

*For I am not
ashamed of
the gospel, for
it is the power
of God for
salvation to
everyone who
believes, to the
Jew first and
also to the
Greek.*

Romans 1:16

Back On The Res

After a 2-year absence due to the COVID pandemic, we could finally continue our ministry among the **Native Americans of the Southwest**. In July, I taught prophecy at Red Mesa Bible Church on the Navajo Reservation. We had a six-day evangelistic outreach in September at the White Mountain Apache Fair. The Lord blessed us as we shared the gospel and gave away nearly 500 New Testaments and tracts.



Neil and Jenny Snodgrass

We also shared the gospel with children using crafts. In October, we sent a follow-up letter to 450 Apaches, which included four false views of salvation, the biblical truth of salvation, and presenting the Lord Jesus Christ as the Creator.

All tribes believe in a creator but not the Creator.

Covid remained an issue as masks were required in all public facilities, and many were wearing masks at the fair. You can understand why they remain cautious. The New Mexico Department of Health revealed that indigenous tribal people were six times more likely to be hospitalized and seven times more likely to die from COVID than any other demographic group.



Apache Children

We are especially **thankful to you** for your prayers and support that makes our evangelistic outreach possible. We are also very **thankful to the volunteers** who gave their time and at their own expense to serve the Lord. Bonnie and I were joined by Bob and Lisa Campanella, Greg Knudson, David Smith, Neil, Jenny, Dave, Ashley, Kaelyn and Abby Snodgrass.



BKI Mission team

Russian Ministry

We still communicate with our ministries in Russia. They are very discreet, do not mention the war, and voice no complaints while expressing thankfulness for the Lord's provision. **We will not be able to resume our financial support as long as there is a war and sanctions are in place.** Since 2016 it has been a risk for them as the anti-terrorism law treats anyone who receives financial aid from a foreign source as a potential terrorist.

Russian believers are not exempt from President Putin's mobilization of sending civilians, with little training, into the war. **Pavel Tokarchuk** of Moscow played a vital role in our evangelistic outreach over the 12 years we shared the gospel in schools while in Siberia. I recently received an e-mail from him in which he stated:

"Two weeks ago, Russia was also shaken when President Putin announced mobilization for the war, and that news plunged the entire country of Russia into chaos. The war in Ukraine, that we are so against, was already not a war somewhere else, but a war that came right into our homes. Literally overnight we found ourselves in a situation that forced us to make a critical decision for our family. The announcement about mobilization forced our family, including our middle daughter Tamara (and ICU nurse) and myself, to make a very hard choice: either we would **go to war against the people in Ukraine**, whom we love (my wife Anna is from Ukraine and her entire family is still there), **or we would go to jail for at least 10 years for refusing to serve in the army**".



The Tokarchuk Family

After much prayer and leaving everything behind, the family was able to fly out, except for Tamara. She crossed the Caucasian mountains and walked across the border into Georgia. They are now all united in Moldova. He will continue to serve with Mission Eurasia, which already has a presence in Moldova.

Finally, these are challenging times across the world, in our nation, and personal lives. It seems as if the end-time prophecy is beginning to unfold right before our eyes. The answer to all of this is not the election or politics. **The answer is only found in Jesus Christ.** Therefore, evangelism should be the priority of the church and all who belong to the Lord by faith. Sadly, it is not. A societal/ cultural emphasis prevails in the world and much of the church. If that is the emphasis, **"how shall they escape the sentence of hell?"** (Matthew 23:33) May Christ live out His life in yours and give you His desire to seek and save the lost.

Pastor Tom Watson



³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

1 Corinthians 15:3-4



Bob Campanella



Dave Smith

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:58

Apache Fair August 31st to September 5, 2022 Whiteriver, Arizona



Ashley & Dave Snodgrass



Apaches Today



Greg Knudson & Dave Snodgrass



Abby and Kaelyn



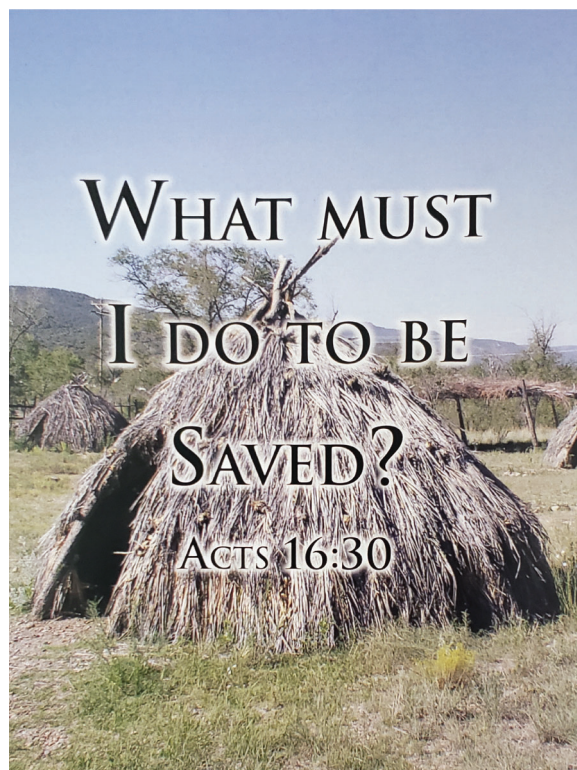
Masks were still common



Bonnie Watson and Lisa Campanella

Did you know?

In the 1700s, the **Apaches** were driven out of the southern plains by the Comanches and settled in New Mexico and Arizona. It was there that the **wickiup**, pictured on our tract, became their traditional home. We had some older Apaches come by our booth who said the wickiup was their childhood home. Although forced out of the plains, the Apaches did not lose their fierceness, and Geronimo and Cochise became well-known Apache warriors. When Cochise died (1874), his son, Naiche, joined Geronimo in Apache warfare. In 1886 they surrendered and were exiled to Florida. It was there that Naiche became a Christian and a student of the Bible. He changed his name to Christian Naiche, witnessed to Geronimo, and spoke at Geronimo's funeral in 1909. "Sadly, he said that Geronimo had refused to accept Christianity, thus being a failure in the chief thing in life." The gate remains **narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it**. Have you?



In Memory



Irving Poolheco of Winslow, Arizona, a member of the Board of Reference of BKI, passed away on April 7, 2022. Irving, of the Hopi people, and his wife Vivian faithfully attended the BKI Native American Leadership Conferences year after year. They were married 57 years, and she preceded him in death by one month. Both were in their 80's. Irving came to know the Lord in the 70's, served as an elder at Immanuel Bible Chapel, and retired from Santa Fe Burlington Northern Railroad after 38 years. Irving was a blessing to all of us at BKI who knew him.



Native American Events we are considering for 2023

Eastern Navajo Fair - Crown Point, NM - August
Navajo Nation Fair - Window Rock, AZ - September
Northern Navajo Fair - Shiprock, NM - October
Choctaw Powwow - Durant, OK - November

Come join us!

We give thanks to the Lord for your prayers and support of the ministry of...

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