



## FIRST NATIONS PARTNERSHIP

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Dear friends of FNP,

My name is Dino Butler and my wife is Nanette. We are full blooded Navajo Dine' from the Southwest, USA. We, along with our two boys have been privileged enough to be a part of the NAIM FNP team for the last several years now. We are so grateful to you for all that you have done on our behalf and for all our First Nations brothers and sisters who have benefitted from your generosity and support of this vital partnership. Without your support, much of what we do to reach at-risk youth on the Navajo reservation here in Northwest New Mexico would not be possible. It is through your contributions that we can offer hope, healing and restoration to so many young people who come through our doors.



The camp that we serve at, Broken Arrow Bible Ranch, sees over 900+ students come through our gates every summer. All are between the ages of 8 and 18 and the majority of them come from difficult circumstances. The statistics are staggering: in our Native communities, by the age of 13, 7 out of 10 boys will be sexually assaulted in some way; for girls, it is 9 out of 10. Native people are dying from alcohol-related accidents at 4

times and in some places 5 times the national average per capita, meaning, that if all the ethnic groups were equal, we would still be losing 4 or 5 people for every one person in any other ethnic group.





But, the news is not all bad. We have been seeing young Native people come to our camp and respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ, and begin to lead transformed lives. Many of those Native young people come and work at our camp, becoming role models and big brothers and sisters to the campers who stay with them in their cabins. These young people are also getting the attention they need to help them deal with the problems they have encountered in their own personal lives and that's where Nanette and I come in. We

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spend time with these young people, mentoring and counseling them as they encounter these things in their lives here at camp. What a tremendous opportunity and honor it is to see these young people rise from the ashes of broken lives and begin to heal, grow and thrive in the Christian life!

We count it an amazing privilege to stand with these young people, and thank you that you have chosen to stand with us as part of the FNP team to help us continue to reach these devastated youth here in the

Southwest USA and in Canada as well. The lives you have touched through your support cannot be quantified by earthly means; it will be in eternity that we see the impact your sustaining gifts have produced in the lives of these young people. On behalf of our other FNP brothers and sisters, thank you for all you have given, and may it return to you a hundredfold, to the glory and honor of our Savior Jesus Christ, amen.....

Blessings,

Theodore (Dino) Butler  
for Nanette and the boys, Josiah and Caleb

