

Tom Fox Newsletter

2023 year in review



Olifantshoek, ZA



Spring Travel *Dallas, TX*



Indian Bible College, Flagstaff, AZ



After completing my dissertation for my PhD in January, I began planning my travel for the year. In March, I had the privilege of traveling with my pastor (Matt White) to Africa to visit missionary partners of Belcroft Bible Church. The picture from Olifantshoek, South Africa demonstrates four words in Tsonga: God, man, sin, repentance - all that is needed to proclaim the gospel! Praise the Lord for Paul Schlelein translating and allowing me to proclaim the gospel where he normally does open air preaching in the village.



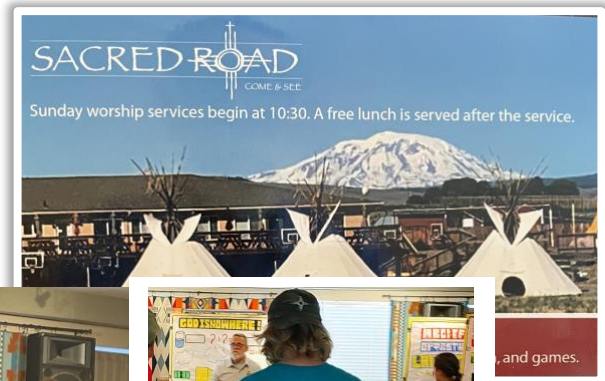
Teaching young men how to do daily devotions. GYM Camp, Sr. Mbhokota, ZA with Paul Schlelein.

In Dallas, TX, Brian Harmon (OACUSA Field Director) and I did a reconnaissance of the area for potential National sketchboard evangelism training (SET) with Branch Director, Rick Moore.

Yakama Reservation Ministry

OAC Inland NW Director, Mark Kennedy (pictured with Fishii below) and I traveled to Yakima, WA to present the sketchboard ministry to Sacred Road Ministry.

Fishii came to Christ at Sacred Road Ministry then attended and graduated from Indian Bible College in 2022. Fishii is now a leader with the youth group at Sacred Road. The leadership at Sacred Road wants us to return to teach sketchboard evangelism.



and games.



Children's Bible Ministry Training

In June, Ryan and I partnered with long-time friend, Denise Morgan, of CBM, Baltimore to teach her summer interns how to use the sketchboard for Bible memory verses.

Training with CBM took place in Cherry Hill, Baltimore, where I have taken teams into this neighborhood since 2011.

SET Students in Baltimore 07.2023

This summer we partnered with East Baltimore Graffiti Church (EBGC) during their summer camp to train our SET students how to do kid's clubs.

We are thankful for the church partnership with Pastor Charlie Brown (EBGC)



Reconnaissance in OAC NorCal Branch 08.2023

Brian Harmon and I, along with Frank Baldus, of the OAC SoCal Branch, joined up with OAC NorCal Branch Director, Dan Beaudoin and staff evangelist, Brenten Powers, to "pioneer" kid's clubs in the Salinas, CA area. Pictured left is our first kid's club working through a Spanish translator in this agricultural community.

OACUSA Staff Retreat 09.2023

I have the privilege of hosting the Staff Retreat every other year. This year, I held the retreat at the Maritime Conference Center in Linthicum, MD. All of our staff in attendance visited The Bible Museum in Washington, DC.



Indian Bible College

In October, I spent two weeks in residency teaching a block course. While on campus, IBC President, Jason Koppen, invited me to speak in chapel held outside this day in the gorgeous Flagstaff fall weather. I took the opportunity to present Dr. Koppen with a hard bound copy of my dissertation, "Christian American Indian/Alaska Native Spiritual Formation: A Phenomenological Study of Trauma from Past Abuse and Shame to Interpersonal Resolve."



While at IBC, I reconnected with Barlow Gasper, who I trained in sketchboard evangelism at IBC a few years ago. Barlow is on now staff at Zuni Christian Reformed Mission in Zuni, NM. Barlow expressed interest in having me join him on the Rez to teach sketchboard evangelism there next year.



The Zuni Reservation is West of Albuquerque along the AZ and NM border.

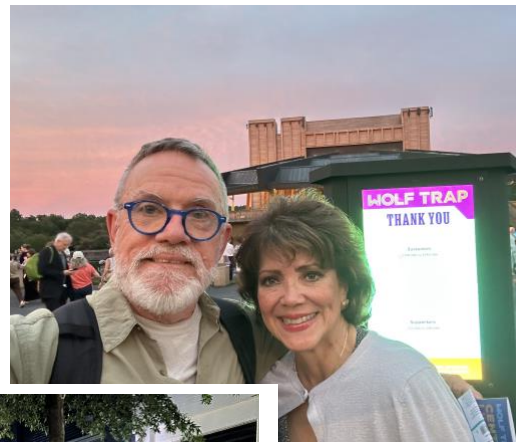
The Zuni Christian Reformed Mission and Zuni Christian Mission School exist to proclaim Christ on the Zuni Reservation.

Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4

Carmen Pelham and I met in June and began dating in August. Carmen is a widowed pastor's wife from Front Royal, VA. She has visited with me several times at Belcroft Bible Church in addition to having fellowship with all the elders and their wives. On Thanksgiving Day, I asked Carmen if she would spend the rest of her life with me in ministry with OACUSA and Belcroft Bible Church. She said yes!

Silver Spring Ministry

While in Silver Spring with me, Carmen was witnessing to the gentlemen to her left from Venezuela who was asking for prayer to repent and trust in Christ. Carmen is from Nicaragua. In addition to her native tongue (Spanish), she is fluent in English, French, and Italian. I thank God for Carmen and her desire to be in ministry with me. I now have a translator in ministry. Thank you, Lord!



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