

2020-21 ANNUAL FUND NEED: \$490,000

At the end of last school year the economic repercussions of COVID-19 became a great challenge to the people of Zuni, and more specifically to many of our families. Everyone began preparing for the worst.

Simultaneously, God moved in the hearts of hundreds of individuals to take care of this place. We were deeply moved by the compassion of so many friends who desired to lift us up in this time of need – in the midst of their own need and loss. Because of this, we were able to extend additional tuition aid to our struggling parents. Not only this, but we were able to end our fiscal year in a strong financial position above our need.

Elahkwa to each of you for being ambassadors of God's abundant provision. Through your giving, our parents and students can clearly see that beyond a small staff of dedicated workers who love them, there is a whole family of supporters who do as well – and greater still a loving God who can move mountains and meets us with His glory in every circumstance.

Amazon Wish List & Smile: Go to <https://a.co/ckmb1kI> to view our Wish List and purchase items specifically requested by our teachers and staff! You can also support us by shopping at amazon.com/smile and selecting Zuni Christian Mission School as your charity. Thank you!

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Dear Friends,

Wherever you find yourself, there is no denying that these are strange times. Especially now, we take great comfort in the words which come from our school's theme verses for the 2020-21 school year – Isaiah 43:1-3. They were delivered long ago by the prophet Isaiah to God's people, and I believe there is something for us in these words as well.

"DO NOT FEAR." God gave His people this command over 300 times in the Bible. While the diseases and viruses that we contend with are serious, so is the fear that can spread just as quickly. However, God, in His mercy, doesn't simply command His people not to be afraid. He also, in the very first line, gives them three reasons why.

"I have redeemed you." "Redeemed" is a word we don't hear often outside of a church setting. To redeem is to gain or regain possession of something in exchange for payment. To redeem is to pay the necessary money to clear a debt. To redeem is to buy the freedom of someone else. God did all of these through the atoning work of Jesus on the cross. He regained his people, He paid a debt that He did not owe to clear the debt that we could not pay, and He bought our freedom. The fact that we are redeemed is a great reason not to be afraid.

"I have called you by name." When this phrase appears in the Bible, it generally means that God has called them for a special purpose. When you know that God has a special purpose for your life, it can free you from fear. God is not caught off guard; He's already won. Each of us is called by God for a purpose, and I am very thankful for the people who have courageously answered the call for the special purpose of serving at ZCMS.

"You are mine." This part of Isaiah 43:1 brings to mind God's earlier words to his people in Exodus 19: "If you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations, you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." The circumstances in which we find ourselves are sobering, but even in the midst of this we see God at work in Zuni, drawing people to Himself. Through prayer, Christian service, and community, we have seen our Zuni friends and neighbors become more curious about Christ. It is our prayer that they would come to love and serve the God of the Bible, and that they would take great comfort in knowing that they belong to Him. When you are in the steady, loving, and powerful arms of the Everlasting God, fear slips away.



“ WHEN YOU PASS THROUGH THE WATERS, I WILL BE WITH YOU; AND WHEN YOU PASS THROUGH THE RIVERS, THEY WILL NOT SWEEP OVER YOU. WHEN YOU WALK THROUGH THE FIRE, YOU WILL NOT BE BURNED; THE FLAMES WILL NOT SET YOU ABLAZE. FOR I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD, THE HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL, YOUR SAVIOR; ”

This new school year poses many unique challenges, but we serve a God who has redeemed us and has called us to a purpose. Because we belong to Him, Christ by His Holy Spirit, makes us whole-heartedly willing and ready to live for Him. As we see God moving in Zuni even now, we seek to join His work with boldness, love, and free from fear.



Tim Becksvoort, Principal



ZUNI CHRISTIAN MISSION SCHOOL

Hybrid Learning: We began the 2020-21 school year in full remote learning mode. Since Labor Day, we have gained permission from the tribe and input from our families, and switched to a hybrid model. Out of 94 total students, we now have 71 attending school in two separate groups, two days/week. This means that on any given day there are no more than 36 kids (K-8) in the school, and no more than 8 in a classroom. On their days at home these students continue with their remote learning. The remaining families have opted to continue their children's distance learning full time. Pray for our staff and students as they balance this new way of learning!

New Staff: We welcome the following new (and returning) staff and thank God for placing the call to serve at ZCMS on each of their hearts.

Kindergarten - Heather Vande Woude
3rd/4th grade - Victoria Brander

6-8 Social Studies - Tim Eisenga (returning)
6-8 Science, Health, Computers - Andrew Kuo

ZUNI CRC

Update from Discipleship Pastor Tim Eisenga

Zuni Christian Reformed Church has been navigating the pandemic days. As of late July, we had just under 500 cases and close to 30 fatalities related to covid in the community. There have also been other tragedies adding to the difficulties of the time. We desire to shine the light of Christ to the Zuni Pueblo now as always.

The church has been reaching out to one another and the community with the love of Christ. We have been keeping the church connected through a newsletter, online services, DVDs of services and Christian resources. Recently we were given approval by the tribe to begin gathering for church services in the building once again with 50 people or less. Since then we have noticed a number of new people attending and hearts being drawn to the hope of the Gospel.

Care packages, food donations, and cleaning supplies have been received from Rehoboth, World Renew, New Mexico agencies, and supporting churches which have been distributed with gospel materials to those in need or most vulnerable. Pray for Jesus' light to continue to shine, for the body of Christ to be the church ministering, and serving with the love and grace of Christ outside of the walls of the building. Pray that the Holy Spirit will work it all together toward His Kingdom growing in Zuni.