



The boys moved in!

A huge thank you to all the work and witness teams that came to the campus and made the remodel of Ringin



Dorm happen. What a huge project it turned out to be — but you did it! The boys

were ecstatic the day they got to move from the outdated Campbell Dorm to their brand new residence.



JUSTICE DORM RE-OPENED

A month later, Justice Dorm re-opened. The girls had out-grown Jones Dorm, and something had to be done about the crowded conditions. For several days girls could be seen carrying loads of clothing and other articles across campus from Jones to Justice — and were excitedly claiming a room for themselves and setting up their space.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR ADMINISTRATOR . . .

In Jeremiah 17:5-8, Jeremiah quotes the Lord as He compares the man who tries to do it all in his own strength and the man who trusts in the Lord and has made Him the strength and confidence of his life. One is like a stunted shrub in the desert; the other like a tree planted along a riverbank.



Since Sun Valley is in the high desert, the picture is very real. Not much grows here. However, there **are** trees on our campus. They are watered and pruned and are a beautiful dark green in the summer. It is truly amazing that they grow here in the desert. Just as it says in Jeremiah, their roots reach deep into the ground to find the water, and no matter how hot the summer is, they do not wilt or turn brown.

Sun Valley School has been a place in the desert for many years where children come and choose to follow Jesus, learn to study God's Word and sink the roots of their faith deep, so His comfort, joy and love abide in them. God sends workers to plant the seeds of faith, water the seeds, or harvest the fruit. In all this He does not say the sun won't be hot, or that there will not be times of drought. He only says, when the drought comes, "Its leaves are always green . . . and (they) never fail to bear fruit."

What an encouragement to know we can have fruit in drought, and God's strength in times that are not as plentiful. We just have to draw from His well of strength and faith, for we are doing His work.

Right now we are going through a time when some paychecks have been late and the energy costs have soared; however, I am reminded of that tree. In God's name and in His strength we desire to be fruitful and plant the seeds in these children's lives that will produce fruit to make Jesus' Way their lifestyle and grow seeds to plant in the next generation.

Please pray for God's provision for the needs here, not only for those paychecks and energy bills, but also for the seeds planted in the lives of the students to grow into strong faith and love for Jesus. Thank you for praying — and giving as the Lord guides you.

Blessings. *Mardell Knowles*

What Would We Do Without WORK AND WITNESS TEAMS?



Even with nearly three months off for winter, between the end of September and the middle of March, nine work and witness teams accomplished all this:

- Donated bleachers, prepared and installed them in the gym
- Installed fencing, landscaping, paver stone sidewalks
- Electrical work, bathroom tile installed, shelving built, painting in Ringin Dorm
- Constructed six horse stalls
- Built large door/installed for tack shed
- Entire campus clean-up of tumble weeds
- Completely remodeled water-damaged office/restroom
- Served in the dining hall; sorted, cut soup labels
- Cleaned and prepared rooms for staff and student use



Now that's awesome! What would we do without the **4,128 hours** of service these **129 team members** from **six U.S. states** contributed to SVIS? We thank them and the many other teams that have worked so hard to make our campus beautiful and useful.



Recently, two teams challenged each other as to how many labels they could cut, count and sort. The first team did 19,000 — so the second team set out to beat them — and they did 21,000! Think you can beat that? Why not take up the challenge!

Call to schedule your team's Work and Witness trip. Ask to speak with Fred or Vera (928-524-6211), or log onto www.indianschool.org and click on the Work and Witness tab.



2009/10 Sports

The SVIS sports teams have enjoyed a successful year in three sports. After struggling a bit during the regular season, the **cross country squad** put forth a great team effort to claim the **Desert**

Pine League Championship. The **volleyball team** went undefeated during the regular season but fell just short in the league championship game, settling for the **runner-up trophy.** In **basketball,** the team finished the season with an impressive record of 7-2. Unfortunately, a scheduling glitch thwarted their chances at the league tournament. All told, the SVIS athletes can look back on the 2009-10 season and hold their heads high knowing they competed hard and represented their school well.

