



Native Sons



Equipping Native Leaders to Reach Native Americans

ODDS & ENDS

- Special thanks to Mary & Carl Hovel for the dog show!
- Special thanks to Phoenix First Assembly for the costumes & props!
- 175 guests registered for the census, but we estimate 200-250 in attendance.
- We gave out 171 gift filled stockings to children
- AIC students, faculty, staff, and administration participated in making this event a success!



The "Birthday Party for Jesus" is an outreach to the community surrounding the American Indian College. Originally started by "Sister Hannah," a missionary at the college who went to be with the Lord two years ago, it has been a "looked forward to" event by the college community. AIC did not run the event last year, but when we arrived I was given the task, because of our background in Children's Ministry.

Sister Hannah had an extensive church donor base that gave to this event in the past and the "Birthday Party" involved the giving of many gifts to the impoverished children, primarily Mexican immigrants, that live in the surrounding community.

This year we had none of those past resources, but due to the generosity of three of our churches, the personnel of the school, and churches from Florida that donate oversized stockings we ran an event that was probably a bit different than previous "Birthday Parties." Rather than focusing on giving things, we sought to give

I love teaching and love my students, but this has been a rough semester with me working 70 hour weeks and a few 80 hour weeks! I am told the first year is always the roughest at AIC as teachers put together their new courses and I think this must be so! Even so it is exciting to be a part of raising up a new generation of spiritual leaders!

Theresa too, has been very busy both working and carrying a full course-load of classes in the evening as she works towards acquiring missing courses she needs to teach in the AZ public schools. In the meantime she has been working in a permanent substitute teaching position with preschoolers. The younger age group is definitely her

ourselves and the message of Christ. To this end we themed the event to Biblical times and dressed as many as we could in Biblical costumes. Our theme was "Welcome to Bethlehem."



Essentially, we ran a family/children's carnival with 10 game and activity booths, a dog show, a skit on Jesus' birth, and a stocking giveaway.

All booths were free and the children either made things or received some form of prize as they played the various games. The booths were manned by costumed students, faculty, and staff and were mobbed all evening long.

The birth narrative skit included shepherds and Magi walking through and interacting with the crowd. King Herod also came through ranting and raving about the upstart child. Joseph and pregnant Mary arrived asking individuals if they could

help them find lodging while Roman guards patrolled the crowd. It was fun to watch the interactions; one little child bowed repeatedly to King Herod!



The skit included an altar call that a local pastor helped with. 28 people filled out salvation cards and many more came to the altar, but had difficulty with the cards so did not fill them out. PTL for the wonderful response. The pastor and his church have

been given both the salvation and visitor registration cards (from the Bethlehem census booth!) to do follow up.



We thank the Lord for the good community turnout and response to this event! I am advocating that we take it to Native Country next year!

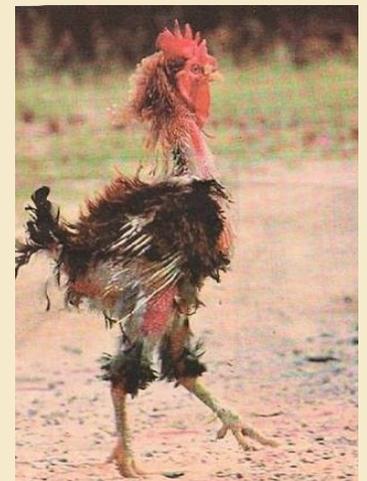
ON A PERSONAL NOTE

niche and she loves her kids.

Levi is now in the Iranian Gulf area again and is nearly half-way through his 8-month deployment. Caleb is in Japan at the front end of a 6-month deployment. Keep them in prayer.

We will go to WA for a week over Christmas to visit with Alicia and Dillon. While we are there, Alicia will find out the new baby's gender, but is going to have a friend fill a box with color-coded balloons to open while Skyping with Levi over Christmas—so we will all find out together whether the new baby is a boy or girl!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



It's been a rough semester, but I made it! How about you???

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