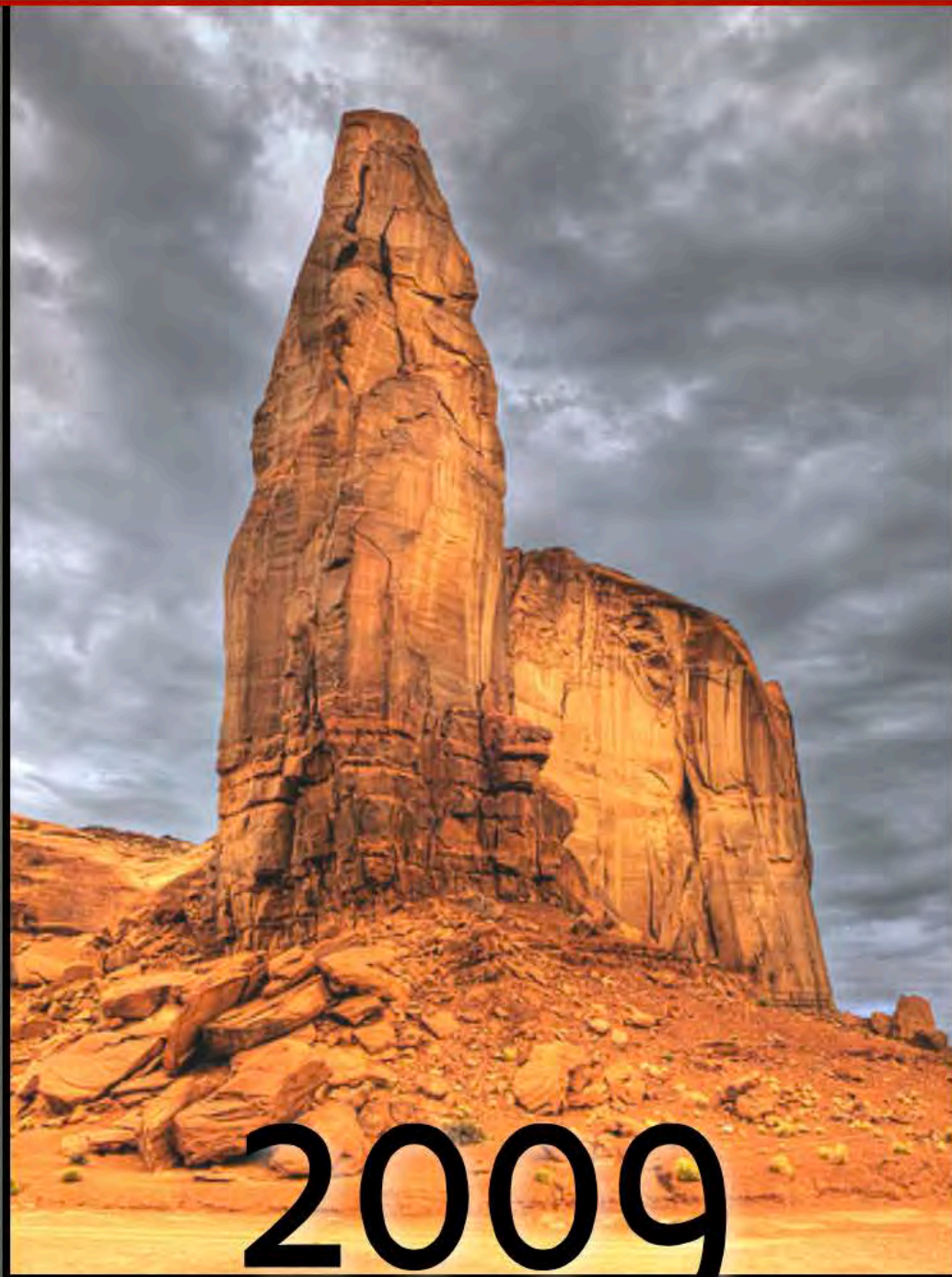


Northside church of Christ Presents  
26<sup>th</sup> Annual  
AMERICAN INDIAN MISSIONS SEMINAR



2009

OUR BACKYARD  
FOREIGN MISSION

August 1<sup>st</sup> 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

# AMERICAN INDIAN MISSIONS SEMINAR

## OUR BACK YARD FOREIGN MISSION



NAVAJO - AZ, UT, NM



PATAWATOMI - WI



CHEROKEE - NC

SATURDAY - AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup> - 2009  
8:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

