

Prayer Line

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We are Christ's Witnesses on the Navajo Reservation & in the Zuni Pueblo... in border towns like Gallup and Farmington... in New Mexico & Arizona... in the United States, Mexico & Canada ...in the uttermost parts of the world...

This is the heart of what the Red Mesa Foundation is all about: supporting the efforts of Native American Christians to spread Good News wherever and however God leads them. Please pray with us for the faithfulness and growth of Native American Christians who are witnesses to Living Water in a dry and thirsty place.

Local Strategies

Listening to the Holy Spirit, Native American Christians are trying to communicate the love of Christ and the good news of salvation in new ways. They are trying to be relevant to peoples' lives, interests and needs. Stanley Charley, of the Newcomb Fellowship, helped to organize a trail ride for horseback riders that took people through several of the Four Corners communities. Zuni Christians have been making gospel films so that Zuni people can see themselves and hear their own language in the gospel stories. The Farmington Church provided an alternative block party that provided affordable fun for families and children in the community. James and Darlene Litson from Teecnospos, Arizona are working to encourage small group bible study among Navajo people. The church in Crownpoint New Mexico has opened its doors and hearts to teenage single parents through a Young Life program.



Local Priorities

The Red Mesa Foundation was created to encourage and support local strategies for reaching people with good news. Now the priorities for the initial distribution of funds for ministries are being set at the local level. Classis Red Mesa (churches) and Red Mesa Christian School Association (Rehoboth and Zuni Christian Schools) are working on their priorities for the first distribution of about \$75,000 total in 2009. The ministries are also thinking and praying about what their priorities will be as the Foundation grows and is able to distribute much larger amounts annually.

Prayer Summary:

1. For Native American Christians who are witnessing to God's love for people as expressed in Jesus Christ
2. For love and wisdom among the people (Churches & Schools) involved in setting priorities for funding distribution.
3. For wisdom, discernment and courage for the RMF board as it explores a land development opportunity.
4. For God's provision of operating funds for the RMF.

This e-mail prayer line is a new venture for the RMF. And we want it to come to those who want it and in the best format for each person.

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Where does the money for local Native American ministry priorities come from?

The RMF has a 1.5 million dollar endowment from land sales in the Gallup NM area. These funds are invested with Barnabas Foundation. We will begin to distribute 5% of the endowment annually in 2009. The RMF plans to keep growing the endowment through gifts from people whom God calls to partner with Native American Christians and through additional proceeds from land development. The RMF also holds designated funds, such as a leadership development fund that provides scholarships for tuition and workshop training.

Exploring an Exciting Opportunity

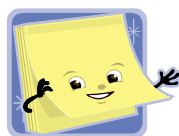
The Foundation is currently exploring an exciting opportunity for developing our remaining land surrounding Rehoboth Christian School east of Gallup NM. A developer has come to us who appears to have the means and vision to bring about the kind of development we've been dreaming about for the last several years: one that would not only help to build the endowment for ministry but contribute significantly to the health and wealth of the local community. Please pray for wisdom, discernment and courage for the board of the Foundation as it explores this possibility.

...And letting us experience our dependence on God

If the RMF puts its land into the hands of a developer, the financial strategy of the Foundation will have to change – we will not see cash income from property development as soon as we were planning. Our operating fund reserve will run out before we realize income for our operating budget. Since the RMF doesn't want to use the funds set aside for the ministries in the endowment and it will not be able to borrow against its land, it will be looking for other sources of operating fund income. Please pray that God will meet our organization's financial need in the coming months.

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"T Charles Talking" *Call me on my cell phone at 505-879-7896 and that's what you'll hear. I love to hear from old friends and meet new people. So call me and I'll show you around.*

I'm Ted Charles, president of the Red Mesa Foundation for almost six years. I'm going off the board soon, having served two three-year terms. The Red Mesa Foundation has come a long way since it started over six years ago. I'm excited about what God has brought about and I'm looking forward to seeing what God will continue to do through the Foundation.

I'm a retired educator, but working as a part-time pastor of the Ft. Wingate church. My wife, Evie, and I live in a two-story Hogan in Jamestown New Mexico. We like welcoming friends, kids and six grandkids at our home and we also travel to our family in different places. Daughter Denise and family live in San Bernadino CA. Son Mark and family live in Ft. Defiance AZ, Daughter Millie goes to Ft. Lewis College in Colorado and Daughter Linda and family live in Gallup. Ted Charles (tedcharles@hotmail.edu)

