



# Native Sons

## Equipping Native Pastors to reach Native Americans

### PASTOR LARRY LOWERY

#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- We are now at app. 70% of our monthly support
- The University of North Carolina at Pembroke was originally the Croatan Normal school, founded in 1887. A school built, run, and paid for by the Native Americans of Robeson County to train Native teachers to teach in the Native schools during the time when Native Americans and blacks were not allowed into white schools.

#### PRAYER POINTS

- John's brother and mother
- That our budget be fully raised by July

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"The greatest need in Robeson County is for a spiritual awakening. We've had sporadic sprouts of revival. You'll hear that word a lot, but what it is here is an emotional high—whooping and hollering. The Lord says, 'My fields are empty, who will go and work?' The devil don't mind you shouting, its when you go into his territory you have a fight. Satan has a stronghold here in Robeson County."

Pastor Larry Lowery has been pastoring at Pembroke Assembly of God for almost 24 years. He is also a full time brick mason. He came to the Lord when he was 23. He says, "For 5-6 years I was really bad in alcohol and then some drugs too. My granddad raised me; I did not know what it was to have a dad and I only lived with my mother for a couple of years. Granddad sent me to church and I went to Vacation Bible School (VBS) in the summer. I went to the altar at VBS and people got around me and prayed for me. When I was older in the bars drinking I could still sense the Christians getting around me and praying at VBS.

I was married a year when my wife got saved. She was at church one Sunday night. I was at the end of my end. I walked the half mile to church and the service was almost over. I sat in the back and the preacher was giving an

invitation for prayer and salvation. The Spirit of God was strong on me. I made my way down to the altar and asked the Lord to save me. I said, 'If You will save me, I will serve You.' I have never had a taste for drink since that night. I never experienced withdrawal."

Pastor Lowery asked me if I knew how much education he had. "I got to the 6th



Pastor Larry Lowery

grade. We went to school half a day and then went home to pick cotton and tobacco. I fell behind in my grades. I tried to better myself, but..."

Pastor Lowery received his original ministerial training by traveling every Saturday to the N.C. District office. After 3 months he began taking night courses at Eastern Indian Bible

Institute (now NABC) while working full-time as a mason, pastoring the church and raising a family of six children.

I asked Pastor Lowery if it would make any difference if NABC were to close. His response, "It would be a devastating blow to the Lumbee people, there would be many lost for eternity." The school makes a difference as a tool. "It would be like a brick mason trying to lay brick without a trowel or a carpenter trying to hammer nails without a hammer."

"One of the greatest needs is for teachers who are called and have a love for people. Don't come with an 'I'm here to turn this town around' attitude. When it comes to outsiders the Lumbee want to know you. They will trust you, but they want to know how long you are going to be here. A lot of people just come through, they say they are going to stay, but then they leave. God isn't looking for dynamite, He's looking for 'workamite.' You need dynamite to get out stumps, but then you need to go in and till the ground, plant the seed and work the land. One of the greatest needs is for teachers who will roll up their sleeves and stay for the long term."

### ON A PERSONAL NOTE

Theresa's back is completely healed, thanks for your prayers! Caleb is continuing to do well in school and John is constantly on the road itinerating. Levi was recently picked up as staff at nuclear school and will be teaching Nuclear Chemistry and Radiological Controls. This is quite an achievement and we are proud of him!

On a more difficult note, over the past 6 months I have watched my mother decline. She is undiagnosed, but appears to have Alzheimer's. She has become mostly non-verbal and has lost the ability to do many things. After months of trying to get her to allow my brother and I to help her, in March I flew down to Tennessee, got mom and flew her to Washington,

where she is now living with my brother Mick.

Mick is great with Mom, but he is alone, runs his own business, and has part-time custody of his kids. We covet your prayers for him and her. Mick will often tell our mom that he loves her and ask for a hug. He did this while I was there, as they embraced my mother's mouth opened in a silent cry; Mick felt it, I saw it. This is hard; not the sort of thing we prepared ourselves for. Pray that Mick can get the help and support he and mom need, that all the things that need to be done get done, and for God's peace, provision and protection for Mom, Mick and Mick's family.



My Mom: Pat Shiffler



My brother: Mick Flood