### Program Speakers



Dr. Bruce Terry - Ohio Valley University - Former missionary to the Navajo Indians at Montezuma Creek, Utah from 1979 to 1985. - *History of the Indian Nations mission work.*



Terry Laurence - Preacher - Ft. Defiance AZ - Navajo Reservation. *Preaching to the Indian Nations*



Philip James - Preacher - Hog Back NM - Navajo Reservation. *Faith and the Native*



Ben Begay - Preacher - Many Farms AZ - Navajo Reservation. *Traditions and the Native*



Ray Whaley - Preacher - Montezuma Creek UT - Navajo Reservation. *Perseverance in preaching to the Native*



Josh Austin - Preacher - Kayenta AZ - Navajo Reservation. *The White Man Preaching to the Native*



Edison Gruber - Preacher - Crownpoint NM - Navajo Reservation. *The Native preaching to the Native*



J.B. Harrington - Preacher and past Navajo Reservation missionary - Farmington NM. *The Native Missions - A Worthy Cause*

## Bringing Christ to the Indian Nations

This year the Northside church of Christ in Phoenix Arizona is hosting the **American Indian Missions Seminar**. This seminar is intended to make our brethren aware of the foreign mission work, taking place on the Indian Reservations right in our own backyard. We are inviting all interested brethren to come and see what the Lord is doing amongst the Native Americans.

1. Handout information on reservation works.
2. Display booths from participants
3. Question and Answer period
4. Continental breakfast served Saturday morning.
5. Lunch will be served with some authentic native dishes.

\*A special contribution box will be available if you would like to help provide a financial gift to the missionaries who attend.

\* Some missionaries may have jewelry for sale.

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# *Schedule of Events*

## **(ANNEX BUILDING)**

**8:00 a.m. – 8:45:** Free Continental Breakfast

## **(CHURCH AUDITORIUM)**

**9:00 a.m. – 9:10:** Welcome, James Dale – Northside Evangelist

**9:10 a.m. – 9:55:** Dr. Bruce Terry - *A History of the Indian Mission Works*

**10:00 a.m. – 10:45:** Terry Laurence – *Preaching to the Indian Nations*

**10:50 a.m. – 11:35:** Phillip James - *Faith and the Native*

**11:40 a.m. – 12:25:** Ben Begay – *Traditions and the Native*

## **(ANNEX BUILDING)**

**12:30 p.m. – 2:00:** Free native cuisine and time to visit mission exhibits

## **(CHURCH AUDITORIUM)**

**2:10 p.m. – 2:55:** Ray Whaley - *Perseverance in Preaching to the Native*

**3:00 p.m. – 3:45:** Josh Austin - *The White Man Preaching to the Native*

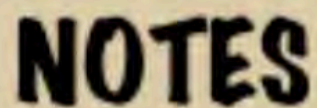
**3:50 p.m. – 4:35:** Edison Gruber - *The Native Preaching to the Native*

**4:40 p.m. – 5:25:** J.B. Harrington - *The Native Missions, A Worthy Cause*

**5:30 p.m. – 6:00:** Question & Answer Session







## Statistics

There are 33 Indian Reservations in the United States with populations over 7,000. The top 4 are Cherokee - 281,069; Navajo - 269,202; Sioux - 108,272; and Chippewa - 105,908.

Only 3 have church of Christ missionaries working on them. The Navajo have 9 missionaries in Arizona, New Mexico and Utah. The Cherokee have 1 missionary in NC, and the Potawatomi have 1 missionary in Wisconsin. As far as we can determine there are no other church of Christ Indian missionaries.

# Supporting Speakers



**Dr. Bruce Terry** served as a missionary among the Navajo Indians at Montezuma Creek, Utah from 1979 to 1985. From 1994 to 1998 he was a missionary-in-residence at Abilene Christian University for American Indian mission.

Dr. Terry has taught at Tarrant County Junior College, and Abilene Christian University. He has been teaching at Ohio Valley University since 1998

## Education:

- Ph.D., University of Texas at Arlington, 1993
- M.Div., Abilene Christian University, 1988
- M.A. (Bible), Abilene Christian University, 1987
- M.A. (missions), Abilene Christian College, 1971

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**J.B. Harrington** began preaching in 1959. In 1964 while doing local work with the Northside church in Farmington-New Mexico, brother Harrington began evangelistic work among the Navajo in the area of Shiprock-New Mexico. He left the pulpit at Northside in 1967 to work full time on the reservation.