Steve Lesko, Athletics Director

Cross Country Championship Race



Volleyball Championship Tournament

Job Opportunities

Teachers — elementary and junior high — recruiting for 2010/11 school year.

Custodian —

Kitchen Utility —

Work and Witness — we are looking for a couple to serve as Work and Witness Assistants, to manage the teams with our current directors.

For job descriptions, and to apply, go to www.indianschool.org and click on Job Opportunities.

Finance Report —

Sponsorship giving 7/1/09 to 2/28/10—\$45,637 (\$4921 decrease from 08/09; \$90,000 needed)

Donations given 7/1/09 to 2/28/10—\$186,540

Faithful 5,000— 7/1/09 to 2/28/10—\$12,093 (\$2,116 decrease from 08/09)

Total income fiscal year to date: \$296,140 (\$2,728 down from 08/09; \$400,000 needed for operations)

Special giving: \$32,291 in 2009; \$196,250 in 2008)

Total expenses 7/1/09 to 2/28/10—\$440,760

As I mentioned in my report on page one, for the first time since I have been here, we had to delay payment of pay checks. But God's people are faithful. We are so thankful for the gracious response of staff and others who have **donated extra funds** so we could meet that obligation.

Mardell Knowles

NEW YORK CHOIR/ DRAMA TRIP—May 1-10, 2010

The SVIS junior high choir and drama team have been invited to perform in the New York/Baltimore area by several churches, including the NMI Convention in Rochester. They will perform with sticks, drama, singing, and interpretive dance. The students are excitedly preparing for this once-in-a-lifetime trip which will also include a day in New York City.



Joy Kane, Music Director, and Mi-quela at the piano

If you would like to help finance the five students and two staff, you may send your contribution to the school, marked **New York trip.**

TECHNOLOGY Department



I have been praying for technology improvements since I started here two years ago. This last December God supplied a donation of old computers and projectors from the local school system. This has allowed us to put a projector in every classroom and to upgrade about 15 very old computers on campus. It is awesome to see God providing and be able to upgrade to what people are used to using.

Now that we have these projectors, my next prayer is for document cameras. The simplest start at \$200. This will allow teachers to project anything they can aim the camera at, from books for reading to critters for science.

Recently we received an Epson printer which we immediately put to use. Thank you to Jack, who provided the printer.

To find other technology needs for the school, go to our website and click on the [Special Needs List](#).

Thanks to all who pray for us and help us financially. *Ray Kishen, Server/Network Administrator*



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Here are some ways you can help:

- Faithful 5,000—sign up to donate \$10 a month
- Regular Donation—any amount
Rmcroy@indianschool.org
- Child Sponsorship — \$50 a month
Lstephan@indianschool.org
- Work and Witness —
Fturner@indianschool.org

All gifts are tax deductible as allowed by law.

Please make checks payable to:
Native American Ministries Inc
or
Sun Valley Indian School
or
you may donate online at:
www.indianschool.org/donations

Rather help with material needs? Here's a partial list of items to choose from:

- Maintenance:** Truck
- Nurse:** Benadryl (liquid, adult and child)
- Science Dept:** Powered microscopes, triple-beam balances, scientific calculators
- Sports:** Soccer goal nets, rubber playground balls, ball pumps
- Office:** copy paper (all colors), Expo Dry Erase markers

For a complete list, go to our website and click on the [Special Needs List](#).



These girls are enjoying cuddling up in their beautiful new quilts — made and donated to the school by a faithful supporter.



Learning to SIGN a new song in music class.



Fun after school



From pets to laying hens. These chickens pay for themselves by laying nutritional brown and green (yes! green) eggs which staff purchase for themselves. The money from the sale of eggs is used for the chickens' feed.