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To Friends and Supporters of the American Indian Christian Mission,


It has been a difficult year for the American Indian Christian Mission, but God has blessed the Mission with faithful supporters and staff, and the AICM's Christian School and the other outreach ministries to the Native American children have continued without interruption.

In August 2008, the Business Manager of the AICM resigned and left unexpectedly, and we discovered that the AICM's savings, building, scholarship, and other restricted funds were depleted. A subsequent forensic audit by CPA Rick Kratz showed that the money in the funds had been used to pay operating expenses of the Mission, and no money was taken for personal gain. A copy of the Kratz audit report is included in this Annual Report. However, this misappropriation of funds left the AICM with no money to pay current bills. In response to a special appeal for funds, supporters of the AICM donated over \$200,000 to keep the Mission in operation during the Fall.

Patrick Lester was hired as Executive Director in January, and under his leadership, the AICM reduced its overhead expenses to stay within income received, and it has been able to replace the savings and scholarship funds and pay current bills throughout the remainder of the Fiscal Year. The Financial Statement for the twelve months ending May 31, 2009 is included with this Annual Report. There is still an undetermined amount of payroll taxes due for previous years, and we are working with IRS on ways to settle that debt.

During the year the AICM's Christian School has provided an accredited education for over 50 elementary students and the AICM's high school program had its first graduate in May. The AICM's "Blue Bus" ministry has reached hundreds of children each month in 22 communities on the White Mountain Apache Reservation. Ministry teams from many supporting churches have been on campus since April to help with the "Blue Bus" ministry and with the Summer Enrichment Programs which bring hundreds of Navajo and White Mountain Apache children to the campus for many weeks of Vacation Bible School programs each summer.

Thank you for your prayers and your generosity, and for remaining faithful to AICM's mission of equipping and evangelizing Native American children for Christ.



John Hayes, Chairman, AICM Board of Directors