Brother Harrington has established reservation congregations at Shiprock-NM, Many Farms-AZ, Fort Defiance/Window Rock-AZ, and helped with establishing the works in Montezuma Creek-UT, Tuba City-AZ, and Crownpoint-NM. While doing local work in Los Alamos-NM, worked at beginning evangelism among the Hopi tribe at New Oraibi and Moenkopi.

**Education:** Abilene Christian College, 1950, Bachelor of Arts degree in Biblical Philosophy.

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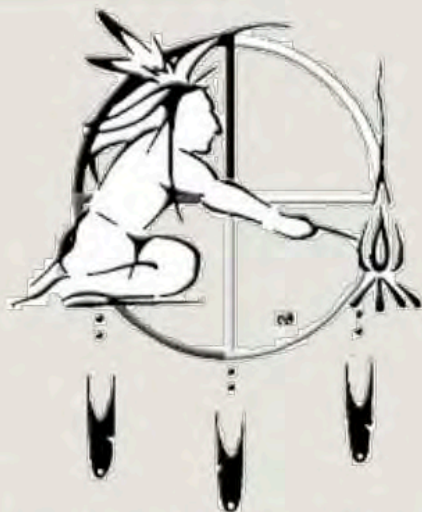


# *James Crawford - Crandon, WI*

## *Potawatomi Tribe*



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# *Evangelizing the Navajo*

**BOBBY ROSS JR.** | *The Christian Chronicle*

**WATERFLOW, N.M.** - This is America, sure. But it's a whole different world out here on the Navajo Reservation, a 27,000-square-mile patch of desert and mountain terrain covering parts of New Mexico, Arizona and Utah.

Beer bottles line the sides of highways — evidence of alcoholism and despair among the 250,000 Navajos who call the reservation home. The unemployment rate hovers at 50 percent.

"They can't get jobs because they're alcoholics, and they're alcoholics because they can't get jobs," said Oleta Whaley, a missionary with her husband, Ray, at a Navajo church in Montezuma Creek, Utah.

When Joe and Sherri Lyons first moved to Shiprock, N.M., to serve as Navajo missionaries, she was concerned that they had no dishwasher. "Then we started visiting members, and they didn't have indoor plumbing," Sherri Lyons said. "It was a shock."

Such is life on the reservation, where many Navajos still live in traditional round houses known as hogans, some without electricity.

Mention foreign missions to most Christians and they think Africa, Central America, maybe even Asia. But Andrew Felps points to a different spot on the globe — to an American Indian nation the size of Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island combined. Navajoland, it's called. Or Dine Bikeyah, as the Navajos refer to it.

***See Full Article At***

[http://www.christianchronicle.org/article365~Evangelizing\\_the\\_Navajo](http://www.christianchronicle.org/article365~Evangelizing_the_Navajo)



# *Navajo Reservation Annual Summer Bible Camp*



## **2009 Bible Camp – Kinlichee, AZ.**

Since 1987 the brethren on the Navajo reservation have come together the last week of June for a congregational summer camp. Members of all ages and races attend this camp. There are daily devotionals and Bible classes twice daily. Different men present a lesson each day as keynote speakers. The day typically ends with singing and prayer around a campfire.

The camp has met in different locations over the years but Kinlichee has become our long-term home. The camp is located approximately 13 miles North of Kinlichee, AZ.

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# *Jim Sexton- Cherokee, NC*

## *Cherokee Tribe*



### **Jim and Debbie Sexton**

attended Oklahoma Christian in the middle 70's. Jim studied business management and marketing.

The Lord opened the door for the Sexton's to move to Cherokee and work with the church there. At that time Cherokee had 3

adults, and one preteen. The brethren provided Jim with the opportunity to work with them although he had not been to a preaching school or College. Presently, Cherokee has between 30 and 40 in regular attendance. Jim and Debbie have been involved with the elementary school (working with 2-3rd grades. Jim teaches an open Bible study that is hosted at the Ramada Unlimited on Thursday evenings. Debbie teaches a ladies study group on Tuesday nights at the Senior Complex.

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# *Ray Whaley – Montezuma Creek, UT Navajo Tribe*



**Ray and Oleta Whaley** came to the Navajo Indian Reservation on July 4, 1993. They began their 17<sup>th</sup> year in Montezuma Creek this year.

Ray has an Associate degree from Oklahoma State University and a Bachelor's degree in Bible with an emphasis in missions from Abilene Christian University. He received his

Bible and Ministerial Certificate and Deaf communications certificate from the Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock, Texas in 1993. Oleta has a Bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State University and a certificate from the Sunset School of Preaching for completing the women's program. She also received the Deaf communications certificate even though she is legally blind.

