

2020-21 REMAINING ANNUAL FUND NEED: \$29,195

We are in awe of God's provision over the past eight months and give thanks for so many friends who have used their stimulus money to make sure our ministry is taken care of, as well as those who have given memorial gifts in honor of loved ones. Since our last edition, our need for a new copy machine has been met. We have also been able to help several families in emergency situations with additional tuition assistance. We thank you for having a "heart like Jesus", and being a source of light and great blessing in the midst of so much hardship!

Spring Fundraising Banquet Cancelled: Due to safety precautions surrounding COVID-19, we have once again had to cancel our annual spring fundraising banquet until April 2022. This event usually brings in 10-12% of our yearly income. Please pray that we will still be able to finish the fiscal year in a strong position.

Legacy Giving: Including ZCMS in your will or giving memorial gifts in honor of loved ones can help provide a more sustainable future for the Mission by growing our endowment. This makes a lasting impact for future generations. We are happy to connect you with the professionals at the Barnabas Foundation for more information!

Prayer Bulletin: Your prayers are so important to us! If you would like to receive our prayer bulletin with specific requests, please email jburmeister@zunichristianmission.org.

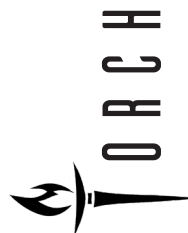
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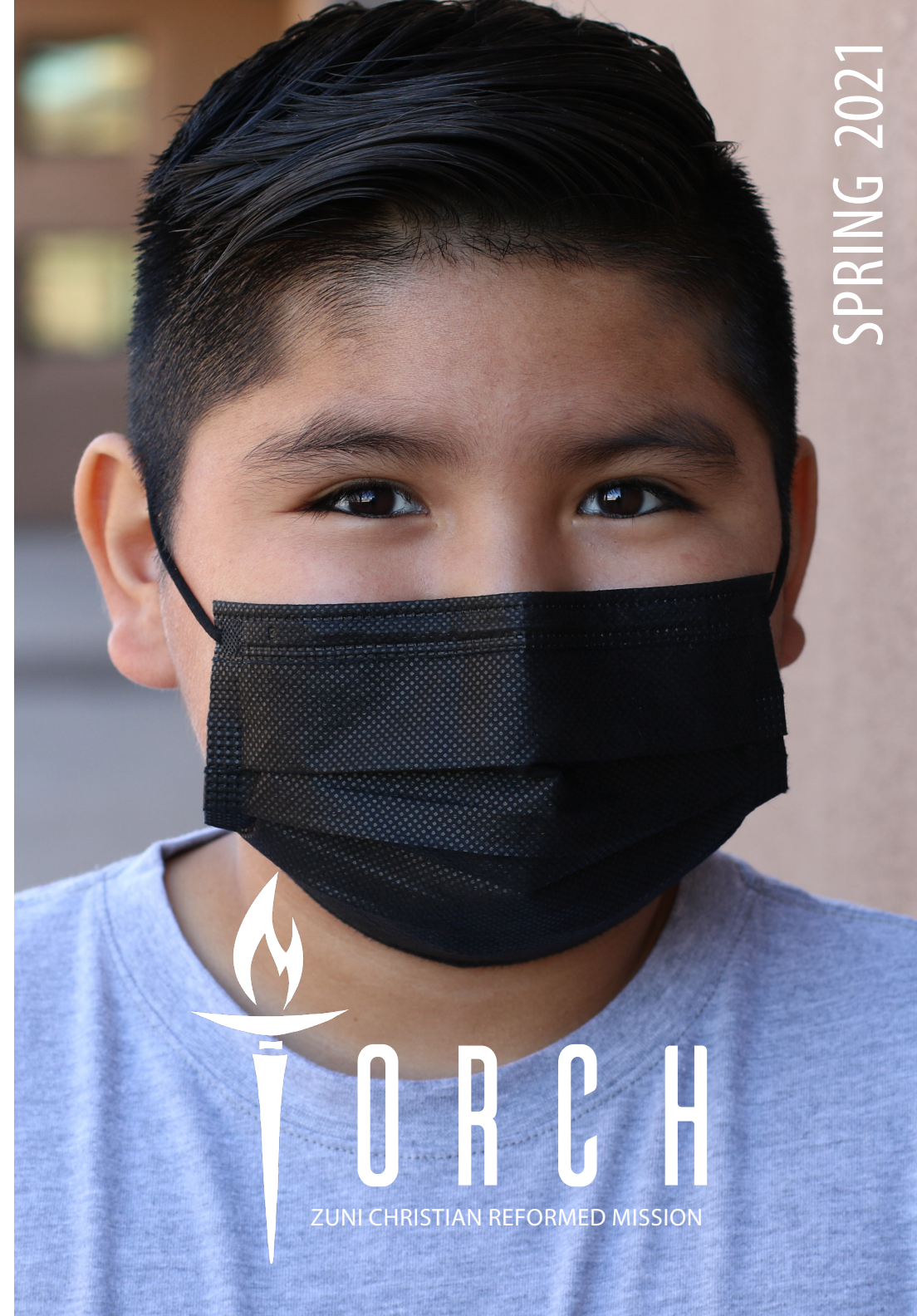
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ZUNI CHRISTIAN REFORMED MISSION

