



Native Sons

Equipping Native Pastors to Reach Native Americans

PASTOR GARRY McMILLAN

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- We are now at app. 84% of our monthly support
- **What's it take to get a missionary to this point?**
 - 2 years of itineration
 - Over 100,000 miles travel
 - 100 phone calls a week
 - 219 church services
 - Many more meeting with individuals and pastors
 - 105 Churches partnering
 - 29 Individuals partnering
 - About 2000 prayer partners

PRAYER POINTS

- John's brother and mother
- That our budget be fully raised.
- Sensitivity

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"I went to Native American Bible College because I felt I needed more tools in my arsenal." Pastor Garry McMillan and his wife, Sister Sandra, sacrificed for Pastor Garry to earn his degree at NABC.

Pastor Garry grew up going to church and had asked the Lord into his life early. He strayed some as he got older, but re-dedicated his life to the Lord in '91 when he got married.

He experienced a prolonged call into the ministry between '95 and 2000. At one point he put out a fleece: his car radio did not work well and he prayed, "God if you want me in ministry make this radio work." The radio came onto the gospel station Brother Garry was trying to listen to and he began weeping before the Lord. On another occasion a woman, whom he calls "his angel," came and told him things "only God knew." and again confirmed his calling. On yet another occasion he was asking God for a sign. During a church service his pastor got up and called he and his wife out and said "God is calling you into the ministry and this is the sign you have been asking for."

After High School Brother Garry won a baseball scholarship to the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. He went there three and a half years, majoring in

math and computer science, but then dropped out in order to work.

After receiving his call into the ministry he felt he wanted to be able to dig deeper into God's Word and enrolled at NABC. He said, "Lots of people in this area think that if God calls you He will equip you. The value of the school is that it allows you to get out of tradition and learn exactly what God's Word says versus what Grandpa



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and Grandpa said." He took a little flack for attending the school but says, "Often Scripture gets taken out of context" in these traditions. By equipping pastors and leaders NABC helps others to dig deeper and to see the need to dig deeper into God's Word too.

Pastor Garry chose NABC because it was affordable ("4 years cost me what one year

at other schools cost") and because it offers a good student/teacher ratio.

The pastoral ministry courses were his favorites and he wants to get his Master's degree sometime in the future.

When I asked what I need to know as we prepare to come to Robeson County He said, "Get on a level with the people. Don't act like you think you are better than they are. People down here are up front. They will feel you out: who you are and what are you about. We are ordinary people who like ordinary things: Harley stuff, camping, cooking out, golf, etc. If people know you are genuine then that's OK.. Figure out what is important to others. It means a lot to people when you help them out too."

Pastor Garry is a golfer. He asked me if I was. I told him I played once or twice and liked it but was no good. He turned to his 9 year old, Caleb, and said, "Here's someone you can beat!"

We met Pastor Garry and his wife at the Native American Convocation.. He was the featured preacher on Monday night. They honored us by allowing us to invite ourselves to tour the Pima Reservation with them. We hope to get to know them better in the future.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE

As of July 1st we will be making our way to NC. Please note our change of address, phone number and e-mail.

Caleb would like the world to know (and applaud!) that he is now 14 (BD-6/9) and will be in High School next Fall.

Theresa and I are well, excited and a little nervous about the move. We covet your prayers at this time, most especially that we make friends and are sensitive to the people.

Levi and Alicia are doing well. They have been considering the possibility of purchasing a condo, but think they'll wait

until they are more settled geographically.

I have deeply appreciated all your prayers on my mother and brother's behalf. From the time the last newsletter went out Mick began feeling less stressed and saw things coming together that needed to. Mom continues the downward slide: she no longer speaks, is bound to a wheelchair and grows weaker daily. We are very thankful that she is safe and well cared for. Mick feels he has found a couple of really excellent caregivers for her now who come to his home and care for Mom there. Please continue praying for them.

Finally, we still have a little more of our budget that needs to come in, so keeping praying for us for that too.



John gained 15 lbs itinerating, so Theresa takes radical measures!