To help support his family in their work, Ray is also a paid volunteer EMT in Montezuma Creek and also works for Ute Mountain Fire Rescue in Towyac, Co. and as a Substitute Paramedic for the hospital in Cortez, Co. 45 and 60 miles away respectively.

They have 5 adopted Spanish children who are now all on their own and 9 Spanish/Navajo grandchildren.



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# *Paul Ghee – Tuba City, AZ*

## *Navajo Tribe*



**Paul and Ann Ghee**

### **Tuba City (1974)**

- Don & Ann Tullis (1974- )
- Bill & Mary Spears
- Clarence & Evelyn Davis
- Paul & Ann Ghee ( -present)



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# *Edison Gruber – Crownpoint, NM*

## *Navajo Tribe*



**Edison and Doris Gruber** are Native Americans of the Navajo Tribe. Edison was baptized into Christ in 1979.

Edison has worked with congregations in Crownpoint-NM., and Thoreau-NM. From 1986-1991, Edison worked with the Many Farms-AZ. congregation.

Edison and Doris have been working with the Crownpoint New Mexico congregation since 1993. Edison has the distinction of being the first Navajo to graduate from the Bear Valley School of Biblical Studies. Since 1995 he has served as the director of the ***Navajo Bible Training School***.

### **Education:**

- Navajo Training School –3 1/2 years preacher training
- BBS - Bear Valley Bible Institute of Denver, 1992

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# *Philip James – Hogback, NM*

## *Navajo Tribe*



**Philip and Irita James** are Native Americans of the Navajo Tribe. Philip grew up in Kinlichee and Ganado-AZ. He was baptized in 1985 through the work of brother Jack Finley Jr., then the preacher at Kinlichee.

Philip started preaching at Kinlichee in 1987. He has also preached at Many Farms-AZ., Ft. Defiance-AZ., and Crownpoint -NM.

### **Education:**

- Graduated from Arizona Western College in Yuma Az.
- Navajo Training School - Two years of preacher training
- Continued Education through Sunset School of Preaching courses

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# *Bud Paine – Kinlichee, AZ*

## *Navajo Tribe*



**Bud Paine** began working with the Kinlichee congregation in 2005. Since that time he has been working diligently to help Kinlichee become a satellite campus in conjunction with **Brown Trail School of Preaching** out of Hurst, TX! The students, Navajo preachers that have not had the ability to attend a formal preacher-training program, will be able to study the same curriculum as the students that are

attending Brown Trail. Some of the course work they can do at home on computers in conjunction with email and with DVD recordings of the classes at the Brown Trail site. Other times they will come here, stay for a short time periodically, and be able interact in a formal classroom setting and test while they're here.

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# Terry Laurence - Ft Defiance, AZ

## Navajo Tribe



**Terry and Pam Laurence** are Native Americans of the Navajo Tribe from Kayenta-AZ. Terry obeyed the gospel June 5<sup>th</sup> 2003. Terry spent 18 years in the Coal industry on the Navajo Reservation. In 2007 he made the decision to attend the Bear Valley Bible Institute of Denver.

Terry and Pam have taken over the work at Ft. Defiance-AZ., which is sponsored by the University church of Christ in Albuquerque NM.

### Education:

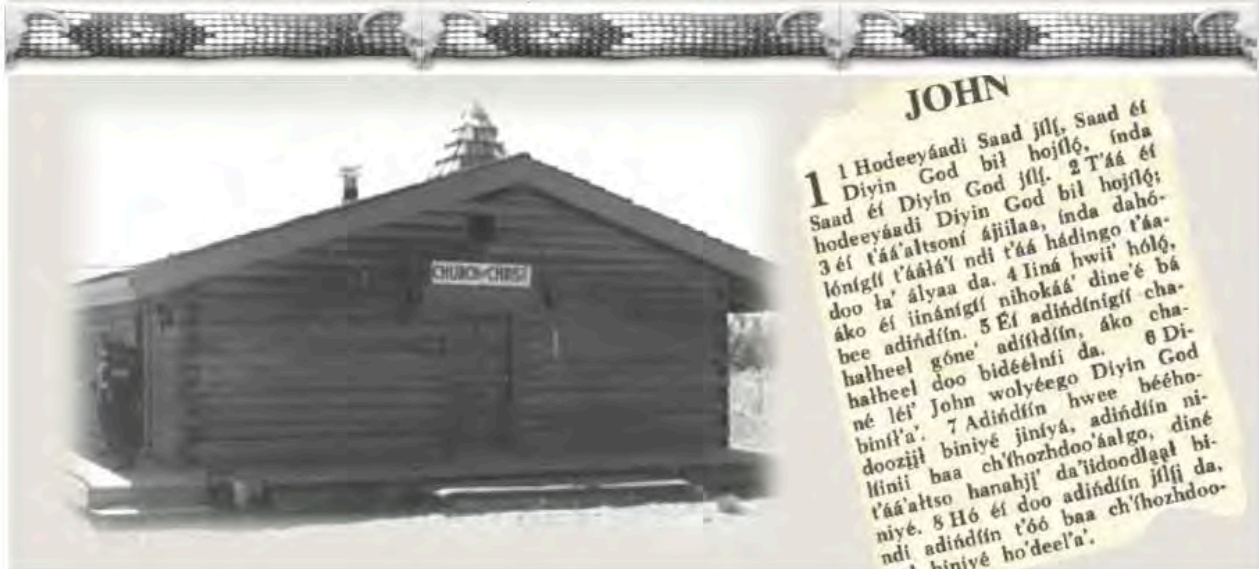
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# *Allen Tolliver – Shiprock, NM*