SPRING 2021

By Principal Tim Becksvoort

Here in Zuni, everyone is required to wear a face mask covering their nose and mouth when they are in a public place. This makes many things more challenging. I never realized how much I rely on seeing someone's mouth move to understand what they are saying. I've lost track of how many times I've had to ask someone to repeat themselves because I couldn't quite understand them through the mask. Sometimes it makes recognizing people more difficult. After all, they do cover up about two-thirds of the face. And don't even get me started about how frequently my glasses fog up!

Despite the challenges, one thing remains clear. I can usually get a pretty good idea of someone's current emotional state just by looking at their eyes. I think I always knew it, but the current times have convinced me that it is true – the eyes provide a window to the soul. Just by looking at someone's eyes, I can tell if they're smiling, even if I can't see their mouth. By taking a moment to look at someone's eyes, I can tell if they are surprised, concerned, or hurting. I think our students know this, too, and perhaps they even naturally perceive it. They can tell when a classmate is having a great day and when a friend is sad. Sometimes, as adults, we try to hide how we are really feeling, but our eyes give us away every time.

Recently, one of our fourth grade students was having a deep conversation with one of our staff members. At one point, she paused and said to my colleague, "You have kindness in your eyes, and you have a heart like Jesus. So does my teacher."

With those two simple sentences, this student managed to capture a large part of exactly why we are here. In these stressful times, sometimes kindness can be in short supply, and our staff has done an amazing job of showing uncommon kindness and drawing students in. This starts with having a heart like Jesus, who said to his disciples, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Having Jesus in our hearts helps us put things in their proper perspective. Having Jesus in our hearts empowers us to be like him no matter what is going on around us. Having Jesus fill us abundantly allows us to overflow with the kindness of God. I'm so proud of how well our staff, students, and families have handled the unique challenges of this past year.

We are happy to have students back in the classroom in our hybrid model, and I can tell that they are happy to be back as well. We receive each one of them as a unique gift from God. Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and support as we continue – with Jesus in our hearts and kindness in our eyes – to be the hands and feet of Christ in a world that desperately needs him.



“ 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; ISAIAH 43; 2-3 ”



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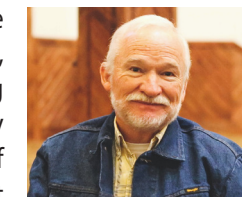
COVID-19 Update: We have many reasons to rejoice! Thank you for your prayers on our behalf!

- As of March, COVID-19 cases in Zuni have decreased to an average of less than one new case per day.
- Since the onset of our hybrid learning in September 2020, we have not had any outbreak or spread of the virus amongst our staff or students at school. Four students contracted COVID-19 and recovered quickly while at home.
- All of our teaching staff were able to receive vaccinations.
- Because of small class sizes (8 students), we are able to offer instruction every day for all students in kindergarten, and also eighth grade beginning in fourth quarter.
- In total, 98% of students are taking part in hybrid learning – with in-class instruction for two groups of students two days/week, and remote learning from home two days/week.
- Teachers have been able to dedicate time after school to work with students who need help catching up on their learning.

ZUNI CRC

Update from Discipleship Pastor Tim Eisenga

ZCRC has been thankful to have Specialized Transition Minister Bruce Persenaire serve with us since the summer of 2019. After a period away, Pastor Bruce returned to ZCRC in September and will be concluding his service on Easter. It has been my privilege to carry out our ministry with Pastor Bruce. We have ministered together in preparation of baptism for new believers, supported people going through difficult decisions and hardships, and visited homes to offer prayer in times of spiritual attack. We have been amazed at God's providential timing as our meetings with people in the community have revealed God's continued faithfulness and Spirit at work in Zuni.



We have appreciated Bruce's preaching, Bible study teaching, pastoral care, and leadership. In 2021, he has been working to help prepare for a smooth transition and expectations for the future pastor. Join with us in praying for ZCRC's pastoral search. At the moment we have two candidates we are looking closer at as we seek God's leading. Pray for Pastor Bruce as he moves on from Zuni and continues serving as the Lord leads him!