



Chuck Harper, Executive Director

If you've ever been in a radio station, there is one little light that certainly gets everyone's attention. It's that **ON AIR** light. When you see that light go on, everything stops. It doesn't matter how lively the conversation or how funny the, ... shhh. Everybody knows the little light means - ON AIR takes priority.

This year, YOU have made it possible for more ON AIR opportunities. Not just on the radio, but in ways you are helping our team make Native America brighter.

Here are a few "on air light" stories: Two of our radio station construction workers have come to know Jesus. As our radio listeners grow in their walk with Jesus, they are generously giving to the radio ministry, and together we are raising funds for a pastor's transportation in Nepal. Several students

at Hilltop Christian School have surrendered their lives to Jesus this year. Our staff each have unique ways they serve others every day to become disciple makers!

Just think, this year, we have grown to 5 radio stations- which can be heard on 4 reservations (with one new station in the works on another reservation)! Every time that little **ON AIR** light goes on in the radio we know that there are possibly thousands of Native American people listening to the good news of Jesus- and being challenged to take the Gospel to others.

We believe that Native America is poised like no other, not as a mission field, but as a monumental mission force! YOU are making that happen.

Thank you that you care! In spite of the On Air lights, in many ways, Native America is still a very dark place.

Thank you for your prayers! We know that the success stories we are seeing are because people are praying.

Thank you for investing in this ministry! As you consider your giving this year, consider that we can only build our budgets by what God provides through people just like YOU.

One day soon, we will be installing the new **ON AIR** lights in our new studio building! I'd like to invite you to consider a generous year end gift to help us keep our on-air lights burning bright. Your gift helps us, together - equip people to exalt Jesus, encounter His goodness and extend His Kingdom ACROSS NATIONS!

What will you have to say?



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Radio Waves

By Jenna Martinez

It was my privilege to come on board to the Radio department at the beginning of July 2021 as Interim Radio Manager. My experience has always been in management, and fortunately I had experience in reorganization of various kinds of businesses, therefore making this change included my experience in rebuilding vision, policies, processes, budget, technology, and staff...which is exactly what I am doing. What a privilege, yet much responsibility. Our radio staff are adding much to the depth of radio design and strategy. All of the staff (volunteer or paid) are being cross-trained on all the processes completed in the radio department. We've started making some sales for Christmas spots and regular advertising spots. The radio system we are now using is new and still in process of being completely written to meet the specific needs we face here. Radio, here at Across Nations, would not be



possible without the help of volunteer radio engineers working behind the scenes making sure the towers, the transmitters, and everything involved in keeping those working and in compliance with FCC regs. What a blessing God has provided to us! staff now have "taken ownership" of the radio department. That is a very exciting step. They know how important their roles are in the success of the broadcasting from keeping affidavit lists of all programs daily, imputing new music and designing music for the playlist, to voice tracking and so on. We have weekly meetings since there are so many changes being made constantly and so many new things we are learning from the engineers. Vision is the most important part of the ministry and something we discuss at every Radio staff meeting. We make sure we look at working at the radio station as an "important ministry" helping people become equipped "to exalt Jesus, encounter His goodness and extend His kingdom across nations." Please continue to pray for the radio ministry.



Some of our radio staff visiting the President's Office. From left Chuck Harper, Phil Mapes, Jenna Martinez and Gereë Betoney.



Hilltop School News...

by Sara Everett

As a teacher I get to hear amazing things every day.... I told a student that she should have written 21 instead of 12 on her math paper. Another student sidled up to me and said that since I was reading her paper upside down, how did I know she had written a 12 or a 21. I assured him that I (having taught four decades) certainly could read upside down, and I could also write backwards). His eyes widened and he said, "You must be from another dimension!"... In reading group, a child paused after reading "The Three Little Pigs" and stated

solemnly, "That wolf is some kind of psychopath..." But the most wonderful thing I heard this past month was, "Mrs. Everett, I asked Jesus into my heart last night. My dad helped me." That is why we are here at Hilltop – to see these precious children come to faith in Jesus.

This past quarter has been a bit stressful here at Hilltop. The school was hit with Covid and other illnesses. Between the absenteeism and sickness, we teachers feel like we're slogging toward Christmas, not making much

academic progress. Thank God that health is returning to the families and staff. We are beginning work on a Christmas Program, which we will not be able to perform in person. Each class represents some part of the Christmas Story in songs, poems, and verses. We'll film it complete with costumes like a concert and duplicate DVDs for the 50 school families. We consider Christmas time a joyful opportunity to teach about Jesus and the love of God in sending a Savior to the World.



