

# THY WILL MINISTRIES Newsletter

We are blessed! In our last newsletter, we shared the need for funds for bus repairs with you. Your immediate response humbled us! THANK YOU! The funds we received exceeded what we had asked for, PRAISE THE LORD! The bus is not working as efficiently as we'd like yet, but we have the funds and pray the necessary repairs will take care of the situation. Knowing we have your support when it's needed and watching God use you to provide the need brings us a lot of encouragement!

This portion of the newsletter has been prepared by Bob Eikenberry (Kim's dad). It has been quite some time since I have prepared the monthly report, so I volunteered to start the year out for the Ministry. So, hello and God's blessings to all of you who support Thy Will Ministries financially, with visits, and in prayer and encouragement.

**2024 Overview:** This year was filled with strong visiting Support Groups that kept all of the WMACC staff busy and at times exhausted. Not that anyone here is complaining, especially since so many positive experiences were the result of the efforts of everyone involved. The outreach of the WMACC staff and visiting groups helped to bring more individuals to Christ. We were able to witness more baptisms during the summer than in any previous year. We are pleased to be able to share the exciting news with you all, that it looks like we will be hosting more groups in 2025 than we did in 2024. For all of you who came in 2024 and those planning to come in 2025 we wish to thank you so very much and pray that God will bless you for all of your efforts on His behalf.



In addition, we have more and more of our Native American friends volunteering and participating in worship, cooking for Men's Devotion and lunch, baking cookies for the local first responders in White River, and other activities within the congregation.

We are pleased to let you know that the ratio of men to women in attendance continues to improve and is currently close to 60 percent compared to the 10 percent we use to experience. We also have a higher percentage of adults to children as in the past. With men's Devotion and lunch, women's sewing and cooking classes, women's in-depth bible study, group bible studies, youth meetings, and AA meetings, there is some activity every day with the exception of Saturday, and there are special events on several Saturdays throughout the year. To begin my 18th year helping with the mission work here in Show Low, Arizona, God has continued bless me with good health and a desire to continue to serve Him in any and every way I can, I wanted to be ordained as a minister of the gospel. For those of you who have already visited the Reservation you know, I have been sharing the preaching duties with 5 other individuals for most of those 17 years. Accordingly, it won't be a significant change to what I have been doing. I do covet your continued prayers on the effort of all of us who share the preaching responsibilities.



As staff we are humbled by Bob, (Dad's) service and example. His wisdom has directed us as a congregation, as staff, and individually. We are very grateful for what God has and is doing through him. As Butterfly stated, "It's about time you are ordained, you've been serving so long already!"

This year marks the beginning of the 27th year of service for Kim, Pete and Butterfly here in Arizona. It is hard to believe that they all made the decision to come back in 1998. The support of their family, our home church (Jerome Christian Church), their friends from Indiana and all of those all over, who have become good friends, have made the successful transition to this mission field, possible. As many of you know, it is a journey that they all have come to love, and one that I don't think will allow them to leave permanently for any reason.

It is a fact that both Kim and Pete have reached an age where many start thinking of slowing down and preparing for a retirement that is not quite so stressful and demanding as most of us experience. I do not believe they will ever want to do anything other than support Thy Will Ministries and the WMACC in some fashion, however experience will tell all of us that you reach a point where you start to slow down, where more effort is required to complete tasks and responsibilities that once took little effort on your part.



As a member of the Board of Directors, and a father who experiences their work load and efforts to meet all of the responsibilities that go with mission and church work. The Board of Directors is actively searching for another married couple who would have a desire for mission work, and most importantly, a heart for a group of Native Americans whose life is one of constant struggles with alcoholism, depression, poverty and a complete lack of hope. As it is with Kim and Pete, the couple would need to put together a Board of Directors who would assist them in establishing an operating budget and develop a means of support from a church, group of churches, or individual supporters.

It should be noted that there are currently 3 other families and a couple of single people, who are supporting the work here, plus a young Native American minister who has been ordained by the church, and all are separately supported to the point where collectively, we all finance the operating expenses of WMACC. Offerings are taken each Sunday, but with so much poverty, there is not enough given to even support the cost of the utilities.

We have reached out to a couple of universities for suggestions, but have received no response as of writing. We would appreciate any suggestions or recommendations that anyone might have that would assist us in our search.

All here who support the work sincerely appreciate all of the financial support, prayer, encouragement, recommendations, etc. that you have continuously supplied over the past years and continue to supply to this day. We all thank you! GOD THANKS YOU! May He bless you all in ways that will encourage you to grow, think, live and love as Jesus did.

Blessings to all of you,  
Bob, Pete, Kim, and Butterfly

