



Native Sons

EQUIPPING NATIVE LEADERS TO REACH
NATIVE AMERICANS

BROTHER HERMAN OXENDINE

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- NABC is on the verge of receiving accreditation, but needs to raise another \$10,000 for fees associated with obtaining this.
- If you would like to help please send your gifts to Native American Bible College, PO Box 248; Shannon, NC 28386

PRAYER POINTS

- Levi and Alicia as they are separate from one another because of Levi's deployments.
- NABC — enrollment & accreditation.
- My summer travels

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"I've come a long way, but I have a long way to go." Bro. Herman is now 72 years old and has been taking courses at NABC for 15 years. He states he wishes he had begun taking courses 30 years ago, because of how much it has helped him.

Growing up Bro. Herman lived near a church which his mother sent him to, but which she did not attend herself. He grew up watching his father's struggle with alcoholism and determined never to get involved with it himself. In his teens he began hanging out with the wrong crowd and got into it anyway. In the late 50s and early 60s he was drinking on the weekends and looking for work. He had been ignoring draft notices until "Uncle Sam came and got me. The man read me my Miranda rights, took me down, and registered me." Bro Herman spent two years in the army ('62-'64), but never fought in a war— Vietnam was just starting as he got out.

While in the army he met Sis. Loretta and they made plans to marry after he got out. After getting married he got drunk one night with a bunch of friends and needed Loretta to drive him home. The next morning "she laughed at me and I felt ashamed. I never got drunk again." Even so, Bro. Herman was still living in the world.

His mother invited him to a revival service one Friday night. "God got a hold of me that

night. That was the end of my rough and rowdy days." He began attending a local church and his wife gave her heart to the Lord after watching the changes occurring in his life.

Eventually they began attending Freedom AG where Rev. Montana Locklear was. Bro.



Brother Herman Oxendine

Montana was one of the original three students at NABC. He, and others at Freedom, encouraged Bro. Herman to check out NABC. "I've been hooked ever since."

When I asked about the value of NABC he replied, "It's so much more than the courses, it's the entire atmosphere of the place; it helps you to grow spiritually. It helps more than the students too, it helps our

families. Courses like the "Marriage and Family" have made a difference in our family. Every pastor should take Pastoral Theology; it's a powerful course that helps preachers to understand the dos and don'ts of ministry. I wish more people in the area could get a glimpse of what an asset the college is. Sometimes I feel sad when I listen to the younger preachers, because they take pride in their lack of training and not going to school. It's still a big obstacle (the attitude that you don't need training, you just need to open your mouth...).

Sis. Loretta has struggled with cancer for the last year, so he has been pretty low key with his ministry involvement. They helped Pastor Montana pioneer the last church he began, Open Arms Assembly, where he preached, taught Sunday School, and helped with various building projects. Bro. Herman speaks at churches and revival services when asked and before Sis. Loretta's sickness preached once a month at one local church to help the pastor there. He is currently involved in a local radio ministry which airs three times a week. "Loretta can tell that I've grown spiritually and grown in ministry. I've come a long way, but I have a long way to go." NABC has been an important part of Bro. Herman's life.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE

Our big news is that we are now grandparents! Baby Dillon was born on March 18th near midnight our time and weighed in at 7 lbs., 14oz and measured 21.1 inches. Alicia was nearly two weeks late and needed to be induced and still spent about 2 days in labor. Levi was home from deployment for the birth, but was re-deployed only a few days later. Mother and baby are doing well and Levi is excited about being a father, but none too happy about being on deployment rather than being home.

Caleb continues to work out twice a week with his Marine recruiter and is becoming quite rugged. He will be graduating from high school in June and his boot camp is scheduled to begin in August.

I will be in Southern New England during May touching bases with ministry partners, but will be unable to do a second month this summer due to the school's accreditation process. This works for me, it will give me extra time to spend with Caleb before we become "empty nesters."

Theresa had been mainly deprived of her aid in her 2nd/3rd grade class due to budget restraints at the school, which made it a struggle for her since there are several special need children in her class. This winter, circumstances at the school enabled them to give her back her aid close to full-time which has made the classroom much more manageable and less stressful for her.



Meet Dillon!



