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to give me
 Life
 Love
 Joy
 Peace
 Rest



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Romans 10:14 "But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them?"

Among our young people today there is more and more a lack of knowledge of who Jesus is and why He came. Young people have to decide who they will believe: their peers, their grandparents, their teachers? Our children are no different. They have to choose between the traditional Navajo religion, the Native American Church, and Christianity. Because of this, we want to take our students to the Word and have them focus on what the Bible says about trust and the characteristics of people who are examples of living a life of trust in Jesus Christ. Showing the students that God is trustworthy in all the ways and avenues of life can give them lasting faith.

God has brought more students to SVIS to begin this year than we have had recently. All of our first and second grade students are new to SVIS this year, giving us a younger student body—with thirty-three of the fifty-two being in grades one through six. So we look forward to a year that can give students a firm foundation in basic skills, first in Biblical faith, then in the basic three "R's."

Our staff is committed to making sure that by the end of this school year each child can answer the question "Who is Jesus?" and "Why did He come?" as well as do the best they can in mastering the necessary academic foundation. This is a worthy but lofty goal, and we will be in constant prayer to be led by the Holy Spirit in our teaching and working with these children so that Kingdom goals can be accomplished. Thank you for the generous ways you give to this ministry. Please pray for us daily! *Mardell*

**"You did WHAT on Your Vacation?"
 Work and Witness Report**

Are you looking for a different way to vacation? Would you like to get sweaty and dirty and end the day exhausted but exhilarated? If that's your idea of a perfect vacation, try going on a **Work and Witness trip to Sun Valley Indian School**. We guarantee all the above. And, we guarantee you a blessing — wonderful memories of interaction with Native American children — and a chance to make a difference in their lives. Sure, you'll get dirty and sweaty and worn out — but you will never have a better vacation!

Roxana IL, Trenton OH, Dover DE, Reliance DE, Cumberland MD, Woodland CA, Olympia WA, Elkhart IN, and Carlsbad CA.

If we were to award a "Volunteer of the Year," **you** would receive the award. We couldn't have done it without you — and we say THANK YOU and Praise God for wonderful people who love the Lord and give so generously. What a story you'll have to tell when someone says to you, **"You did WHAT on your vacation?"**

We want to thank hundreds of people who tried it this past year. We've been blessed with teams from Rensselaer IN, Ventura CA, Elkhart IN, Indianapolis IN, Olivet Nazarene University, MidAmerica Nazarene University, Colorado Springs CO, Mt. Airy MD, Ann Arbor MI, Wenatchee WA, and Mt. Sterling OH. Teams scheduled for September through November are from Indianapolis District,



Members of the Mt. Sterling, Ohio, team leading the students in "Father Abraham."



2011-2012 Student Body



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CHILD SPONSORSHIP "God's Kids"

One of the teams in Discipleship Kids' Club has named themselves "God's Kids." How perfect — when you look into the faces of these Native American children, you can't help but see **kids that God loves.**

Sponsorship enables individuals to participate in a child's education, meals, housing, and spiritual training.

Merissa Begay, 5th grade, and Madison Ray, 5th grade, hadn't heard that sponsors help pay their tuition and housing and food. When told about it, they both replied "Cool!" When Nathaniel Billy, another 5th grader, was asked what he thought of sponsorship, he said, "They give us hope. God wants us to be here, so He has provided these sponsors to make that possible."

If you would like to sponsor a child, please call 928-524-6211 and ask for the Sponsorship Secretary or email sponsor1@indianschool.org. Sponsors commit to sending \$50 a month for their child.



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To learn more about SVIS or to donate online, go to our website above and click on Donations.

I would like to help:

Faithful 5,000 \$10 or \$20/month

Regular Donation any amount

Child Sponsorship \$50/month

Work and Witness: (contact Fred and Vera Turner at 928-524-6211)

Job Opportunities

We are still looking for:

- teacher
- kitchen utility person
- custodian
- Work and Witness assistants

If you are interested in learning more about these positions, you may look on our website under "Job Opportunities."

www.indianschool.org

Missouri Sheep Project
(sponsored by Missouri District Church of the Nazarene Children's Missions)



For two years, children in Missouri have raised money so the students at SVIS could have sheep. Sheep are a very important part of Navajo life. Many of the families have herds of sheep. They shear the sheep and spin their wool into yarn for rugs, warm socks and other clothing. A favorite Navajo meal is mutton stew.

Since sheep must be protected from predators, we have acquired two llamas (wonderful protectors of sheep). Wonki and Evander are favorites of staff and students alike. We are quite confident that they (the llamas) are really looking forward to having some sheep to protect! We've selected a large pasture on a corner of our campus for the sheep to graze in. The electricity and water are being brought in, and a W&W team is coming soon to build the pen. So — as soon as everything is in place, we will purchase the sheep. The children will be trained in the nurture and care of sheep.

A huge **THANK YOU**, boys and girls of Missouri, for working so hard on this project. May God bless you real good.



YOU DID IT! Because you gave, Sun Valley Indian School is acquiring a brand new 7-passenger van. Thank you for the **1,600,000 + Labels for Education** you sent so we could reach that goal.

The van has been shipped to a dealer nearby. As soon as we are contacted by them, we will pick it up. With 52 students to transport to and from the reservation on "go home" weekends, plus Work and Witness teams to transport to and from the airport, our current fleet is really being stretched. So you can be sure we are all wearing huge smiles in anticipation of this van.

We are so grateful to each of you who send labels and box tops.
Keep collecting for SVIS!

Our Hard Working Maintenance Crew



What would we do without these four men who come to our rescue at any hour of the day or night, in rain and snow and blowing sand!! These guys fix broken pipes, hook up electrical equipment and appliances, dig ditches, tear out and replace walls, fix toilets — if something needs done, these wonderful servants tackle it — and all in good spirits!

We are so blessed to have Alan, Bud, August and Ben on staff. God bless them.



Bud

August

Ben

SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

God has blessed SVIS with the largest student body we've had since the high school closed. More students means more curriculum needed, and more school supplies. Here is a list of items our teachers need for the classrooms:

- **Spiral notebooks**
- **Children's blunt-nose scissors (a few lefties)**
- **Pink Pearl Erasers**
- **White Board Markers and cleaner**
- **1G stick drives**
- **Calculators (simple, standard)**
- **Colored copy paper**

Do you or your church have a good used copier that doesn't need repair? Our teachers have need of one for bulk copying.

If you would like to provide some of these items, you may send them to: Sun Valley Indian School, PO Box 4013, 8450 S Sun Valley Rd, Sun Valley AZ 86029-4013.



Want to send something special for Christmas? See the **DORM CHRISTMAS WISH LIST** on our website—www.indianschool.org, and click on Special Needs List.



**SVIS
Christmas
Card
FUNDRAISER**

We are excited to provide you with Christmas cards and matching envelopes to send to your family & friends that feature nativity art by two of our students.

Go to www.IndianSchool.org/fundraisers for more details. Thanks for supporting SVIS!

