



2009 Eighth Grade Graduating Class: (from left) Kris Miller, teacher; Kaithlyn Nez; Mardell Shumate, administrator; Joan Anderson, teacher; Harrison George; Kuisind (Josh) Chelland; Xavier Smith; and Jim Schisler, teacher.

JESUS SAID, "I AM THE LIVING ONE. I WAS DEAD, AND BEHOLD I AM ALIVE FOREVER AND EVER!" REV. 1:18

Reflections of a good year — spiritual and academic

We serve a risen Savior, and He is moving in our world today. We experienced His care and His power this year. As we celebrated the end of the school year in the promotion ceremony, we could look at the certificates, ribbons and other awards that were given and stand amazed at the progress the students had made in just those 10 months from August to May.

We saw the ninth grade quote the entire book of Jude, with other grades following with scriptures that were memory perfect. There were changed lives and hearts, for sure with the six that were baptized, and in others too, as they recognize who Jesus really is and let the Holy Spirit live within. The number of students with perfect attendance increased, as did the number of students receiving physical fitness awards from the *President's Physical Fitness Program*. Academically, more students moved up on their SAT test scores, gaining more than the expected year's increase. Improved study habits were evident also in the number of students on the Honor Roll each quarter. (Three students were on the

Honor Roll all four quarters.) It was with great pleasure that I could say "Well done" to students who strove to do well at their tasks.

SVIS students minister at General Assembly

The student body will be represented by ten students at the Church of the Nazarene General assembly in Orlando, Florida, on Thursday morning, June 25. We are excited to be there. The opportunity for these students to see Christians from all over the world is just another opening that builds hope and feelings of belonging to our Lord's great army.

We love to have you . . .

. . . stop by as you travel Interstate 40 — or come on a Work and Witness team — or seek to be part of staff — or give money as the Lord leads you — or visit our website and read the *Sun Valley NEWS* — or join us in prayer for these Native American leaders of the next generation.

Thanks.

Mardell Shumate, Administrator



PROMOTION — 2009

STUDENT SPONSORSHIP MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Since many of our students come from low income families who pay only a small portion of the actual cost of their children's education, we rely mainly on our donors to help with the costs. **Your participation in the Student Sponsorship program helps us provide food, housing and educational training for our students.**

As a sponsor, you will receive a picture and biographical information on your student. You may write to your student as often as you like. The children are encouraged to

reply to your correspondence as time permits. Send your letters to your child in care of "Child Sponsorship." *All correspondence must go through the sponsorship secretary. Please call or email Linda Stephan at 928-524-6211 or linda.stephan@indianschool.org.*

Occasionally a child must leave during the school year. (changes in family situations, job loss, they must go live with another family member, sometimes it's just too hard for a child to be away from home). If that happens, we will let you know and give you an opportunity to sponsor a different child.

For more information, log onto our website at www.indianschool.org and click on Sponsorship.

SVIS IS ENTIRELY FUNDED THROUGH THE DONATIONS OF OUR FRIENDS.

If you would like to help make it possible for Native American children to attend a Christian school, please prayerfully consider donating — any amount helps! (All gifts are tax-deductible as allowed by law.)

Please make checks payable to: **Native American Ministries or Sun Valley Indian School, and mail to Sun Valley Indian School, PO Box 4013, Sun Valley AZ 86029-4013.**

You may also donate online using VISA, MasterCard, Discover or American Express. Log onto www.indianschool.org and click on Donations.

Thank you for your faithful and generous support! May God richly bless you as you give.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP

As we prepare for the new school year, here are some specific needs:

- Office supplies, school supplies, computer upgrades, funds for curriculum.
- As the renovation of Ringen Dorm is completed, we will need funds to furnish it with washers/dryers, water heaters, beds and mattresses, etc.
- Farm: Tack for the horses that were donated.
- Custodial: Outside backpack blower—to help with sand on sidewalks and other cleanup.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

We are currently interviewing candidates for next school term. Staffing needs include: teachers, a nurse, an experienced office person and a kitchen utility person.

See our website (www.indianschool.org and click on **Job Opportunities**) for more information and for job applications.

UPDATE ON YOUR FAITHFULNESS IN SENDING LABELS

This year so far, we have received \$3,075 from *Labels for Education*, and we have sent in 330,065 *Campbell's Soup* labels (We now have 849,215 toward the 1,600,000 we need for a van.) Thank you and God bless you for your faithfulness.



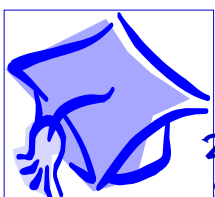
MID-AMERICA NAZARENE UNIVERSITY ON CAMPUS

An MNU teacher-candidate Work and Witness team, led by Rocky and Jo Lamar, interacted with students the last week of school by teaching classroom lessons, coaching basketball camp, facilitating field events — and painting a deck!



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2009 PROMOTION AND 8TH GRADE GRADUATION