Everyone's Mission

by Keith Ancar

We often quote “pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest” – Matthew 9:38b but we rarely hear of the results. This past summer we can boast on the Lord and answered prayer, your prayers! For months Edison, our stone mason, and Brandon, his apprentice, have been on the site of the new radio building working their craft. As a young brother in Christ, Edison continually shares what Yahweh is doing in his life and the struggles he has and is overcoming though the Blood of the Lamb. In addition he witnesses daily to his young apprentice. With our Christian radio aired throughout the building daily; Edison, Keith Ancar and other staff sharing scripture and praying for everyone working one might think that responding to the call of the Holy Spirit should come easy for those on site. However, “no one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him” – John 6:44. On that day,



Our stone work is almost finished and it's beautiful! Exterior stucco next. By winter we'll be working inside for completion!

a brother visiting from California went to Keith and said he felt prompted that Brandon was ready to receive the gift of salvation. He was encouraged to go and tell Brandon and led him through the “sinners prayer”! Your harvest prayers answered as the Lord of the harvest sends laborers to reap in His fields. Missionaries often get to see souls come to Christ. Some plant, others (sometimes many others) water, but God gives the increase to His Kingdom as He draws “those who were being saved.” Perhaps you’ll be the next visiting missionary to see the harvest.



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Business

By Susannah Foster

For the past 5 months of our fiscal year, donors have given over \$15K to the new radio building construction fund for materials, labor and licenses. Donors have blessed the mission with support for other areas such as tuition assistance, High Life for teens, New Radio station in Hopi to name a few! I recall the late Bob Hilderman would refer to the acronym F.A.I.T.H. = For-saking All I Trust Him. Him being God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. When we put all our faith and trust in the Lord God, he provides us in so many ways and in turn we are able to bless others like Across Nations ministries! One particular group of construction workers gave a generous cash donation and another woman gave a portion of her retirement annu-

ity. Many others volunteered their time and professional skills to help out at the mission. It's so exciting to see the new building come together and look forward to the ribbon cutting ceremony.

In October we celebrated the 84th Anniversary of the mission and acknowledged several staff members for their work longevity and devotion to proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. I was privileged to pray for sisters Lois Clark Harper and Mary Clark Abukhalil whose parents established the mission in 1937. Both women and their husbands were good friends of my parents Kenneth & Anna Foster. My Dad was a conservation officer for Fish & Wildlife and would often bring critters to both households to see. One particular orphaned fawn named "Dimples Deer" was the de-



Nelson Betoney honors Milt Shirleson for 30 years of Ministry

light to the mission children. We will begin planning for the 85th Anniversary for next fall and look forward to seeing many generations of believers share their stories of how they came to saving faith thru this mission, radio, school and community outreach.

Celebrate Recovery

By Steve Maus

Celebrate Recovery is *somewhat* of a newer feature here on campus, although similar programs such as Overcomers have been offered here in years past. The Celebrate Recovery group meeting now is a ministry of Community Bible Church, and both CR and CBC are 'partner' ministries of Across Nations, thoroughly intertwined with the Across Nations campus, the people here, and the community that we serve.

With overdose deaths in our nation reaching a new record-high earlier this year ministries such as CR are

critical in offering people a Christ-centered solution to their drug and alcohol problems, and any other addictive or compulsive behaviors as well. However, during the last couple of months we've seen the attendance at our group dwindling, despite other good things going on. Our sister group down in Zuni, for example, is newly meeting again after having been on a hiatus for more than a year. Meanwhile, in Indian Wells, AZ, a new group has started up led by a Navajo Christian who is a recently-retired mental health worker. Here in the Gallup and Window Rock area two

community publications are printing the contact and location information for CR, and we've been getting phone calls here at the station for people requesting more information. But despite these positive things happening, attendance continues to drop.

A bright spot in all this are those folks who do come. More than once throughout the last year we've heard people say just how thankful they were that there was somewhere to go, even when most churches weren't meeting; that there was such a group as ours that meets and can provide encouragement and support. Often what we see at CR is the Lord leading in that single lost sheep who has strayed from the ninety-nine.

Youth Update

by Sarah Stevens

Warrior Leadership Summit 2021 this past summer was a success, and Seth and Sarah spent July on the road with 20 other young Native Americans sharing the gospel on basketball courts to the youth of many Sioux tribes. Seth was able to disciple 3 young men on the team during the summer evangelism tour and Sarah

was able to share the gospel with many children using the evangi-cube.

During this new school year, Seth continues to work with local high schools, getting to know students. He was able to help judge the floats for the Window Rock homecoming parade, as well as guest speak in Bible classes at Rehoboth Christian School. Many connections are being made with the youth as they continue to progress during their first school semester back to in-person classes. Please keep the students in prayer, especially those who have lost close family members during the pandemic.



Sarah leading worship