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## Native Impact 2022

Throughout the Navajo Nation, a simultaneous evangelism dubbed as "Native Impact 2022" is happening now which will culminate in a nightly series of Bible Prophecy Revival meetings on September 9-17.

We are blessed to be a part of this great soul winning initiative on the Navajo Reservation. One of the 6 sites for this campaign is actually in our area in Crownpoint, NM.

In preparation for this, and to raise curiosity and create awareness of this Bible Prophecy meetings, EDGAR (Every Dynasty, God Already Revealed), a 30-foot inflatable replica of the "metal man" in Daniel 2 which the Lord has shown to King Nebuchadnezzar in a dream to share with him and with all Bible readers the story of the world and what will happen in the end time, went around the 6 different sites to help advertise the event.

As we displayed EDGAR at the Flea Market in Crownpoint and on NM Hwy 371, this created various reactions among the people who saw it. Some thought it was an idol that we advocate worshiping while others asked what it is and what is its significance and purpose. This gave us many opportunities to share and explain the Word of God and also present a springboard to



### ANNOUNCING NEW PROGRAM!!!

#### LA VIDA MISSION'S MINI VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Have you ever wanted to do a Mission Trip, but just don't have the time for a long trip? La Vida Mission has several smaller projects that are available for adoption by 1 or 2 people. As you are aware, the Mission is somewhat short staffed. As a consequence, some of the maintenance projects are not getting completed as soon as we would like. This new program will allow folks interested in volunteering, but aren't able to volunteer for an extended time, to come for just a few days to help our maintenance program. Join us for Worship each day, meet our staff and students! Each month we will add other smaller projects to the list.

Here's our first ADOPT-A-PROJECT!

1. Repair fascia and soffit on staff housing. The Mission has materials so just need maybe two people handy with tools to repair the roof line. Repair will take about two days.
2. Paint exterior of Big Boys dorm. The Mission has all materials. Painting should take two-four people about three days.

If you are interested in either of these projects, or to find out what else might be available, please contact John Husby at 719-822-3078 or [john@lavidamission.org](mailto:john@lavidamission.org)



invite them to the upcoming Bible Prophecy Revival meeting.

Please join us in praying for this evangelism program. Please pray for the rich outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon everyone of us here who will be involved in this campaign and please pray that many more precious souls and individuals will be led to the Kingdom.

- VJ, Beth, and Dorie Panganiban with the LVM Outreach team.

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 Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm

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We are excited to once again be able to offer health fairs for our community. Pictures on page 2.



### Our Teachers are Busy Learning Too!

Our teachers were fortunate to be able to go to Denver for the Rocky Mountain Conference Teachers Convention July 31 - August 2. The speaker was Marie Hubley Alcock, Phd.

A few of the topics discussed were assessing student performance, high quality classroom assessment, and the use of a proficiency scale in grading students.

They also had group activities. In the picture below they were given some phrases or sentences and had to interpret it through drawing.

It was a great opportunity to learn and also to connect with other teachers throughout the conference.



### Health Fair in Crownpoint



We were happy to be able to serve our community by having a health fair in Crownpoint on Sept. 4 with another one scheduled on Sept. 11.



Teachers that attended the convention were:  
Rafael Paloma (Head Teacher for the High School)  
Vicky Pioche (Head Teacher for the Elementary School)  
Gladys Paloma  
Beth Panganiban  
Vj Panganiban  
Glet Franche  
Claire James

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### Water Project Update

Hello Dear Friends!

The latest figures for our water project are \$112,884. A BIG thank you to all our donors! Praise the Lord! However as you read on, please note that we have more information on the overall project cost.

Our six month progress report to NM Environment Department that was submitted on July 29, 2022, including a request for a time extension, was approved on August 8, 2022. Our next deadline is January 29, 2023.

Though work is progressing on the Community Water Hydrant, I want to focus on the largest project, the water storage tank replacement.

Mr. Lee, Mr. John and I met at the mission on August 9, 2022 with Mr. Dan Flack, a Professional Engineer, to review the scope of the project. He was very helpful in providing some insights on our project. He has sent a proposal to the Mission that includes new estimates for the project. Our original estimate was for \$100,000. Since the time of that estimate, costs for materials has risen drastically. The new estimate is for \$181,500. That includes not only the new tank, but the cost for excavation, the new concrete ring foundation, valves and the removal of the existing tank. The tank to be removed/demolished is the older tank that has not been in service for years. We want to be able to keep the current tank in operation solely for fire mitigation. The estimate also includes the cost for the engineering design and submission to the Environment Department.

As you can see, our budget is about \$70,000 short. Some of the items that are listed in Mr. Flack's estimate are items that may be able to be done by Mission Staff or by short-term Mission groups. If so, that will reduce our overall cost.

Please continue to pray for the Lord's leading in this project. A decision that needs to be made now is whether we can proceed by purchasing the tank and by contracting with Mr. Flack for submission of our application, hydraulic analysis and geotechnical reports. Also, should the Lord impress you to donate to this project, please forward your funds to the Mission marked as "Water Project".

