



Native Sons

Equipping Native Pastors to reach Native Americans

GILBERT WALKER

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- We are now at app. 30% of our monthly support
- Paul Kaminer has been appointed as interim president at NABC. He began his new position in January
- Our house is sold and we are in an apartment! Please note our address and phone number change!

PRAYER POINTS

- Theresa regarding recent car accident
- Raising prayer & financial support
- Safe travel

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"Two years ago our church plateaued. I was praying for insight and God's intervention." Lumbee Pastor Gilbert Walker had hit a wall. "Then NABC offered a fourth year. I went back and turned my three year diploma into a Bachelor's degree. Every class I took was a direct answer to my prayers."

Pastor Walker was called into the ministry through a night vision; in it God asked, "Would you carry this book for Me?" Shortly afterwards his pastor had a dream that someone was called into the ministry and given a book. Pastor Walker then began training under his pastor. As he was getting ready to enter a solo pastorate he had another dream. In it he was called forward, escorted by others, to the front of an auditorium where there was no pulpit. Those in the audience murmured, "Did not our hearts burn within us when he spoke." Called and empowered through the Holy Spirit, Pastor Walker recognizes the importance of

"studying to show himself approved, a workman who knows how to rightly handle God's Word." (2 Tim. 2:15).

God used NABC to answer this pastor's prayer for growth. Brother Walker states, "The courses I took at NABC last year have made me a more effective counselor, preacher



Pastor Gilbert Walker

and organizer. I openly wept in some of my classes. In the church administration course we talked about how culture affects ministry. I took this back to the church. We

saw that all our services were in the evening, but in our culture many of the people in the surrounding areas work at night. We began offering ministry during the day and added five new families as a result. In another course we discussed how different personalities work differently. I took this back to our leadership; it helped us. The body has many parts with differing functions, we were not considering this at a practical level. Now we realize the importance of matching our gifts to ministry. We appreciate our differences better now and we are ministering more effectively and with greater joy."

Pastor Walker received his call from God through the operation of the gifts of the Spirit, but he notes, "Churches need spiritual understanding more than hype; sound teaching rather than just enthusiasm." We need both the Spirit of God and the Word of God to minister effectively. NABC is laying these foundations for Native Pastor's today.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE

As a result of Theresa's shoulder injury she was unable to seek a position this school year, so she was substitute teaching and working in a local store. After the holiday's New England Christian Academy called and asked her to take a permanent position teaching 9 - 11th grades, PTL! God gives us the desires of our hearts! She is enjoying the kids and many have commented on the great job she is doing! She was also involved in a car accident recently. Both cars were totaled, but both Theresa

and the other person involved walked away. Theresa is currently suffering ongoing headaches though.

Levi is engaged to be married in June to Alicia Reuter. He is currently seeking entry in the enlisted to officers program. He took the ACT as part of the preliminaries and scored in the 99th percentile in almost every area, his lowest score was a 95%! Way to go Levi!

Caleb is doing well in school; he is excelling in English and math.

John's ministry in the churches continues to be well received. He is booking services well into the summer. Thank-you all for your feedback!



Levi & Alicia