



Native Sons

Equipping Native Leaders to Reach Native Americans

P A S T O R C R E G G J O N E S

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- We are at app. 91% of our monthly support. This is lower than the last newsletter due to the need of some of our partners to adjust down and the loss of others.
- If you would like to help Pastor Jones pay for his trip to the Philippines (he needs to raise \$2500) his address is: Rainbow Covenant AG; PO Box 1087; Rowland, NC 28383. Please note the gift as for the Philippine mission trip.

PRAYER POINTS

- Theresa's father and step-father.
- Maxton 1st AG (our church home) as it looks for a new pastor.
- God's guidance and provision for NABC
- Caleb just got his driver's permit, need we say more

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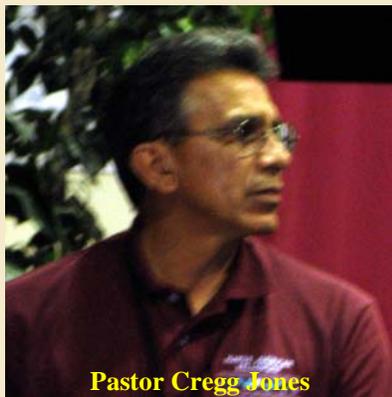
"For over two years Gennette Allen came and prophesied over me every Monday, when I was hung-over, 'The Holy Ghost said He was going to give you to us for the Kingdom of God.' I thought I should shoot her. I used to think like that."

Cregg Jones and his family were bootleggers he explained, "essentially gangsters." At 18 years of age he and a relative were shot for their bootlegging. In the ER his relative died and he heard a doctor telling others he was going to die too. He was in a coma for 96 hours. During this time Satan came and laughed at him, saying, "I'm going to take you with me to hell." "I was dead and had gone to hell. It is everything the Bible says. I fought my way back. My kin had given up, but I did not want to die and be in hell."

Cregg Jones did not die, but he did not give his life to the Lord either. When he was 22 he got married. When he was 27 his marriage was over; his wife separated from him for 3 months, and the woman from his mother's church was hounding him every Monday. One Friday night he cried out, "God, if you will give me back my wife, I will serve You." Saturday she returned home; Sunday he found his way to church and gave his heart to Jesus.

I asked Bro. Jones what his wife and family thought about his getting saved. "They didn't believe me. Everyone thought I was gaming until I was filled

with the Holy Ghost and spoke in other tongues. Then they all knew I was not play acting. God baptized me in the Holy Ghost at my mother-in-laws church so that they would know I wasn't gaming." God had really gotten a hold of Cregg Jones' life and eventually everyone knew it.



Pastor Cregg Jones

He felt called into ministry 2 years after getting saved. He told a pastor and the pastor said, "Fine, you can preach Thursday night." He says, "I've been preaching ever since."

Brother Jones attended NABC briefly, but switched to Carolina Bible College because NABC was not accredited. He went to school 3 nights a week for 8 years to earn a Bachelor's in Theology. "God says, 'Study to show yourself approved...' I was determined to obey God." In the past when I had asked Pastor Jones about training he responded, "We promote edu-

cation, it is the vehicle to our destiny." But he notes, "The men in Acts were unlearned. We need the power of the Holy Ghost to operate in the Spirit, but education will give you a deeper knowledge and realm in the Spirit." You have more to bring out when you know God's Word well.

Brother Jones has pioneered 2 churches and has been at the second for 15 years now. He has also served as a co-pastor, is a Vice President at NABC, the Vice President of the AG national Native American Fellowship, and has evangelized and held camp meetings extensively throughout the USA among Native peoples seeing many brought to Christ. He has been involved in missionary work in the Philippines and been invited backed repeatedly. He plans to return next year to hold pastoral conferences there.

Philippinos are specifically requesting Native American missionaries to come to them, as are many other indigenous peoples. They feel Native Americans can understand them better, because of how they have been treated. Many Native pastors and evangelists tell the same sort of story—people from other cultures are more open to them than whites. In Acts, as the Gospel went forward, the ethnic center of the church changed; today, its changing again.

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

A month away from one's family is a very long time! I have discovered I really don't like being away from my family while touching bases with our church partners, but on the other hand it was great to see a few of you again!

The summer has flown by and we are all back in the school routine again. The college's self-study is progressing and I am ghost writing for two of the faculty. My classes are going well. Theresa is teaching kindergarten this year rather than 4th grade and she comes home every night

with cute stories of what these adult miniatures come out with. I think she is enjoying herself immensely with this age group!

Caleb is Caleb. Much to our chagrin he has gotten an ear pierced. As I write, he is at the DMV taking his learner's permit test for driving. Now if we say, "You're driving us crazy!" it will be for real

We appreciate your continued prayers for Theresa's family, especially her step-father, Mike, and her father, Dick, who are both struggling with health issues.

Thank-you all so much for your prayers, support and correspondence!



THAT WENT WELL!