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Significant Fall Ministry and Yuletide Greetings!!!

Greetings and a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas to you all!!! We don't have the color changes in the foliage as some parts of the country do where we live but we had our first bit of snow hit the ground here in New Mexico; just cold and clear days that are beginnings of winter here in Vanderwagen, NM. Celebrating Christmas and the birth of our Savior is always a joy; despite all the things that threaten to crowd it out. We're grateful to the Lord for all He's given to us, and we pray that your Christmas season will be blessed as well.

Thank you all for your prayers and for your support of NAIM and our ministry; we are moving forward with our transition at BABR (Ty Platero our new camp director) and we're hitting the ground running with all that's been going on here. Nanette and I have been busy with discipleship and outreaches; the boys are extremely busy (Josiah in his junior year at Indian Bible College; Caleb in his senior year of high school) and the days seems to fly by. It seems like summer camp just ended and we're already gearing up for our BABR Winter Retreat.

We had our Halloween outreach in October and the numbers were incredible; we handed out over 1500 packets of candy and gospel tracts that day. Nanette was able to pray for a number of people at her prayer table; I kept the water hot for the hot chocolate and did other things that needed to be done. It was good to be able to talk to people while we served and it was amazing to see on this holiday the needs that people have, despite all the hoopla that Halloween brings.



Halloween Outreach 2023



Speaking at the Hopi Thanksgiving Outreach 2023

We also had a great time at the BABR Staff Alumni Retreat. What a joy to serve with these young people and to have a chance to give them a moment of reflection and renewal from their busy lives. We were also joined this fall by our friend from Michigan (and Jennings Community Church), Michael Ray, who came down and volunteered his time for 10 days and helped out at the camp and helped us put up insulation and plywood in our garage. Thank you so much, Mike....!!!!

Thank you again so much for your prayers and support for our ministry and of NAIM. Christmas time is such a blessing for some and a burden to others; take some time to bless those around you. You never know who needs that word of encouragement, that quick prayer, or that gift during this season. Blessings....!!!!

Dino

Prayer Requests

Please pray for us as we travel to Harrison, Arkansas to teach Native students for a week at the On Eagles' Wings Leadership Center.

Please pray for our BABR Winter Retreat; that the students who come will be blessed and brought closer to the Lord.

Please pray for Nanette's mom as she just turned 94 this month; that Nanette would be able to care for her as well as care for her own needs.

Please pray for Dino as he transitions into new training, as well as the ministry of music and discipleship.

Please pray for Caleb as he continues his senior year of high school, and as he decides what he wants to do once he graduates.

Please pray for Josiah and the load of work and ministry that he is carrying at Indian Bible College; he's been asked to do a lot, and he wants to do them all well.

Please pray that our needs for our home and our property get addressed; we have some things that we need to fix, acquire and upgrade as we assess what our winter needs will be.

Please pray for our upcoming need for another vehicle; our two vehicles are adequate right now, but we're seeing that one of them is starting to have more and more problems.

Nanette's Corner

Hello Brothers and Sisters in Jesus,

First of all, thank you for all your prayers. Your prayers and intercession have meant so much to us. It is a beautiful thing to see the grace of God sustain and cause us to remain steadfast through this time of transition of leadership here at Broken Arrow Bible Ranch. We're praying and seeking the Lord to see what roles, both new and old, that He might have for us here through this transition. However deep or insignificant, we want to glorify the Lord in all that we do.

Currently, I am still mentoring a couple of women. With one friend, we are coming to the end of the book we've been using called "Soul Care" by Dr. Rob Reimer. It has been an amazing and transformational journey of healing for her. To see her give glory to Jesus through her life brings such joy to my heart. The roots of her life run deep in Christ, and I love seeing her now pour into others what God has poured into her. Please continue to pray for Brenda. She is still working through the first chapter on "Identity" in the Soul Care book. Brenda is an amazing young wife and mother with so much potential in Christ.

Please keep praying for wisdom, knowledge, discernment as I continue to mentor these young women. Please pray that the LORD will continue to lead and guide me into His will.

Nanette



Thanksgiving with my dad and sister Efren

Returning from the NAIM
2023 Fall Staff Conference

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