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My Friends:

As I sit here at my desk, I can still smell the fresh paint on the walls, I can hear a saw and hammer still being used, and we only have a few hours left until the children that you so graciously support and pray for will arrive!! I cannot wait to see them and to share with them the love that Christ has for them. It's really hard to believe that summer is over and school is less than 24 hours away!

As we prepare for this year and anticipate the favor of our LORD, I can't help but tell you that the past few weeks have been rough yet rewarding. Within the past week, we at the AICM have experienced death from three different families. One of our students lost his mother, another AICM student lost his sister in a tragic vehicle accident, while one of our older girls lost a cousin in an accident in the forest. Three deaths-yet these three deaths have affected the staff and the children. I was so proud of the staff and their willingness to "*Evangelize and Equip*" during this time. Many of our staff attended the wakes and funerals of these people. We gathered in front yards and prayed for the individual needs of these families and watched how the LORD was literally ministering to them. Several members of the AICM were asked to speak at one of the funerals. The very people that you support through your prayers and financial giving were able to minister to a large crowd at the very moment when they needed ministered. That, my friend, is what *Evangelizing and Equipping* is all about. It's meeting people at their point of need and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It's taking the Message of Christ to a world that so desperately needs it.

Another great thing that we all experienced this past week was our staff orientation. My friend in Christ and mentor came for a week of intense study and spiritual leadership. The staff at the AICM appreciated so much the spiritual tone and emphasis of this year and how we all feel as ministers of the Gospel. As a supporter of this anointed place, I want to let you know that the staff, in which I believe that God has strategically placed here, is 100% ministry focused and ready for the task of *Evangelizing and Equipping*. There is a presence in the air with the staff here, and I believe from watching and leading them, that this group has been in the waiting for quite some time now and it's time for the unleashing of ministry. Because you have walked hand in hand with us and continued to pray for us, it is my belief that God is ready to unleash some things here that we have never seen before. I believe as a minister of the Gospel that we are about to enter a season

of restoration as well as deliverance. But it doesn't stop there. We have so much to do, so many to minister to. We need your help. We need the financial backing of you and others. Times are tough, but I am asking that you would consider giving over and above what you already give. Finances don't drive us, but we do need them to continue the ministry that was established here over 40 years ago. Would you prayerfully consider giving and allowing us to continue *Evangelizing and Equipping Native Americans for Christ*?

Our quarterly newsletter, Smoke Signals will be coming out in September. Please be on the look-out for it as we share with you many more exciting things that God is doing. It is with great joy that I tell you that God is doing some remarkable things here and I anticipate many more opportunities. I also want to let you know that my travel schedule is starting to take off again. Summer is over and it's time now to go and visit and connect with you. If you are interested in having me come to your church or organization, I would love the opportunity to come and share with you the great things that God is doing. Eye to eye contact is so important to me. Feel free to check us out at anytime or call us, we'd love to hear from you!

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