CDC NEWS

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UPCOMING CHANGES FOR CDC

We recently held an important conference on our campus for many leaders who are interested in a new discipleship program oriented toward Native youth. It was sponsored by **Across Nations** Mission in Window Rock, AZ. 30 leaders from across the Navajo reservation and nearby ministries came together to give their ideas in a very rewarding brainstorming session. We approached them after not being able to staff our own recovery program, since they are one of the founding missions for CDC. They have a vision for a 9 month GAP program for Native



young adults who need to be discipled and equipped for serving the Lord with their futures. The program would give them life skills and the chance to learn some vocational activities that might provide direction for their future education and careers. We believe the future of the Native church rests with the youth that are not being reached in the services that appeal only to the older Navajospeaking members. These young people will have many of the same issues as our CDC men did, but we can help them avoid the same behaviors and addictions of their older peers. CDC will be *proactive* and perhaps more effective than ever. Please pray with us for all the pieces of this future partnership/merger to come together in God's time and with His blessing. We will keep you updated.

CHANGES AT CORTEZ OVER THE YEARS

The Navajo Gospel Crusade began the Mission here in 1951, and the Navajo Bible Institute later trained Native pastors and Christian leaders for many years.

- 1985 NGC merged with United Indian Mission, and the Institute changed its name to Four Corners School of the Bible
- 1987 FCSB closed its campus program, and Extension Classes were taught out in the Native churches for 4 years
- 1991 The Christian Discipleship Center began its ministry under UIM to Native believers by offering 90-day Recovery Programs to disciple them and help them overcome substance abuse issues in their lives
- 2000 CDC became an independent Mission with our own Board of Directors and tax-exempt status with the IRS
- 2024 The Christian Discipleship Center is planning a partnership/merger with Across Nations Mission in Window Rock, AZ for the new 9 month GAP Discipleship Program on our campus
- NOTE: We will still operate as the Christian Discipleship Center with our new discipleship focus on the Native young adults. Across Nations will bring the needed staff and funds here for the future work. Our present staff can continue serving as well.

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