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Fifth Annual SEJANAM Work Team on Mission in Bolivia

Andreas is an outstanding Methodist lay servant-leader at the El Sembrador Methodist Church in Montero, Bolivia. His dedication, gifts and tireless energy challenged the entire SEJANAM Native American Work Team that journeyed to Bolivia, July 30 through August 14, 1999, the fifth mission to Bolivia and fourth to Montero.

Andreas worked daily with the construction crew and the SEJANAM team on the new fellowship hall kitchen and restrooms next to the church sanctuary. The building will have a multi-purpose function, including class space for Sunday School. The team helped build the trusses, lay foundation brick for the tile floors and wall brick (And also pour concrete at a Santa Cruz Methodist school).

The first Sunday morning some team members met Andreas at the outpost Sunday School in the May Third Community. There the El Sembrador outreach ministry had helped to organize a school for thirty students first through third grades. While there, our team raised the \$579.00 necessary to buy the furniture for the thirty students, one for the researcher and a chalk board.

But, the Sunday School was under a small thatched roof open pavilion. Children came from throughout the "May Third Community" to sing and

hear a lesson on the Christian as salt and light and then to color the story sheets. There was joy and celebration under the little pavilion. Guess who played the guitar and led the singing and "emceed" the entire Sunday School, a man who envisions the purchase of property and the building of a church in that community? You guessed it - Andreas. That afternoon he worked on a farm, riding away from the Sunday School on his bicycle. Late that afternoon, he returned to his El Sembrador home church to play volleyball with the team and youth and then participate in the worship service that evening. What an organizer, visionary, doer, servant, spiritual leader we found Andreas to be. He was a role model for us all. Though he and his wife and children had so little of this world's goods, he was rich in faith, a model Christian lay leader.

The thirteen SEJANAM team members were led by Dr. Dardo Chavez of Andean Rural Health Care for a visit with a Paraguayan indigenous community a few miles from Montero. The people had no electricity and only one water well for 24 families. But they had a church established by The Assemblies of God about thirty years ago. Everyone went to church according to the pastor but there were only two Bibles in the entire village and that was their priority concern. Bibles for each family.

So, the SEJANAM team raised money, \$200.00, to buy Bibles for the village. We presented the money to the Methodist District and the El Sembrador Church to buy and deliver the Bibles, thus building a bridge of relationship and service opportunity for the El Sembrador Church and the District.

The team will consider a water works project for the Guarani village, an electric generator, purification and holding tanks and an electric pump, at the team follow-up session October 2, 1999 at Sandy Plains UMC of Pembroke, NC. The team has led in fund-raising efforts to provide about \$38,500.00 for projects during the past four years.

Another highlight of this trip under the auspices of The SEJUMVIM was the relationship to our hosts in Montero. Dr. and Mrs. Walter and Susie Henry and our La Paz host, Mr. Dakin Cook. We were able to have a dialogue session with the Bishop of Bolivia and two members of his executive leadership team. Scholarships from the General Board of Global Ministries, The NC Conference Board of Missions, local churches and individuals helped make the trip possible for the SEJANAM thirteen member team. The Rev. Kenneth Locklear, Exec. Dir. of SEJANAM and Mr. Wade Hunt will coordinate and direct the mission trip next year, scheduled for July 1-15, 2000.



Children pictured at the outpost Sunday School for children in the May Third Community of Montero. An outreach Ministry of the El Sembrador Methodist Church where the SEJANAM team worked.



Mr. Wade Hunt of Prospect UMC shown working at the El Sembrador Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Montero, Bolivia. Other team members from the North Carolina Conference were, Ms. Betty Hunt, Mr. James Dial, Mr. Stacy Locklear, Rev. Carolyn Worriax, Rev. Sylvia Huggins, Mr. Freddie Worriax, Dr. Jesse Lamm, Ms. Casey Czaplinski, Mr. Steve Mangum and Dr. Robert Mangum.

IGA Supermarket and Nash Finch Donate 20 Tons of Food and Supplies to Hurricane Floyd Relief

September 23, 1999, Bethel, North Carolina - IGA Supermarkets and parent company Nash Finch has announced a record donation of food and supplies to the American Red Cross relief efforts for Hurricane Floyd. The Red Cross has set up a temporary shelter at the Bethel Elementary School in Bethel, North Carolina and is providing food, shelter and clothing to as many as 700 families in Pitt County. The relief effort could go on for as long as one year, as Pitt County was recently declared a national disaster.

"The amount of suffering and hardship our friends, families and neighbors have endured in Pitt County was plenty reason for us to contribute whatever resources we could make available," said Russ Harden, General Manager of IGA and Nash Finch. Harden continued, "The Red Cross has done a wonderful job of providing comfort and relief to our community and we felt it was our civic duty to assist the Red Cross in every way possible. IGA and Nash Finch live

and work here. This is our home and we're going to do whatever it takes to get our hometown back on our feet."

