

Three most often asked questions about SVIS . . .

From where do your students come, and why do they come to SVIS?

Where? Most students come from the Navajo Reservation. A few have come from the Apache or Hopi peoples. Some of our families drive four hours one way to bring their children to school, because they live many miles into the reservation.

Why? The students' homes on the reservation are not located close to a school. The bus ride can be as long as an hour and a half one way. In the rainy season often the dirt roads are impassible. So to ensure that the students can get a consistent education they go to a boarding school. Some single parents or separated families find the support and stability of a boarding school necessary so they can work. Also we are in a safe and convenient location. We have a reputation for providing a solid educational foundation for the students. So there is a trust.



Is the students' unique culture encouraged?



Yes. We believe these students were created for good works in Christ Jesus (Eph. 2:10). They need to be the best they can be as Navajo people and as Christians who carry the Gospel to their own Navajo nation as well as others. They need not "give up" their culture to serve God. However they need to gain knowledge of the school culture that exists in most American schools, so they can achieve the ability to do well in both cultures.

How is SVIS supported?

When the Nazarene Church was approached about acquiring Twin Wells Indian School, work was done at headquarters to set up a separate corporation, Native American Ministries, Inc. A school Board was established and is the governing body of the school. Nazarene headquarters recognizes SVIS as a Compassionate Ministries site. We receive Work and Witness Teams and child sponsorship services from them. The actual funds come from all over the United States.

Missionary groups, individuals, and churches donate to the school. They are the sole support. It is amazing how the Holy Spirit lays SVIS on the hearts of people, thus confirming His love and care for this work. But there is another factor! People are obedient. Their response is the support of SVIS. We need an average of \$45,000 to \$50,000 per month for operating costs. It is brought to us in many ways and sometimes at the last minute, but we minister because people are faithful.



SVIS Students Invited to Perform at District Missions

Convention in Rochester, New York

Five students and three chaperones traveled to New York this spring to promote the work of the school through our stick choir. Students did a tremendous job performing at the convention and representing the school. Students and chaperones were welcomed into warm, loving homes and treated extremely well by churches and families from Maryland, Pennsylvania and New York. Special thanks to Bell Air MD Church of the Nazarene, the Danville, PA First Assembly of God, Champion Christian and Harrisburg Christian schools, PA, for the chance to perform. Thanks also to the Lesko family for the opportunity the students had to tour a private Christian college and help the students develop a broader view for their future.



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Baptism Service in Navajo Church

We rejoice that three students took the opportunity to be baptized this year: Heather Nez, Trumisha Ben and Olivia Martin. The fact that the children were baptized in the Navajo church where Sun Valley has attended all school year made the experience even more personal and meaningful.



Finances (April, May 2010)

Sponsorship – 13,036 as compared to 17,269 in 2009; a 24.5% decrease
Donations – 40,384; 38,301 in 2009 (Thank you to all who responded to our request for extra help in March)
Faithful 5000 – 3,408; 2,740 in 2009 - a 24.4% increase! (Our goal: 5,000 friends participating, for a total of 50,000/month)
Total income – 61,851; 69,833 in 2009 - 11.4% decrease. (Needed: 50,000/mo.*)

*We received a special gift from an estate which enabled us to keep all bills paid. Praise the Lord for His provision. (The New York trip was completely funded by designated donations. PTL)

FAITHFUL 5,000

I would like to become a **Faithful 5,000** donor and become more involved in the day-to-day operations of the ministry at Sun Valley Indian School.

I wish to commit to giving **\$10.00 per month** to help meet your monthly budget needs.

To donate by check, mail to the address above, or to donate online go to www.indianschool.org and click on Donations.

2010 PROMOTION

This year's promotion was a special time for family and friends of the eight students who graduated from SVIS. Students from all grades were honored with medals from the recent academic meet, Presidential fitness awards, and a special recognition for Lisa Chavez who was recognized with a state award for a drawing she created against domestic violence. Olivia Martin was named valedictorian and gave a great testimony of the faith she accepted this year. We are very proud of the work the students did this year and are looking forward to even greater success in the future.



Job Opportunities

Teachers, Dorm Parents, Custodian, School Nurse, Cook, Kitchen Utility, Work and Witness Assistants.

For more information, go to www.indianschool.org and click on **Job Opportunities**.

And the totals are in for school year 2009-2010



Total submitted to date: **1,191,221** and growing!

Earned and received: **\$5,632**

Total needed for minivan: **1,600,000**

Rankings: **3rd in State of Arizona**

Minivan projected eligibility date: 1/2011

11th in the Nation

Thank you to everyone who has participated this year! It's only because of YOU that we have accomplished such wonderful totals!