

Maiorano Minutes

2nd Quarter 2019



Life's Long Journey

As the season changes outside, we are experiencing a change of season in our lives and in the ministry of the Precept Training Center (PTC). We want to share those changes and what has precipitated them because we strongly believe in the importance of prayer covering, and we covet your prayers.

Some of you have been part of our lives for the last 28 years of our missionary journey. Others have joined us somewhere along the way as we have served the Lord in Navajoland. I would like to remind you how the Lord has brought us to this point in our lives.

In 1990, Jim and I both sensed a stirring in our hearts that compelled us to reevaluate our lives. We felt the Lord leading us to prepare to leave jobs, home, family, and friends and dedicate our lives to serve Him, wherever He led. Our journey started with Trans World Radio. Since Jim was a truck driver for many years, Christian radio was his constant companion. It seemed fitting to be part of a ministry that brought God's Word by radio to so many people throughout the world.

A phone call changed our lives. "Before you make a final decision, look into Western Indian Ministries. A representative just happens to be in the area." A year later we were working with the Navajo people serving the Lord through radio and Precept Bible studies.

In 1998, through a miraculous series of events, the Lord opened the door to a new phase of our lives. We began the PTC where we continued to teach Bible studies and opened the doors to begin an educational ministry teaching students from 3rd-12th grade. Desiring to reach out to the community, we became a resource center, provided counseling, and taught desert gardening and animal husbandry.

If we shared all that the Lord has done over the past 21 years, it would fill volumes. We have been

blessed by being part of God's work. 86 students have passed through the doors of the educational ministry, and others have been helped along the way. They have gone to college, served in the military, and taken their place in society. Hundreds have taken part in the Bible studies and workshops that we have offered over the past 28 years.

We are now at a new place in our journey, and God is again moving in our lives and ministry. Through much prayer and seeking God's direction, we have made the decision that the 2018-2019 educational year will be the last year of teaching the 3rd-12th grade students. As the world changes, government regulations have made it increasingly difficult for students to use credits from our program to transition into other high schools. College or military bound students have not had problems, but those challenges may lie ahead. Students are also changing. Over the last five years as the dependency on screens (phones, tablets, etc.) increases, there has been a steady decrease in the students' willingness to strive for a good education. We are committed to help the five boys remaining at the PTC finish their GED or transition smoothly to the place of their choosing.

So what does this mean for PTC Ministry? We want to be open to God's leading in our lives - whatever and wherever that might be. If God wants us to stay in this area, we will continue Bible study classes. Over the last 20 years, we have turned down opportunities to help people in other areas because of our workload. Helping area churches and local pastors may be a possibility.

Wherever God leads, whatever He has for us to do, the burden of our hearts is to ground people in the Word of God. People need the Lord and need to know that life's answers can only be found in Him. Please stand with us in prayer as we seek His direction in our journey.

New Website

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God's Answers to Prayer

- The educational ministry has been a big part of our lives for almost 20 years. We made a difficult decision but feel at peace and know that this is the right decision and that we are following God's leading.
- 2. We have enjoyed being part of our grandchildren's lives. The twins are six months old, Hailey two and a half; Sam just turned 18, and Storme is 16.
- 3. We are continually blessed by the Bible studies on both Monday nights and Sunday mornings.



Kason







Hailey and Grandmom

Please Pray For the Following . . .

- 1. We ask for God's wisdom in finding His path for our lives.
- 2. Our family We pray for wisdom for Jimmy and Angel as they seek God's will for their lives as Jimmy approaches possible retirement from law enforcement. They are seeking direction as to what God wants them to do next in their lives. Jeremy and Aubri have a daunting job. They are trying to work opposite shifts, so they can meet the needs of their growing family as well as having one of them in the home with the children most of the time.
- 3. Please pray for the five current students as they transition.
- 4. Kevin and the people to whom he ministers. He left the banking world two years ago to devote his life to become a full-time pastor. He is now raising his seven year old nephew with very little income.

Feeding the Lorikeets at the Wildlife World Zoo, Safari, and Aquarium





Hike in South Mountains of Phoenix

Mr. Jim teaches Thomas to weld

