

mission info

Birthday Gifts

The Zuni Ambassadors, a lay group of men and women who actively support and represent us to churches and individuals in the West Michigan area, coordinated a wonderful surprise for us in honor of our school centennial. Undoubtedly, you received the birthday card they sent to thousands of people on our behalf. We are so grateful for the warm response

Stan and Mary Houck from Spring Lake, Michigan, provide leadership for the West Michigan Zuni Ambassadors.



of many who sent gifts and wrote notes of encouragement. Our deepest desire is that we will bless you as you have blessed us.

IRA Charitable Rollover Gift Opportunity Extended

We invite supporters who are age 70 1/2 or older to consider giving ZCMS a tax-free gift from your IRA as permitted by the Tax Extenders and Alternative Minimum Tax Relief Act of 2008. This charitable giving opportunity applies to 2008 and 2009 only. The Barnabas Foundation is available a no charge to assist you in making this gift. If you would like to talk with someone from the Barnabas Foundation, please call 1-888-448-3040 or go to their website at www.barnabasfoundation.com.

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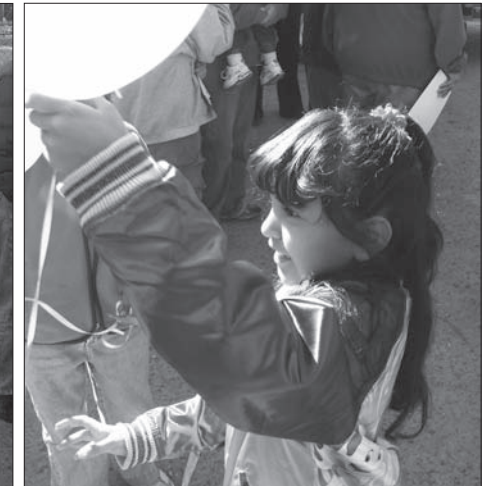
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ZUNI CHRISTIAN MISSION

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Tiffany Hooee



Tamara Natewa



Zuni Christian Mission School celebrated its 100th anniversary on November 7, 8, and 9. A parade through our neighborhood set a festive mood for the weekend of activities.

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principal's desk

It was a noisy hallowed time at the party we threw for our school's one-hundredth birthday. We began our celebration with balloons flying and pennants waving. We ended singing the Doxology. For three days, there were speeches and stories, prayers and songs, flowers and old photos, food-laden tables and cake—lots of cake—everything festive enough for so noteworthy an anniversary.

But like all good parties, it was the gathering of people that lit up our celebration. On hand were:

- *our handsomely dressed giddy children, simple songs of faith spilling from their lips;
- *older alumni who remembered legendary teachers, coal furnaces and early morning baths at school;
- *more recent graduates who came, looking like puppies in search of home;
- *three generations of family members who attended ZCMS sitting around a table and reflecting on the past and present;
- *well wishers by the score, many from down the road and many from distant places.

Across the weekend, I greeted our guests, thanking them for their presence.

"We wouldn't have missed it!" responded the father of one of our students, himself a graduate of our school.

"We wouldn't have missed it!" said a friend and colleague from Rehoboth Christian School.

"We wouldn't have missed it!" replied the couple that had moved away from Zuni after years of teaching in the public school and being part of our church.

On Sunday, Andy and Autumn Newell, part time ZCMS staff members, came late from Gallup after fulfilling a commitment at their church. "We wouldn't have missed it!" they said.

"We wouldn't have missed it!" Five powerful words of benediction echoed across the weekend. A blessing from friends, truly; but I also thought they were God's benediction on us—an affirmation of His presence at the party. They seemed to be the holy musings of God's heart saying, "I brought Zuni Christian Reformed Church and Zuni Christian Mission School into being because I would not pass the Zuni people by. Without them, my Kingdom would not be complete and I would have missed them too much. In their faith, I greatly delight."



centennial celebration

In gratitude to God for his unfailing love toward Zuni Christian Mission School across one hundred years, people gathered.



Clockwise from upper left; Eleanor Wallace, a member of the first 8th grade graduating class in 1935, honored us with her presence; 6th grade students Tre' Riley, Amethyst Martinez, and Hope Becker; parents, grandparents, and alumni join the parade; 8th grade boys singing; people from near and far gather to reminisce about the old days in Zuni. Kindergarten students Demekias Lowsaytee, Andria Tsabetsaye, and Jalen Quam; 3rd grade students Michelle Laiteyse, Abigal Chimoni, and Marko Ponchuella sing for the audience; 2nd grade students Autumn Martinez, Brandon Lesansee, and Joshua Gchachu-Ukestine perform.