## *Navajo Tribe*



**Allen and Cathy Tolliver** moved to Shiprock in 2008 after having preached in Jefferson Texas for 8 years. The work in Shiprock is sponsored by the Brookland church of Christ in Brookland Arkansas.

Brother Tolliver has preached for congregations in South Dakota, Tennessee, Kentucky and Texas.

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### **Education:**

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# *Josh Austin- Kayenta, AZ*

## *Navajo Tribe*



**Josh and Divine Austin** met while attending the University of Denver. They were married in 2000 after both had graduated. Josh is the son of Fred and Susan Austin. Fred and Susan moved to Kayenta in 1973 after graduating from Sunset school of preaching to help establish a congregation of the Lord's church. Josh was born about

one year later on the Navajo reservation. After graduating from the Bear Valley Bible Institute of Denver Josh and Divine moved back to Kayenta to restart the work with the church there. Since moving back to Kayenta a new building has been built and many souls have been won for the Lord, Terry Laurence being one of those souls.

### **Education:**

- University of Denver
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# *Ben Begay - Many Farms, AZ*

## *Navajo Tribe*



**Ben and Bernadette Begay** are Native Americans of the Navajo Tribe. Benjamin Begay has been preaching for the Many Farms church of Christ since 1991.

Brother Begay is self-trained and attends Bible workshops to become more knowledgeable in the scriptures.

Ben also works as a range conservation technician under the Federal Government for Chinle Agency on the Navajo Reservation.

### **Education:**

- Eastern Arizona College
- Dine College - AA degree in Pre-architecture
- Arizona State University

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**AIAN (American Indians and Alaska Natives)  
2000 Census of Population  
By State by Rank**

Total AIAN		On Reservations & Trust Lands		
State	AIAN	State	AIAN	AIAN + partial AIAN
1. California	333,346	1. Arizona	160,831	163,799
2. Oklahoma	273,230	2. New Mexico	104,813	106,035
3. Arizona	255,879	3. South Dakota	41,712	42,481
4. New Mexico	173,483	4. Montana	36,459	37,932
5. Texas	118,362	5. Washington	27,150	30,096
6. North Carolina	99,551	6. North Dakota	18,733	18,957
7. Alaska	98,043	7. Minnesota	17,171	18,397
8. Washington	93,301	8. California	15,684	16,852
9. New York	82,461	9. Wisconsin	15,557	16,065
10. South Dakota	62,369	10. Utah	9,623	10,002
11. Michigan	58,479	11. New York	8,047	8,284
12. Montana	56,068	12. Idaho	7,306	7,737
13. Minnesota	54,967	13. North Carolina	6,665	6,898
14. Florida	53,541	14. Oklahoma	6,410	9,209
15. Wisconsin	47,228			
16. Oregon	45,211			
17. Colorado	44,241			
(All others below 40,000)		(all others below 6,000)		

### Navajo Works

- Tuba City AZ.
- Kayenta AZ.
- Many Farms AZ.
- Kinlichee AZ.
- Ft. Defiance AZ.
- Montezuma Creek UT.
- Shiprock NM.
- Hogback NM.
- Crownpoint NM.

### Potawatomi Works

- Crandon WI.

### Cherokee Works

- Cherokee N.C.

*Note: There is a congregation at Pinon Az., on the Navajo Reservation. They are a new group of Christian's and do not have a preacher.*

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