Again, I thank you! Bless you each one.  
Lee McIntosh  
LVM Sanitary Survey Response Coordinator







**Reflection:**

(In this article, I'm being vulnerable but I'm doing it boldly if it can inspire others who can relate to what I wrote). Several weeks ago, I shared at our staff worship how exhausted I was. I remember telling them, "I've never felt so exhausted in my more than 15 years of stay at La Vida as I feel now". I really did and then a line in a song "I am tired and weary but I must toil on..." rang through my ears. Have you ever felt this way too? That you feel tired and weary, but you must keep on toiling so you do, and then you get more tired and stressed and discouraged because you must and you have to? During that time, I blamed what I was feeling on my injured knee and leg. I made myself believe that it was so, but to be honest, I wasn't really convinced that it was. And after some serious contemplation and reflection, I seemed to have heard God's compassionate voice telling me, "There's something missing in your life but which you need more than ever. You need extra power and energy from the fountain of it all. You keep doing for Me but you miss being with Me". And the verse in Matthew 11:28-29 came to mind. "Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me for I am meek and lowly in heart and you shall find rest unto your souls". I then realized that this was what I was missing. This was the culprit. In my busyness, in all my concerns for a lot of things, I'm missing something very important --- Yes, I'm missing a constant and meaningful connection with my God through deep personal prayers and devotion and a bountiful feast with His Word. (I may just be tasting it by reading some Bible verses or some devotional articles here and there but not really sitting and enjoying and savoring HIS WORD.) So, I decided to go back to my Bible reading—and not just reading devotional books by someone. (Please don't get me wrong, I'm not saying reading devotional books is bad, but what I'm saying from my experience is that, direct Bible reading is more filling and invigorating.) I thought of going back to the Gospel and look at the life and ministry of Jesus. A good author, Ellen White, says that we should spend a thoughtful hour each day meditating on the life of Jesus. Yes, this I lacked especially during busy times. In my Bible reading, I saw Jesus - a busy itinerant preacher, teacher, healer - and yes, none of us has ever been busier than Jesus was. But in Jesus' busy life and busy schedule, (working the whole day), Jesus never forgot to spend time with His Father God-- Jesus drank deep from His Father's well after His busy day -- at night, or early, early morning before dawn and sometimes, even the whole night. It is normal for us that, after an exhausting day, we want to relax. So we either sleep, eat extra, take hold of our gadgets, go online, go on Facebook or watch movies, etc. But more often than not, these don't help. So what did Jesus do after His busy day? Matthew 14:23 and Luke 6:12 both bear record that after Jesus had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by himself to pray and all night, He continued in prayer to God. Yes, Jesus, the son of God did it. He recognized and said "I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of Him who sent me." - John 5:30. Every day, we're baffled with stuff. We mingle with people, we talk, we hear, react, we judge and many times, we mess up because we react and judge wrongly and then we get in trouble. Jesus said that He "hears" and He "judges". But His difference maybe from us is that --- His judgment is "just"--- because He constantly seeks not His will but His Father's will during His meaningful encounter with Him. I pray that as I hear, I can react and judge as Jesus did. This I'm sure I can do as I keep and maintain my connection with HIM continuous despite my busy days through a meaningful personal prayer and devotion and feeding and feasting on His Word. And yes, "this is my only source of strength, power and energy, and my only defense in this challenging life battle".

– Dorie Panganiban

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# "Meet Our Staff - Claire James" - Part 4

I continued to teach in church schools and public schools in Wyoming, Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, Virginia, New York, and Texas where I retired after teaching several years for the Southwest Regional Conference. Retirement lasted about three months. I began to volunteer at the school from which I retired. Accepting a position as an aide to the teacher, I covered math and science for her.

Two dear friends called to ask if I would consider teaching at one of their orphanages in India. I said yes and began to prepare for that change. However, I encountered serious health problems which required surgery, so it seemed that India was not where I should go.

There was a 50th anniversary party for some friends at the church one Sunday. I was helping clean up after the dinner when I was told I had a phone call. To my surprise, it was Pastor Steve Gillham - my pastor when I taught in Alamosa, Colorado.

Pastor Steve asked if I would come to La Vida asking if I would be a dorm parent at La Vida. I refused, telling him that when he had a teaching position I would gladly consider it. To my amazement, he called back in a couple of days saying that someone who was filling in as a teacher had agreed to switch to taking over a dorm!

On December 27, 2016 I flew into the Farmington airport to begin teaching the lower elementary grades.

It has been one of the most meaningful experiences in my life. Really, I am just beginning to know the Navajo people. If you would like to embark on a never-to-be-forgotten adventure, I beg you to consider La Vida.



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- Hard-working, organized, reliable and willing to go the extra mile on behalf of ministry
- Ability to build a caring, friendly, and positive rapport with students & fellow staff

If interested, call 505-786-3001-3004; or email [office@lavidamission.org](mailto:office@lavidamission.org)



## Our Students Return!!



Beginnings are always so exciting and a new school year is no exception. We are delighted to welcome both new and returning students and are looking forward to a busy and productive school year. Please continue to pray for our students, our staff and our finances as we move forward, following the path that God has put before us. We appreciate you all more than words can say, we know that we can not tackle these challenges alone, we need each of you, our extended family, to lift us up before the throne.

