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We could easily sum up this month's newsletter by simply stating:

Traveled, traveled, traveled,
waited, waited, waited, and
received, received, received!

The month began with 9 of us traveling to North Little Rock, AR to attend the Arkansas Youth Conference (AYC) sponsored by East Union Baptist in Hensley, AR. Our Navajo teens and adults were amazed with the 2500+ teens in attendance, challenged by the speakers, impressed with the mission-minded hearts of the group, joined in the worship in songs, and even enjoyed touring downtown Little Rock and the River Walk.

Immediately after AYC was over Connie and I became separated...but only in miles! I headed to Twin Lakes while she returned to AL to begin the packing process. As it turned out, we were notified the manufactured home would be delivered in April rather than mid to late May as originally scheduled! Prior to deliver it was necessary to have the foundation poured and inspected. I was just beginning to recover from a back injury, resulting in me *"still being unable to do the work myself,"* AND we did not yet have the funds to hire it done! Stepping out in faith for the \$10,000+ it would end up costing was a huge leap, as our financial report reflects, and God supplied! The engineer was hired as well as the concrete men, block masons, electrical contractor...and, yes, I did a little of the work myself, much to Connie's dismay!



I returned to AL just in time to join Connie on a trip to Hillcrest Baptist, Acworth, GA where she enjoyed joining in their ladies retreat. Bro. Mike Maxwell, pastor, graciously allowed me to preach both the morning and evening services that Sunday (April 17th). On the 18th we headed back to AL, unpacked, repacked, and left for Twin Lakes on the 20th for what we expected to be a couple of days in a motel before moving into our new home. However, the rain, wind and SNOW prevented the workers from completing the electrical work and we ended up spending 12 days in a motel. On that trip Connie was blessed to be able to join in the Southwest Ladies Retreat in Prescott, AZ where she renewed many friendships from our previous ministry on the Reservation.

During that time we were able to be with our own church family at Twin Lakes, who are patiently waiting our full-time arrival there. We anticipate returning again in May, then using skymiles to fly back and forth for deputation appointments

previously scheduled, cancelled, and rescheduled.

Hopefully, prayerfully, the home will be ready for occupancy sometime in May! It's all a waiting game and we're still smiling!



We deeply appreciate the understanding of those churches with whom we've had to cancel deputation appointments. We look forward to being able to visit with them in not-too-distant future. To Florence Blvd. MBC, Florence, AL; New Union MBC, Red Bay, AL; and Pinecrest Baptist, Corinth, MS...thank you for the warm welcome and open arms you continue to show us while we wait on our final moving trip West. You always make us feel right at home!

To our many individual friends and churches who continue to unselfishly give to the Lord's ministry among the Navajo people, our deepest, heartfelt appreciation. You have absolutely overwhelmed and humbled us with your outpouring of gifts. May God's abundant blessings be rained down upon you. So much work remains to be done on the Navajo mission field, and our time is short. This young child was perfectly content to sit in my lap during a SS



class. Her mom, a first-time guest, is another one struggling with drugs and alcohol with plans to be admitted for treatment in May. Pray for this young mother and her baby girl, pray for salvation and recovery from the ravages of substance abuse that plagues their lives. Pray for the grandmother (one of our members) who has taken a leave of absence from her job to care for the grandchild during her own daughter's treatment.

We praise Jehovah Jireh for His provision that has far exceeded our expectations. We are at a loss for words to adequately express our gratitude for the extreme generosity that was given in April for this ministry. We recognize the task before us is beyond our ability to even begin to comprehend. And, we remain confident in the Lord leading us back to the Navajo Nation.

Traveling, waiting, and receiving...whatever is necessary is what will be done.

April 2016 Financial Report

Navajo Missions:

Balance 3/31/16	\$ 19,059.32
Receipts for April	35,955.88
Interest earned at bank	1.58

Disbursements:

Salary	\$ 3000.00
Social Security	250.00
ABA Booth Rental	125.00
AYC Youth Trip	1360.53
LBH Investments (Engineer, Permits, NM Inspect./foundation)	8825.00
Electric Service (Change from 100 Amp to 200 Amp)	1653.38
Water Filtration System	1466.35
Tractor Parts	61.71
Trencher rental, water hook up	463.43
House (Misc. items for Home, will remain with Home)	1061.42
Blocks and Labor	2652.42
Expenses to Navajo Nation (2 trips, 20+days motel, meals, gas)	2283.39
Advertising (pens for ABA & deputation)	280.00
Postage	120.95
Balance 4/30/16	\$ 31,212.20

