowing the small creatures to swim away in peace.

The trip back to campus was long and bittersweet. The students were tired and ready to be back in their warm beds at the dorms, but they expressed their sadness over leaving such a beautiful place. The growth and love we experienced from being in nature connected us more deeply to our heavenly Father. He has blessed His children with the privilege of witnessing His majesty in spectacular ways; the vastness of the sky, the height of the mountains, the beautiful scenes of foliage and flowers. At Holbrook Indian School, we are committed to revealing the power and glory of God to our students in creative and interactive ways.



Our Special Needs

Staff housing rehab
 12 Passenger Van
 Worthy Student
 Chinle One Car Garage
 Operating Expenses per week

Needed

\$100,000
 \$30,000
 \$250,000
 \$8,000
 \$20,000

Raised

\$4,423
 \$16,073.13
 \$95,498
 \$50

Balance

\$95,577
 \$13,926.87
 \$154,502
 \$7,950

In the event a special need becomes fully funded, your gift will be used to fund the next most urgent need. Thank you for considering our special needs.



Sabbath afternoon hike at Big Lake, Arizona

Invite your church family to help bring Christmas to Holbrook SDA Indian School!

For many of us the Christmas season has become too commercialized, but for most of our children at Holbrook SDA Indian School the gifts they are given from our generous friends are the only gifts they will receive.

You can help bring Christmas to Holbrook by inviting your church family to adopt as many students as you can afford to help. We have about thirty children ages 6 to 18 who still need a sponsor. We ask that a maximum of \$50 is spent on each child and that the gifts are wrapped and mailed to HIS by December 14th. For each child you adopt we will send you a personalized "wish list." Don't like to shop? Make a gift of \$50 or more to HIS Christmas Fund. **Please call Diana at 928-524-6845 extension 109 for more information.**



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