



# Native Sons

## Equipping Native Leaders to Reach Native Americans

### A M E R I C A N I N D I A N C O L L E G E

#### POINTS OF INTEREST

- The new president of AIC is Dr. David Moore. Contrary to what I have written to some, he is permanent, not interim. He has taught and served as the president here in the past. He has left his position as co-head of the Alliance for Biblical Higher Education to return here.
- Rev. Jim Lopez (Half Copah, half Mexican raised on the Ft. Yuman/Quechan rez.) is the new executive vice-president. He has also served as a teacher and president here in the past. He has left his position as Director of Intercultural Ministries in the Arizona District to return here.
- This newsletter is based on the book [American Indian College: A Witness to the Tribes](#) edited by Dr. Joseph Saggio & Rev. Jim Dempsey.

#### PRAYER POINTS

- New financial partners
- God's guidance for the new leadership at AIC, enrollment & finances.

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We have now been at AIC for nearly a year. I thought it might be helpful to give a brief history of the school.



Lee Academic Center

Missionaries Rev. Alta & Clarence Washburn founded All Tribes Indian Bible School in 1957. The school was established in response to an unprincipled, but charismatic evangelist who came to the area promoting false doctrine and gutting Native churches of their parishioners by encouraging them to follow him. After much fasting and prayer Sis. Washburn felt that the Lord wanted her to establish a Bible school in order to ground Native people in the Word of God as a means of addressing these false teachings and unethical practices.

At its inception the school was entirely a "faith endeavor" working on a shoe-string budget. The original students came from a variety of tribes and many were immediately homesick for their reservations and the traditional foods of their areas. The Pimas and Papago were happy with the pinto beans, chilies, and tacos served, but the

Navajos missed mutton stew, the Apache beef, and the northwest and Canadian tribe students missed fish, and the Plains Indian students missed wild game. The Washburns prayed and miraculously each of the desired food types were provided helping the students to settle into life at



Ramsey cafeteria

the school and life in the city better.

The original students received training, room & board at the cost of \$1 per day. This nominal charge was not enough to cover operating expenses, but again God always miraculously provided and there was always food on the table at mealtimes. Through the years the school has faced many obstacles and difficulties, but God has always been faithful.

The school originally met at Sis. Washburn's All Tribes Church. Under the leadership of Rev. David Ramsey, the 2nd president, the school moved to the present 10

acre campus in mid-fall of 1970 after completion of the first multi-function building.

Since that time the school has had a number of name changes resulting in its current name. 9 additional buildings have been erected, many Native leaders have been raised up and are now well known nationally. Under the leadership of Rev. David Moore (the "new" president) in 1982, the school became the first regionally accredited Bible college for Native Americans in the nation and remains the only regionally accredited Bible college for Native peoples today. The first, and so far only Native American president to serve here was Rev. Jim Lopez. He served as president from 1998 to 2004. Known especially for his care and compassion, he has now returned to serve as the executive vice-president. We believe that Dr. Moore and Rev. Lopez will be a powerful & effective leadership team in the days and years to come.



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### O N A P E R S O N A L N O T E

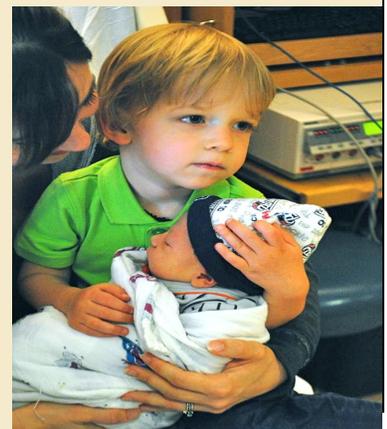
In May the school year ended early & Caleb finished his 6-month deployment. He was recently promoted to corporal Congratulations Caleb! I took a vacation week when he and Theresa's mother visited us. We did some sight-seeing & I enjoyed some down-time. I then flew to NY to attend the Native American Fellowship's Convocation where I was able to sit under some excellent teaching & see some old friends. The following week I took a 2nd week of vacation and we went to Palm Springs, CA with Theresa's sister & her husband. All this was a nice change of pace after the 70 & 80 hour work weeks of this last year!

Levi returned home from his deployment

in the Iranian Gulf area in time for the birth of his 2nd son, Torrin (our 2nd grandchild). He completed his enlistment with the Navy in June and has returned with his family to New England. He is debating whether to immediately go to college or to work for a while. Because of his high security clearance, the responsibilities he carried in the Navy, and his skills as a nuclear chemist he has had a number of very lucrative positions offered to him.

I am currently developing next semester's courses and doing a number of other tasks. Theresa is currently looking for work.

As always, thanks for your prayers and support!



Dillon & Torrin