Receipts

Betty Williams	10.00
Michael & Rachel Raines	50.00
New Union MBC Red Bay, AL	100.00
Hyde Park MBC W Monroe LA	100.00
Cornerstone MBC Bolingbrook IL, Foundation	500.00
Antioch MBC Perryville AR, Foundation	200.00
Ronnie & Paulette Baker, Foundation	100.00
James & Pat Myrick, Camp	200.00
Anonymous	150.00
Ridgecrest MBC Levelland TX	25.00
South Lamar MBC Oxford MS	50.00
Calvary MBC Duncan OK, Moving Expenses	302.48
Anonymous	150.00
Anonymous, Foundation	500.00
Anonymous	20.00
Jewel BC St Louis MO, Foundation	500.00
Pleasant Grove MBC Pleasant Grove AR	100.00
Jerry & Nanette Carwile, Foundation	1000.00
Twin Lakes BC, Foundation	2000.00
New Testament MBC Lonoke, AR (\$500 foundation)	700.00
Raymond & Barbara McAlister, Foundation	50.00
Antioch MBC Pearl, MS	125.00
Bill and Vera Davis	50.00
Quaker Avenue MBC Lubbock TX	50.00
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Marvin & Donna Rouse	350.00
Winan MBC Hot Springs AR, Camp	278.00
Charles & Robin Osborn	150.00
Landmark MBC Farmington NM	40.70
Pinecrest MBC Corinth MS	100.00
Florence Blvd MBC Florence, AL	125.00
Camille Strickland, Foundation	200.00
Friendship Youth Rally AR, Moving	192.00
James & Helen Boree	100.00
Calvary MBC Duncan OK, Moving	90.88
Danny & Jo Ann Waters, Foundation	100.00
New Liberty BC Sam's Group Garland TX, Moving	250.00
Anonymous Pensacola	50.00
Pinehaven MBC Pensacola, FL	123.49
Bethel MBC Noblesville IN	50.00
Grace MBC Hobbs NM	33.33
Hatley MBC Hatley MS	200.00

Hickory Plains MBC Hickory Plains, AR	200.00
Hillcrest MBC Acworth GA	50.00
Landmark MBC Prescott AZ	125.00
Vian MBC Vian OK	100.00
Liberty MBC Detroit AL	50.00
Lone Mountain MBC Las Vegas NV	250.00
Unity MBC, DeWitt, AR	170.00
Unity MBC, DeWitt, AR, Building Fund	75.00
Unity MBC, DeWitt, AR, Meal Packs	50.00
Unity MBC, DeWitt AR, Camp	170.00
Evergreen MBC, Marston, MO, Road	50.00
Open Hands BC Tonopah AZ,	17,000.00
South Lamar MBC Oxford MS	50.00
Spanish Trail BC Pensacola FL, Foundation	7000.00
Alex & Cindy Sotelo & Family, Misc House Funds	350.00
Oakwood MBC Spruce Pine AL	50.00
Faith BC, Fellowship Class, North Little Rock, AR (house setup)	200.00

Christmas Project

For those planning to assist with the Christmas Project this year, I need your help. We have spoken with a few churches already in the past couple of months, but with all of the traveling, dealing with the home being delivered and set up and all the days spent in motel rooms, some of the information simply got overlooked as far as what churches have signed up for which age groups, etc. **For those churches already committed to the project, would you mind texting Connie at 505-870-2861 or emailing me, jbakernavajo@aol.com, how you are planning to help? (#s of gifts planned for boys and for girls and age group you prefer).** We apologize for failing to keep up with the generous offers and commitments already made.

For individuals and churches who have not yet "signed up" but would like to become a part of making Christmas happen for Navajo children on the Reservation, please contact us for additional information.

We may not hit the 2500 gift mark again this year, but that's all in the Lord's hands. However, each gift prepared will be greatly appreciated when delivered to the children. Perhaps you may not be in a position to provide actual gifts but would like to send an offering to help with the project. Our members stand ready to purchase items and create gifts on your behalf. **Your check may be made payable to "Twin Lakes Baptist", designated "Christmas project", and mailed to the address on the front of the newsletter.** As we have shared with you in the past, for many, many of the Navajo children, your gift will be the only one they receive.

We do plan to make the trip in November to pick up gifts at the various drop-off points. Should you have any questions regarding the Christmas Project, please do not hesitate to contact us.