

WE ARE NOW PART OF A LARGER MINISTRY

Our Christian Discipleship Center board of directors voted in late March to merge CDC with Across Nations Mission in Window Rock, AZ . A week later their board also voted approval. It feels like we have come full circle, since several of our staff originally served in Window Rock with their former name, Western Indian Ministries. Chuck Harper, the current director of AN, grew up there, and his father was one of the CDC board members for many years and a faithful supporter of this work. After keeping our recovery program going with few staff, it is wonderful now to be part of a larger mission family.



The merger enables CDC to continue as a 501(c)3 non-profit. Two of our board members, Cord Cochran and Melvin Nez, joined their board, so now a joint board will administer both AN and CDC. **We will continue to receive donations here just as before under the Christian Discipleship Center.**

In the picture at left our director, Joe Mehesy, is with Adrian Pete, their board chairman and Chuck Harper, Across Nations director. It was Chuck's vision after 25 years in Native youth work, to have a GAP discipleship program on our campus. There are successful GAP programs around the U.S., but none for Native youth. So we will be pioneering again, just as we did for our Christian Recovery Program 33 years ago!

Please join us in intercessory prayer for God's provision for a new director of the GAP program. Several couples have expressed a desire to move here for the new ministry, but the director is the necessary one to get it all going. A group of Christian leaders has formed a ministry council to formulate the plans for the program and to do a director search. In the meantime we are hosting various groups here on campus. The new joint Across Nations board held its annual meeting here in May. The entire staff from Window Rock was here for their staff retreat on August 5-7.

We also were privileged to host the staff retreat of Broken Arrow Bible Ranch south of Gallup, NM. They completely filled our facility, using our housing and gym, and some even pitched tents on our lawn. Ty Platero and Dino Butler lead the group, and this is a great testimony to the efforts of UIM International to train Native leaders and turn the work over to them. Also, many Native young people who have gone through camp as children now help to serve on their staff. As the picture shows, they sure enjoyed our beautiful lawns to relax on and do some additional training.



Our director occasionally fills the pulpit at the Towaoc Community Church on the Ute Mountain Ute reservation. The pastor is Ute, but he was raised in Tucson by Anglo parents. Yet he became an alcoholic and was saved at the Gospel Rescue Mission there in 1978. There are very few believers among the Utes, and the congregation is small. But Joe was really surprised one morning to see more men than women in attendance. Joe shares some of the same Bible material that we teach at CDC, since they need very practical instruction for their Christian lives. He also fills the pulpit at Kayenta Bible Church and enjoys the great fellowship there. They support CDC.