



Native Sons

Equipping Native Leaders to Reach Native Americans

BROTHER JAMES OTTEN

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- On paper we are at app. 92% of our monthly support.
- This year NABC has begun offering three levels of courses in an attempt to minister to the needs and desires of the surrounding communities: audits, ministerial level, and for full college credit.

PRAYER POINTS

- Theresa's father and step-father.
- Theresa's physical healing.
- NABC—enrollment and finances

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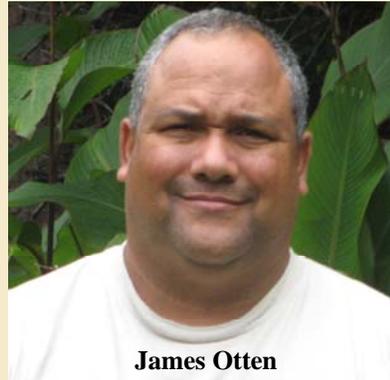
Brother James Otten is now a junior at NABC and is excited to be here. Before coming to NABC he served for 30 years in the Marines and achieved the rank of Master Gunnery Sergeant (E-9).

Brother James has been married for 24 years to Sister Darlene and they have one son, Joshua. Bro. James and Sis. Darlene were raised in Christian homes, but drifted away from the Lord while they were young. Sis. Darlene's parents were instrumental in leading Bro. James to the Lord ("There was something different about them, they were Christians who really lived it!") and a month after they were married Sis. Darlene also committed her life to Jesus.

After asking the Lord into his life, Bro. James wanted to serve the Lord. While away overseas he says, "The Lord sent men from the Navy who were preachers. We met 3 times a week for 6 months. This was a time of teaching and discipleship in Bro. James' life which was foundational. Part of his discipling process involved his leading Bible studies and preaching.

Next Bro. James and Sis. Darlene became heavily involved in a Baptist church. His Sunday School teacher received a call into the ministry and started

a church in Jacksonville, NC. Bro. James went with him as a pastoral assistant and saw the church grow to 150 people. He and Sis. Darlene were then transferred to Japan where he served for a year and a half. In Japan they started a fellowship for those in their apartment building, because of the difficulties of finding a local church. The fellowship met on Sundays and Wednesdays and grew to app. 18 members before the members began to be transferred to new locations.



James Otten

In 1987, while still in Japan, Bro. James felt God's presence strongly upon him and wanted to know what the Lord wanted of him. He decided to "lay a fleece before the Lord" and opening his Bible randomly turned to Isaiah 6, Isaiah's call into the ministry. He felt that God was calling him into the ministry, but, "I wanted to be sure, so I laid a second fleece." He then randomly turned to Luke 4:16-19, where

Jesus read from Isaiah at the outset of His ministry.

After Bro. James retired from the Marines he and his wife returned home to Robeson Co. While visiting his father he discovered NABC and began the application process. They also became involved in a small local church where he taught the adult Sunday School. He says, "The more I taught, the more it seemed like I was getting a 'preaching spirit.'"

Bro. James likes the courses at NABC. He states, "I believe the Lord has ordained me to be here. I get excited about learning things in the Bible which I am not familiar with, including stories which I did not really know, but have learned in courses like the Pentateuch and Historical Books. God is laying Biblical foundations in my life as I study the different parts of theology and church history. It is fantastic for me here. I especially liked how Brother Kaminer brought church history to life for me." Brother James indicates that he likes not only the courses, but the way they are sequenced because what he is learning gets built upon semester by semester. "This is a life-long benefit, both for me and for those that I minister to. Others will learn and understand God's Word better as it is divided in an understandable way for them."

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

Caleb is now a junior in high school and chomping at the bit to get his driver's license. I have just begun teaching him to parallel park; once he learns this he should be good to go. He continues to play guitar in the church worship and runs the PowerPoint projector during youth ministry.

Theresa is again teaching kindergarten and loves this age group. Her health continues to remain a problem, and although she does remarkably well, she

is in constant pain. We continue to deeply appreciate your prayers for her complete healing.

Levi and Alicia are looking forward to his transfer to Washington State. They will be shipped out in December.

The picture to the left is from a first person narrative sermon. I told the story of the unforgiving servant from the point of view of the king's torturer

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**The mentor -
Tormentor!**

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They met at a dance club. As they began dating he began to spend time with her family. He says, "They were pretty strict, but there was also something different about them. They were Christians who really lived it." He began attending church with the family. "One Sunday, the Spirit of God was all over me. I did not know what to do with it." They went to Sis. Darlene's home and had Sunday dinner. Afterwards, Darlene's mother sensed that something was going on with Bro. James and took him to a back living room where she prayed over him. He says that as she prayed over him "the burden I was carrying lifted, then she led me in the sinner's prayer." After asking the Lord into his life, Bro. James was shipped overseas for 6 months. He returned and married Sis. Darlene in August and she committed her life to the Lord in September.

