



# Native Sons

## Equipping Native Leaders to Reach Native Americans

LLOYD "DANNY" SENCENBAUGH

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Levi & Alicia are going to be parents and we are going to be "Grans!" The baby is due in March.
- On paper we are at app. 92% of our monthly support, but can see as little as 80% come in on any given month

### PRAYER POINTS

- Theresa's physical healing.
- Levi and Alicia as they prepare for parenthood.
- NABC — enrollment & accreditation.

### John & Theresa Flood US Missionaries to Native Americans

213 West Second Ave  
Red Springs, NC 28377  
Phone: (910) 843-9358  
b4theflood@juno.com  
www.b4nativeamericans.com

Field Address:  
US Missions  
1445 N. Booneville Ave.  
Springfield, MO 65802  
johnflood@usmissions.org  
Offering Acct. #  
2570281

Not everyone who attends NABC is looking to enter the ministry, at least not in the sense that many of us mean by that.

Brother Danny works full-time, and then some, at a local NAPA auto parts shop. He's married and has grown children. He does not feel called into the pastorate, nor is he on his church's board, but he's been taking classes at NABC since 1991, just a year after he gave his life to the Lord.

Rev. Peter Knutsen, a well known and highly respected missionary from NABC (now deceased) was serving as the interim pastor at the church Danny was attending and encouraged him to take classes at the school. Bro. Danny says, "I wanted to learn more about the Bible" so he took a class. He's been here ever since, taking courses as he is able around his busy schedule. He says, "The more I learn, the more I'm convinced that teaching is going to be a part of my ministry." This is an interesting statement from someone who teaches the graduate class (18-23 year olds) at his church, runs the youth group, and heads the children's ministry, but the truth is, Bro. Danny began teaching at his church shortly after beginning to take courses at NABC.

Bro. Danny has taken three classes with me including a children's ministry class. It is easy to see his passion for helping others to grow in their relationship with Jesus. He

is a hard-working student who in spite of a very busy life digs into God's Word and class assignments in order to grow spiritually. His favorite courses are the Bible courses. He says, "NABC gives me a better understanding of Scripture and how to walk with Jesus, but I know that God holds me more responsible now that I know more about Him through His Word. NABC has taught me how to dig into Scripture, to



Lloyd "Danny" Sencenbaugh

know what the writers are talking about and who they were talking to." He says, "If I did not have this training I would not be able to get the full effect (of knowing how to fully serve the Lord). I would love to be able to get to the place that even if something happened to me (he is talking about the aging process—strokes and the like) I would still have the glow of the Lord; that people would still see Jesus in me."

I asked Bro. Danny if he thought the school was making any difference in this area. He said, "We are seeing more and more people coming now. There is a difference between the preachers who have received training here. Their style is different; they get and hold your attention, they give more details from the Bible in their preaching and teaching. Those who are not trained don't dig into God's Word as much to bring out what is in there." Of church workers he says, "If we could just get them to sit in on a class (audit) to see how the classes are presented they would have a better understanding of God's Word and would be better able to teach their classes at church. You learn things in the classes at NABC which you just can't learn in the regular church services."

Bro. Danny describes himself as a shy person who has never been really comfortable standing up in front of people, but he says that the school has really helped him, that the more he knows about God's Word the more comfortable he is with getting up in front of others and teaching them. I know what he means, we never fully get over the nervousness of standing before others, but if its coming from God's Word, and we know its coming from God's Word, then we do have something to say.

### ON A PERSONAL NOTE

The really big news is that we are going to be grandparents! Alicia is due in March and is very excited about becoming a mommy. Theresa is excited about being a "Gran," but Levi is bumming because he is scheduled to be deployed when the baby is born.

I turned a half century this month and went sky-diving for my birthday present. Very cool; easily addictive. I really would have liked to go solo rather than tandem, but it would have required a day of sitting in a training course.

Caleb is now a senior and talking more and more about joining the Marines. He would like to go Recon and wants an early enlistment to begin the physical training now.

Theresa is teaching a combined 2nd/3rd grade class this year at the request of the school. They thought she was able to handle the unique pressures of the class better than any of the other teachers. There was a parent who had left the school, but came back when they heard Theresa was teaching the grade their child was in — impressive! Even so, she has never taught either grade before and is now preparing two complete lesson plans each day. There are also three special needs students in the class making it more challenging still. She's a bit stressed, but doing well.

NABC's enrollment is half what it has been and needs to be; please keep the school in

prayer.

I continue to work with the youth at our church and have now led 20 of them to the Lord, but what I am especially excited about is to see them growing spiritually!



What mid-life crisis?