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U.S. Missionaries to Native Americans

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Dear Friend:

As I write, we are driving across the plains, looking forward very much to connecting with several churches and persons who have supported us so generously and faithfully through the years of our assignment to American Indian College (AIC). I wish we could visit with everyone; of course that is not possible in the few weeks available to us. Both, Ruth and I remain extremely grateful to you; without your support, we could not accomplish the mission.

I have much good news to report. Near the end of our 2009 fiscal year, as I assumed the leadership of AIC, the college faced enormous budget shortfalls. In the 2010 fiscal year, we were able to reduce that deficit only slightly; but as we near the conclusion of the 2011 fiscal year (on June 30) we expect to have trimmed our budget deficit by two-thirds. Next year we expect to be back to a black budget situation. We thank the Lord for this fiscal improvement.



Our primary mission remains the training of a new generation of Native American leaders, prepared and empowered to influence their churches, communities, and families for Jesus Christ. A few weeks ago, we launched twelve new leaders into the ministry that God has called them. You have a stake in their success; thank you!

As we look toward next year, we are thrilled that we have received nearly triple the amount of applications as compared to last year, a comparatively successful one. This signals the possibility of a banner year in terms of enrollment. If we surpass an enrollment of 100, which seems likely, it will mark the first time in more than twenty years!

If you plan to travel to Phoenix to General Council, please come by the American Indian College booth. Also, we are planning a brunch and tour of the campus on Saturday, Aug. 6 at 10:00 a.m. Ruth and I would love to see you and show you around the ministry that you make possible through your gifts and prayers.

In the Lord's Service,

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