

AMERICAN INDIAN CHRISTIAN MISSION

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Smoke Signals Spring 2024

We have just completed our 2023-2024 school year and summer team season has started. We had a good school year and saw much growth in our students and our staff. We had several new students this year and we enjoyed getting to know them and their families. One of our students gave her life to Christ this year and was baptized the last week of school. We built relationships with the families and were able to minister to them and help them with various needs throughout the school year. At AICM we are more than a school for these children and their families.



We are there to put our faith in action as we present the gospel of hope in Christ. Our number one goal in all that we do is to make forever brothers and sisters in Christ and to teach them how to live for Him for themselves. Thank you so much for your prayers and support of the work God is doing through AICM.



I know this doesn't look like much, but to us it is a big deal. This is the cap to our new well that was drilled earlier this spring. Through all the state and county requirements and some delays, the first phase of the water upgrade project is finally finished and paid for. We are now raising funds to replace our old 20,000-gallon water storage tank with a 62,000-gallon tank. The cost of this second phase is estimated at \$200,000 and we hope to have these funds raised by the fall of 2024. Interstate Battery LLC has generously offered to match donations up to \$50,000 toward the new tank. We are hoping to purchase the new tank before the end of the year.

Summer team season is in full swing, and we are excited to see what amazing things God will do over the summer. The big blue bus will be visiting many communities on the Fort Apache Reservation, and we have two camps planned. One of the camps is with the Hopi Tribe. We have connected with some of the churches on the Hopi Reservation and are excited to see how God will grow this connection. If you are interested in short term mission trips, please go to www.aicm.org and click on ministry teams. We are grateful for all those past and present that have taken the time to serve our Lord through AICM. Please keep our staff, ministry teams, and the communities God has called AICM to minister to in prayer each day.





School Report

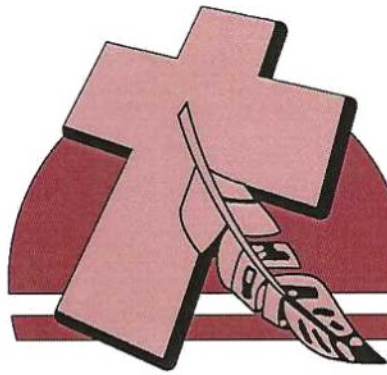
Hello! My name is Nezbah Keams.

I have been teaching at the AICM school since 2021. I was also a student from 1986-1991. I am so very honored and blessed to be on the staff here at AICM. This year was another very good year with all the children and staff. Some challenges faced since I've been here have been in the spiritual lives of the children. Also, some were still not on their grade level in certain areas of their academics. We worked with them all, and individually, in those areas. A huge blessing was having one student in high school confess Jesus as Lord and Savior of her life and then got baptized! What a wonderful way to end the year with a blessed celebration. Connecting with the children on a very personal level was such a beautiful gift this year. I am looking forward to our next school year already! Many prayers for all the children over the summer break.

This is a picture that was drawn by an Apache man named Shawn. He was born and lived in Cibecue on the reservation. He was also a student at AICM in the 80s. Shawn is currently serving a life sentence in prison but has placed his faith in Jesus for his salvation. Shawn has said, "My years at AICM were the only good years in my life". *And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9 ESV.* Please pray with us that the many seeds that we are planting will produce a crop of many believers saved by the grace of Jesus.



My husband and I had the privilege to be dorm parents for the girls dorm this year. It had its challenges, but I can honestly say we have enjoyed getting to be part of these young ladies' lives. We saw growth in behavior with several of the girls. For example, they started the year not wanting to follow the rules or do their schoolwork. It wasn't long before they were doing their chores and schoolwork without having to be asked. Most importantly, we had some of the girls' asking questions about God and the bible. This is a good sign of fertile ground. Please pray for God to open their hearts and minds to Him. Most of these students come from hard places and it takes time to unravel everything this world is throwing at them. I want to personally thank you for your generosity, without it, it would be impossible to do what we are doing. Keep all our students in prayer. – Evelyn Cline



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EVANGELIZING AND EQUIPPING NATIVE AMERICANS FOR CHRIST.

10 Ways you can help AICM reach the Native American people.

1. Pray for God to open the hearts of the Native American people to gladly receive the gospel message of hope only found in Jesus Christ.
2. Raise awareness of the work God is doing through AICM by sharing with family, friends and your church.
3. Come serve by bringing a short-term ministry team to AICM over the summer or during the school year.
4. Come work for us as full-time ministry staff in the school or other areas of need.
5. Purchase items from the "how to help" tab and our department needs on the aicm.org website.
6. Sponsor one of our students in our school for a minimum of \$30 per month.
7. Send funds and Walmart cards to purchase food for the school and dorms. *Arizona churches can hold a food drive for our mission, we have a list of food items needed upon request.*
8. Help with the general budget by making a one-time donation or by becoming a monthly supporter of the AICM
9. Make a contribution from your IRA, other retirement programs or your business to offset taxes.
10. Set up a charitable trust for AICM to make a donation that can continue to bless our school for future generations.

AICM is a nonprofit Christian organization that serves the Navajo, Hopi, and White Mountain Indian Tribes. We are a 501(C)(3) charity, and all donations are tax deductible. All contributions are donations and there are no goods or services given in return for them.

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