

Please consider the needs below as you plan your giving. We are so thankful for your partnership in our ministry work!

SCHOOL SAFETY EQUIPMENT: Give the gift of safety by helping us to purchase equipment such as security cameras, an access control system, and radios for the protection of our students.

CROSS COUNTRY JERSEYS: 40 of our 97 students participate in cross country and our current jerseys are around ten years old and falling apart! Help us to cover the cost of new jerseys for our dedicated runners!

AMAZON WISHLIST: Visit <http://a.co/3NKhWMY> to shop for specific items needed for our classrooms and school! Scan to visit!



BECOME A SPONSOR: Sponsoring connects you to a specific student and family that needs tuition support. You will receive letters and photos to help you get to know them and can communicate throughout the school year!

TUITION ASSISTANCE: ZCMS parents and families pay \$118,130 (15%) of tuition costs. In order for our 97 students to come to school we raise the remaining \$710,968 (85%). Please help us as we strive to make Christian education affordable for our families.

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BACK TO SCHOOL • FALL HIGHLIGHTS • NEW STAFF

This year I am teaching physical education for part of my afternoon schedule. If you have been in our wonderful new gymnasium, you know that it is an acoustically alive space. This is a fantastic thing for home basketball games, which in my opinion should be a loud and festive atmosphere. However, it creates its own set of challenges for giving instructions to a P.E. class of more than thirty students. There are certainly times when a P.E. class should be excited and loud as well, but I learned something very quickly in that class. When students are talking, they are not listening. If enough of them are talking, it makes it difficult for anyone to listen. While I find this frustrating in the gym, it reminds me that I have something to work on here as well.

The Bible puts it this way: "My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry" (James 1:19). I have found that I do not naturally do this well. Even when I am listening to someone speak, I sometimes find myself thinking about what I am going to say next instead of truly listening to them. Real listening takes intentionality and effort. Every day there are examples all around us of people listening well and people failing to listen. One of our students recently was very upset because the person she was trying to apologize to wasn't listening to her trying to say, "I'm sorry."

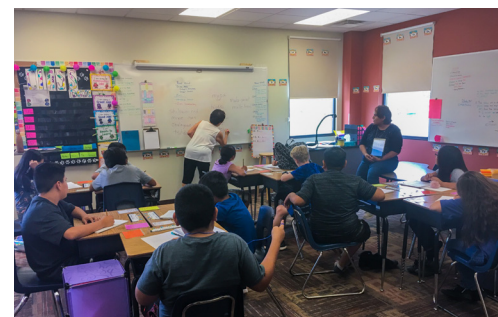
"..we have a purpose: to declare God's praise and testify to the light of his presence."

It is important to listen to each other—to be quick to listen and slow to speak—but it is even more important to listen to God. What does God have to say to us? Our theme for the 2018-2019 school year is "Treasured by God." Our theme verse is 1 Peter 2:9, "You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness and into His wonderful light." We want our students to know that we listen to them. We also want them to listen to God and to know in their hearts that God treasures his people. We want them to know that we have a purpose: to declare God's praise and testify to the light of his presence.

We ask for your continued prayers for all of us in Zuni as we seek to lean into the theme ourselves and lead our students into a deeper understanding of God's great love. May you also listen intently to God through his Word and Spirit. May you know that you, too, are treasured by God.



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WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBERS



Natasha Natewa - Fifth Grade Teacher

I am a daughter of the most High King! It is because of His love and heavenly pursuit that I am here in Zuni teaching children who I can relate with. God gave me a purpose at the age of sixteen to work with children. Having grown up in Zuni my heart broke for my Native American sisters and brothers who struggled with home and school life. God affirmed my calling by using my teachers at Rehoboth Christian High School and Zuni Christian Mission School to push me to become a teacher. God is due all honor! I am simply a product of His never-ending, always pursuing, reckless love!



Karen Poncho - Educational Assistant

Keshi , ko'don dewanan adeyaye! Greetings, my name is Karen Poncho. I was born and raised here in Zuni Pueblo. I have experience working with children with special needs and I also advocate for parents who have children with an IEP. My walk with Jesus did not start until about two years ago. My late grandfather Dan Poncho had been going to church for years by then. He shared God's word that opened my eyes and heart. When I started going to church I noticed that when I was struggling or had doubts my prayers were answered by God. I am honored to be part of the Zuni Christian Mission School and know God has plans in store for me to help the children here.



Joy Burmeister - Development Officer

After eight years as Development Assistant and Sponsorship Coordinator at our sister school, Rehoboth Christian, I am so humbled that God has now called me to be apart of the work He is doing here in Zuni! When I was led to start attending church at Zuni CRC a few years ago I could not anticipate how my heart would grow for this community. As I became more involved with the women and children's ministries God continued to reveal His heart for the people of Zuni and build in me a desire to serve them with the gifts I've been given. Praise God that He bestows upon us the honor of being laborers in His harvest!