



LYBROOK COMMUNITY MINISTRIES & TOKAHOOKAADI CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

TO BRING THE LOVE OF JESUS TO THE NAVAJO PEOPLE AND THE COMMUNITY AROUND THE MISSION SIMPLY, PEACEFULLY, TOGETHER.



Newsletter

Jan-Feb 2016

Greeting Brothers and Sisters This newsletter will cover a few of the main activities or projects underway, address the goals for 2016 and update everyone on our building projects that still need funding. 2016 started off with prayer and discernment about the needs of the new year. The needs in the community are ever changing and we want to provide ways to meet those needs. January also brought some struggles. My mom passed away in mid January so things were put on hold for a time to take care of fulfilling her final wishes. I thank everyone for all the thoughts and prayers during that difficult time. 2016 looks to be a full and exciting year for the mission and the community around it.



Sincerely,
James and Kimberly Therrien
LCM Co-Directors

January Activities/Projects In January, the mission focused on outreach to the elderly and shut-ins. Several people donated items to be taken out and given to the people that could use them. The only problem was the weather did not cooperate. We had about 8 inches of snow left over from Christmas time and it was just getting deeper. When all the snow storms passed by, we had over 2 feet of snow. This resulted in many people staying home because of not being able to travel through the snow. Then, factoring in my mothers passing, things came to a quick halt. We took care of moms funeral and returned to the mission to begin again.

John 14:1-4 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God¹; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going."

Filling some needs in the community Upon returning to the mission, we began our discussion on what our goals were for the new year. Once the snow had finally melted, we could now distribute the donations. We were able to hand out several different items. There were blankets, socks, material, thread, baking pans, hygiene products and food items. These may seem like small items but they were greatly appreciated. Kim and I always say that we get to do the fun part, hand the items out. We want to thank all of you that donated to this outreach. As you can see by



the smiling faces, they really are grateful. One lady, that we all call Shimasani Rose (Grandmother Rose) said "I was so happy, I got new socks. I was needing new socks so when I got the new socks, I threw away my old ones because I have some new ones now." Once again, thank you for all the donations. They really do make a difference. To God be ALL glory and praise.



Time to rearrange some space Another goal for the mission is to meet the needs of being part of a support network for people to become addiction free. The mission works with all people, believers and non believers as well as traditional believers. Some people are uncomfortable in a church and opt to not participate if that is the meeting place. We decided to do some rearranging of space. The church building is a large space and is only utilized a small part of the week. We have not had anyone ask to use the church for any events or funerals for quite some time. We talked about relocating the thrift store to the front portion of the church

building. We could divide the space in half and thus provide the bunk house for A.A. and N.A. meetings. We can also use the up stairs area as a possible detox place. I know first hand the struggles of maintaining sobriety those first few months of being clean. I was very blessed to have a large church family support group that helped me maintain my sobriety. That is just as essential, maybe even more so, in this remote area. We have also wanted to relocate the LCM office to the front of the mission area. We could build a small room inside the church on the thrift store side for the office as well as use it to store food for the food pantry. We can also have a section of this room be designed for an education space. We would have laptop computers, a printer, a copier and a fax machine. This space could be used for internet access for education, research or job searches. After prayer and lots of planning, we have completed the dividing wall and office area. First, we will look at the construction of the office area. Next,





BUSINESS HOURS		
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MONDAY	9: 00	4: 00
TUESDAY	9: 00	4: 00
WEDNESDAY	9: 00	4: 00
THURSDAY	9: 00	4: 00
FRIDAY	9: 00	4: 00
SATURDAY	9: 00	2: 00
SUNDAY	CLOSED	



we built the dividing wall and shelving for the thrift store. That took a bit to figure out. Next project was the church area. I wanted to change the lighting and move the pulpit to front of the sanctuary oppo-



site the platform area. This would put the preacher and all involved in the service at one level. The congregation loves the new changes and has stated that it feels cozy and inviting. I will let you decide what you think. We still have more work to do in the church area. We are going to put a door in to come from the outside into the sanctuary area.



We are removing most of the platform and plan to install a baptismal. There are plans to install a bathroom and build a fellowship area on the side of the church building.

B.V.S. returns to the mission

Brethren Volunteer Service has a long and rich history here at the Lybrook Mission. I have been very fortunate to have met several former B.V.S. workers that have served at the Lybrook Mission dating back to 1953. B.V.S. workers have been a tremendous resource and we are pleased to announce that connection has been renewed.

I am happy to introduce you to Danny Ruppert. Danny has volunteered to serve here at the mission while he waits for his visa to serve in Japan. Danny wrote a short letter about himself and I would like to share that with you.

"Greetings All,

My name is Danny Ruppert and I am proud and excited to be a new B.V.S. worker here at Lybrook Ministries. I began serving as a volunteer about 8 years ago, after 30 years of working in the fields of electronics, teaching and behavioral health. I truly believe that being of service to others is the best way to bring blessings into your own life, and I am grateful for the opportunity to be of service here in my home state of New Mexico. I look forward to working with Jim and the rest of the Lybrook family in implementing Jim's vision of Lybrook Ministries being a vibrant hub of service, activities and outreach for the local community. Thank you very much for giving me this opportunity to be of service.

Sincerely,

Danny Ruppert"

We are very excited to have the opportunity to re-establish the Lybrook mission and B.V.S. partnership. We would like to ask that if there is anyone wanting to support the B.V.S. workers at Lybrook, please send your donations to Lybrook Community Ministries and specify in the memo section or via short letter. We are looking forward to the possibilities of another B.V.S. worker arriving in May.



Projects still needing funding

There are a couple projects that we would like to complete that will GREATLY benefit the community. The first project is the laundry facility. We have already built the foundation and are now asking for further funding to complete the project. Currently, people in the community have to travel over 60 miles to get to a laundromat. This becomes very difficult with the lack of transportation, minor children still at home, and the ever changing weather. We are needing \$8,000.00 to build the building and \$10,000.00 to equip it. This would be a tremendous help to the people in the community. The second project goes hand in hand with the third. We are in need of a shower facility. This would be beneficial to both the mission and the community. We have very limited bathroom accommodations and when groups come to the mission, showers become a chore. There is also a need for this facility for the community with the lack of running water to a large portion of the community. We would also need to reconfigure to septic system as well. The septic has been an ongoing problem for several years. Cost to upgrade the septic tanks and lines will not be cheap. I believe a lagoon septic system would be best for long term. The estimated cost for the lagoon and shower facility is \$60,000.00. I know that is a large sum of money but, it would be the best choice for the long term. We greatly appreciate all the donations that everyone makes and would not be able to operate without those supporters.

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

Education Some of you may be wondering about our education programs. We are currently offering a G.E.D. three month intensive. This would mean that the participant would reside here at the mission from Sunday to Thursday. The student would take classes focused on obtaining a G.E.D.. The mission would also teach basic vocational skills classes such as carpentry, welding, auto repair and electrical repairs. The student would also learn about gardening and care of livestock. We have two young men that are interested in this program. The only thing we are lacking to make this happen is funding for three laptops. The estimated cost would be \$1200.00. This would enable us to work with three students over a three month period. The mission would also assist with employment and further education options as well.

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