"With much of Pitt County flooded and many families displaced from their homes, the Red Cross is in continual need of assistance from good corporate citizens like IGA and Nash Finch," said American Red Cross Executive Director Charlene Lee. All supply donations can be made by contacting the Red Cross Pitt County Chapter at (252) 355-3800. Monetary donations can be made via check or money order made out to the American Red Cross. The mailing address is: 601 F Country Club Drive, Greenville, North Carolina, 27834.

Operating 29 supermarkets throughout the Carolinas and Kentucky, IGA is operated by Nash Finch, one of the largest food wholesalers in the country, supplying products to successful affiliated and independent supermarkets and military bases in approximately 30 states. Nash Finch also owns and operates 115 supermarkets, warehouse stores and mass merchandise stores in 13 states.

West Robeson United Methodist Women sponsors a local Auction

Saturday, October 2 at West Robeson UMC located 1.5 miles west of hwy 710 and 74 intersection. Auction starts at 6:30 pm. We have some fireproof coffee cups, fishing poles, sofa and love seat, costume jewelry, pictures, and a variety of items to be auctioned. Refreshments will also be sold. Sponsored by the West Robeson United Methodist Women.

Free Health Checks in Pembroke

Free health screenings will be held on Tuesday, October 26 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Jaycee Hut, 192 Clubhouse Drive in Pembroke. Checks for total cholesterol/HDL, blood pressure, and blood sugar will be offered to all adults, 18 years and older. Only one fingerstick is required. Results are available in five minutes. These free screens are sponsored by The Robeson County Partnership for Community Health. Call 671-5595 for more information.

UNC Pembroke reorganizes its Academic Programs

Pembroke, N.C. -- UNC Pembroke will restructure its academic programs effective Oct. 1, according to an announcement today from Chancellor Allen C. Meadors.

"We are pleased to announce that funds have been provided for the structural reorganization and creation of three new schools and a college: the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Business and Mass Communications, the School of Education and the School of Graduate Studies," Chancellor Meadors said.

"This new structure will promote greater operating efficiencies, effectiveness and communication within the university and to external constituencies," he said. "It will clearly provide additional visibility and identity for our many excellent and important academic programs and activities."

"In fact I strongly believe that the

restructuring of UNC Pembroke into schools and colleges will provide renewed impetus for increasing enrollment," he said.

College of Arts and Sciences
The College of Arts and Sciences will be UNCP's largest entity and will consist of the following departments: American Indian Studies; Art Biology; Chemistry and Physics; English, Languages, and Theatre; History; Mathematics and Computer Science; Music; Philosophy and Religion; Political Science and Public Administration; Psychology and Counseling and Sociology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice.

A national search for a dean for the College of Arts and Sciences will be initiated shortly. The anticipated starting date for the new dean will be July 1, 2000.

Dr. Bruce Speck, associate vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, will

serve as the interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

School of Business & Mass Communications

The Departments of Business Administration and Mass Communications will be restructured into the School of Business and Mass Communications.

All of UNCP's undergraduate business programs in accounting, management, economics, finance and banking as well as the MBA program will be housed in this school. Additionally, the programs in Mass Communications, including public relations, broadcasting and journalism, will be included in this school.

Dr. Kenneth Clow will be the new dean of the School of Business and Mass Communications.

"We believe that Dr. Chow brings to the dean's position a wealth of academic and administrative experi-

Revival planned at Mt. Airy Baptist

The Rev. Steve Strickland and Mt. Airy Baptist Church would like to invite you to their Fall Revival:
October 10 - 13, 1999
Sunday (7:00 P.M.)
Monday - Wednesday (7:30 P.M.)
Guest Speakers: Rev. Horace Oxendine, Rev. Everett Woods.

AAIP Completes Its 28th Annual Meeting & National Health Conference

President Joseph Bell (Lumbree) opened the 28th Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP) Annual Meeting with over 300 physicians, physician assistants, students, nurses, exhibitors and tribal people registered for the conference. The conference was held at the Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort in Asheville, NC, July 23-27, 1999. Dr. Bell in his opening welcome and keynote address spoke in regard to the past year and the many AAIP accomplishments and his hopes and dreams for the coming years. Chief Joyce Dugan offered welcoming remarks to the conference attendees. The pre-conference activities included a Women's Retreat, Golf Scramble, Student Resident Day, Professional Development, Computer Training and a Pow Wow. Many people were in attendance at the Pow Wow with the former Ms. Indian World, Ms. April Whitmore (Lumbree) serving as Head Lady Dancer and Mr. Frank Bausenbaum (Cherokee) as the Head Man Dancer.

