

## WELCOME

### New Mexico 2008 Navajo BIC Mission



We are excited to have the opportunity to partner with the Navajo BIC Mission in New Mexico during the summer of 2008. This will be our second time sending a mission team to New Mexico. We sent our first team in August of 2006 to encourage those serving at the mission and to complete several work projects, namely

renovating the Nizhoni Christian Academy. This next trip will be a combination work trip with some opportunities to share in ministry with the Navajo kids in the area.

### New Mexico Mission Trip

July 26 - August 2, 2008

*Applications are due by Sunday, December 16, 2007*

## NAVAJO BIC MISSION

The Navajo BIC Mission was established in 1947 for the purpose of reaching the Navajo people with the love of Jesus. More about their history can be found on their website ([www.navajobic.org](http://www.navajobic.org)).

Duane & Diane Bristow have served at the mission since 1999. In 2003, Duane took over as the superintendent of the mission. Ralph & Bonnie Yoder came on staff in 2005. Ralph leads the Overcomers program, which helps to rehabilitate those who struggle with drug & alcohol addictions.

The mission also runs the Nizhoni Christian Academy which provides a wonderful education at a low cost for the children of the community.



## WHAT TO EXPECT

There are numerous work projects scheduled for work teams for the summer of 2008. Some of the things that are a possibility for our work team to do may include: painting, flooring, new toilets, plumbing, door hanging, replacing screens/windows, installing a wheelchair ramp, lighting, ceiling fans, etc.

We are also excited about helping out with some children's ministry opportunities. The kids in the community are always looking for things to do. So the mission enjoys creating activities and events for them to participate in during the summer months. We will have the freedom to develop and plan some day-camp types of activities for the kids.

We might also have some time to spend with Ben & Eunice Stoner while we're in New Mexico. They continue to minister to the Navajo people through home groups and home churches. If time permits, we'll travel with them to a home church to participate with them in ministry.

## TRIP DETAILS

We are currently in the process of establishing who will lead the team to New Mexico. The Youth Ministry is also discussing the possibility of joining forces and taking some youth on this trip to expose them to missions.

The approximate cost of the trip is \$700 - \$1000 per person. There will be several fundraisers planned to raise money for the trip. Each team member will also be required to send support letters to family and friends outside of Pathway Community Church.

Along with raising funds and sending out letters, team members will be responsible for \$75.00 up front with their application. This deposit is refundable up to the time airline tickets are purchased in case there is something that arises to prevent you from going.

All applications are due to Autumn Tyson by Sunday, December 16th so that our team can be formed by January 2008. All participants will be involved in a monthly team meeting to build unity, get to know the Navajo culture, brainstorm fundraising ideas, keep track of things that need to be done prior to leaving, and to pray for God's provision as well as for Him to go before us, preparing the way so we can be effective in ministry.

We thank God for this opportunity to serve and to be a part of His Kingdom work around the world.