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EASTER

Dear Friends,

Once again we find ourselves in the midst of the great liturgical season of Easter, when we celebrate the central mystery of our Christian faith - the Resurrection.

This time of year also brings many groups of volunteers to Saint Anne Mission and Klagetoh. Since the New Year, we've welcomed the Brothers of the Sacred Heart Discernment Group as well as student groups from Mount Saint Charles Academy, Saint Louis University, and Saint Stanislaus College. I've put together a bunch of pictures showing some of the good things these young people have done on the back page of this newsletter.

While the youth bring with them tons of energy, the Mission still depends on our older friends for material support, including donations of food, clothing, and financial assistance.

With Deepest Gratitude.

Bro. Charles Schilling, SC
Administrator

Basketball Court Reconstruction

Anyone who's visited Saint Anne Mission should be aware of how popular the sport of basketball is among the Navajo people. For decades, the Mission has had an outdoor concrete basketball court. The court is utilized not only by the Mission but has historically been open to the public. The Saint Anne court is indeed one of the few recreational resources freely available to the people of Klagetoh.

Several years ago, Mr. John Yonushonis, a dear friend of the Mission, noticed that the surface of the concrete court was deteriorating in places. Last Fall, John visited with a friend and pitched the idea of launching a fund-raising campaign with the purpose of completely rebuilding and upgrading the basketball court at Saint Anne Mission. Working with a Navajo-owned construction firm, an estimated total demolition and reconstruction cost of \$64,000 was calculated.

With the blessing of Brother Charles and Sister Monica, John began efforts to raise funds for the project through a number of avenues, including the GoFundMe website.

While the Mission relies heavily on the gifts of our regular donors to carry out our work of evangelization and addressing the material needs of the poor people of the Klagetoh area, we hope that this project will attract the attention of other interested donors as well.

Obesity and diabetes are significant health issues among the Navajo people. Providing a facility where youth and family groups can recreate and exercise together through an activity that they dearly love is one way in which Saint Anne Mission hopes to serve the people of Klagetoh for generations to come.



A summer volunteer plays ball with a local youth on the Saint Anne Mission court.

Mission Groups Scheduled

The following groups are scheduled to visit in 2016

Bishop Guertin High School

Nashua, NH
April 23-30

Saint Joseph's Academy

Baton Rouge, LA
June 2-9

SJA / CHS

Baton Rouge, LA
Klagetoh Bible School
June 11-18

Canisius High School

Buffalo, NY
June 19-28

Hope for the Children

New York, NY
Ganado Bible School
July 9-16

McQuaid Jesuit High School

Rochester, NY
July 18-27

Saint Mary's High School

Phoenix, AZ
November 16-20

Saint Stanislaus College

Bay Saint Louis, MS
November 20-25

Gifts to assist the Mission in its work of evangelization and outreach may be sent to:

Saint Anne Mission
PO Box 366
Chambers, AZ 86502

Gifts to the Basketball Court Reconstruction Fund may be sent to the same address or you can make an online donation by visiting the Mission website - www.klagetoh.org/giving.shtml - and clicking the **GoFundMe** link.

Young Volunteers Helping Our Community

(and having fun doing it)



Fixing Alex's roof



A ramp for Nona



Feeding an orphan lamb



Cutting boards to fit



Taking in Canyon de Chelly



A new floor in the Mission's food pantry



Helping Ella haul water



Loading firewood for a Klagetoh elder



Hogan repair crew



SSC Sweat Lodge survivors



Reading at the Easter Vigil



Fixing a sheep corral



Blessing with cedar - Navajo style



In the store at Hubbell Trading Post



Mugging for the camera at Petrified Forest National Park