The scientific and clinical sessions included topics such as Asthma presented by Lance Chilton, MD; Diabetes Mellitus in Pregnancy presented by Kerry Ainsworth, MD; Pediatric Pain Management by Nancy Sandoval MD; Fetal Alcohol Syndrome by Tamison Jewitt, MD; Spit Tobacco Use Among Native Americans presented by Ronny Bell Ph.D.; Cancer in American Indians - Update 1999 by

James W. Hampton, MD and HIV/AIDS Among Native American Women and Children presented by Caleb Lauber, MD. The National Diabetes Education Program American Indian Subcommittee (Yvette Roubideaux, MD, Charlene Avery, MD, Gaye Marshall and Margaret Knight) presented the special Native American PSA that was developed by the subcommittee for the National Diabetes Education Program. Additionally, Roland Coulon, AAIP Diabetes Program Coordinator spoke on the objectives of the AAIP Diabetes Program. Other workshops presented included IHS/tribal collaboration in Diabetes Wellness and Disease Management by Ann Bullock MD; Herbal Medicine for Women and Children by Theresa Maresca MD; Reclaiming our Heritage as Native America's Original Holistic Health by Lewis E. Mehl-Madrona, MD, and Issues and Choices for Parenting by Dawn L. Wyllie, MD. Immunizations was presented by William Atkinson, MD of CDC; Cardiovascular Disease in Native American Women by James Galloway, MD and Julia Cruz of Wake Forest School of Medicine presented an update on the National Marrow Donor Program. Dr. Richard Livingston, MD Chair of the American Psychiatric Association's Committee on American Indian and Alaska Native Hawaiian Psychiatric pre-

sented Psychiatric Disorders in Children and Adolescent during a luncheon held on Monday, July 26, 1999.

A poster session was also presented by several programs that covered topics such as Soy supplementation as an Alternative to Traditional Hormone Replacement Therapy, Research in American Indian and Alaska Native Communities, Capacity Building: Public Health Concepts and Planning for American Indian and Alaska Native Communities and Accessing HIV/AIDS Information and Resources on the Internet.

A family night at Cherokee, North Carolina was wonderful, relaxing evening of a meal at the Casino, a visit to the Cherokee museum and outdoor drama. From all the evaluations and comments from the registrants the conference was a wonderful success and meet with their expectations.

A special thanks to Chief Joyce Dugan and her staff Lynn Harlan, Gerri Grady and Jo Blaylock, Robert Bushyhead, and the Cherokee Boys Club for their contributions and support of the AAIP annual conference. Gayle Marshall was very instrumental as the local contact for the AAIP, and her efforts on behalf of AAIP are greatly appreciated. A special thanks must also go to James Hardin, LRDA and Grey Richardson, NC Commission on Indian Affairs.

Omega Board Members go on a Retreat

The board members of Alpha Pi Omega Sorority, Inc. recently held a retreat in Cherry Grove, SC. The board members completed the annual calendar, set individual and Sorority goals, participated in a personal development workshop and held a bimonthly board meeting. The retreat gave them the opportunity to bond and get down to business!

New board members were elected during the annual convention in August. The board, also known as the Grand Keepers of the Circle, is responsible for carrying out the administrative duties of the Sorority and overseeing the activities of the Sorority's chapter.

The current board members are Jamie Goins (President), Alicia Hardin (Treasurer), Iris Locklear (Financial Secretary), Tabitha Strickland (Secretary), Shannon Brayboy (Dean of Honeycombs), Jada Locklear (Keeper of the Spirit), LeAnn Strickland (Keeper of the Flame), Sue Ann Clark (Chiefess), Synora Hunt (Circle Scholar), Shannon Chavis (Busy Bee), Holly Hunt (Publications Director), and Tara Clark (Historian). If you would like more information about Alpha Pi Omega Sorority, please contact Jamie Goins at (910) 521-1504.

English, Mathematics, Middle Grades, School Administration and Elementary Education, will be coordinated by the School of Graduate Studies.

Dr. Bruce Ezell, dean of Graduate Studies at Kutztown University, was appointed our dean of Graduate Studies, effective August 1.

"We are confident that Dr. Ezell will provide the leadership needed for increasing our graduate enrollment in the new entity - the School of Graduate Studies," Chancellor Meadors said.

"These changes represent a milestone in the development of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke," he said. "Our goal is also that this new organizational structure will assist all of us in promoting our programs more effectively and in encouraging potential students to attend the university."

Dr. Zoe Locklear, chair of the Department of Education and director of Teacher Education since July 1, will serve as dean of the School of Education.

"Dr. Locklear, who returned to us after garnering additional valuable administrative experience in the public school system as assistant superintendent, has also recently been appointed as a member of the North Carolina State Board of Education, Chancellor Meadors said.

In addition, the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, chaired by Dr. Tommy Thompson, will become of the School of Education.

School of Graduate Studies
UNCP's 10 master's level programs - Master of Business Administration (MBA), Public Management, Agency and School Counseling, Reading,