

SAINT ANNE MISSION

Klagetoh, Arizona

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For My Mom



Dear Friends,

Summers have long been an especially busy time at St. Anne Mission. As June began, we welcomed the hummingbirds back to Klagetoh. I saw in their frenetic darting to and from the feeders a sign of what the month would be like - hectic. We had three high school groups on the calendar: one to conduct our Summer Bible School here in Klagetoh sandwiched in between two other groups headed to the Reservation to engage in community service projects.

What I did not know was that the month's activities would be punctuated with the passing of my mother. We had a wonderful visit when I last saw her at Mothers' Day, but her health had declined steadily since. I flew back to Louisiana to be with my sister and other family members for mom's funeral.

The day after her funeral, I flew back to Albuquerque, arriving at the airport scarcely twenty minutes before the next high school group to visit the Mission. It was a hectic, frenetic, celebration of mom's life, mourning of her passing, and then getting back to work. But I think my mom would have liked it that way.

She always loved hummingbirds.

With Appreciation,

Bro. Charles Schilling, SC
Administrator

A Summer Tradition

In June, Saint Anne Mission conducted its Summer Bible School for the children of the Klagetoh area. As in years past, a group of high school volunteers from Baton Rouge, Louisiana helped supervise the classes and activities.



Left: "Horseback" rides are a staple at Summer Bible School.

Right: Sister Monica coordinates and assigns students to age groups at the Klagetoh Summer Bible School.

Below Right: Nona assists a Klagetoh Bible School student with an arts & crafts project.

ously accommodated by the people of St. Philip Parish in their parish hall.

Many of the young Navajos that I met at that first Bible School, and many more that followed, now have children of their own. And the tradition of Summer Bible School continues.



I don't know when the Mission sponsored its first Bible School, but I do know that it was this event that introduced me to Saint Anne some 23 years ago. Following that Summer, from 1994 until 2001, I was responsible for recruiting and leading a group of students from the Southern U.S. to assist at both the Klagetoh and Ganado Bible Schools. The group would also escort some youth from Klagetoh - hand-selected by Sister Maria - on a "camping trip" to Payson, Arizona, where we were gra-

Mission Groups Scheduled

The following groups are scheduled to visit in 2016

Hope for the Children
New York, NY
Ganado Bible School
July 9-16

McQuaid Jesuit High School
Rochester, NY
July 18-27

American Indian Benefit Alliance
Amarillo, TX
September 15-16

Saint Mary's High School
Phoenix, AZ
November 16-20

Saint Stanislaus College
Bay Saint Louis, MS
November 20-25

Student Volunteers Make an Impact

Home Makeovers for Longtime Parishioners

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Begay are well-known to Mission visitors. Amos carved the crucifix that stands in the garden East of the Mission House and also built the roof and ceiling for the hogan kitchen. Volunteers from years past may recall Amos as a master builder and supervisor of many wheelchair ramp projects.

In June, Amos and his wife Melvina were the beneficiaries of a group effort to patch and re-paint their house. Students from St. Joseph's Academy in Baton Rouge, Louisiana prepared the surface and applied the first coat of paint. A second coat and trim finishing was done by students from Canisius High School in Buffalo, New York.

The Canisius volunteers also took on a project at Ms. Juanita Descheeny's house in Klagetoh. Juanita logged many years of service at the Mission with Sr. Maria. In addition to a new coat of paint, the students built a new porch and replaced a number of windows in her small trailer home.



Above: Preparing Juanita's trailer for new windows.
Right: Patching Amos' house before the first coat of paint.
Below: Alex and a Canisius student attach a handrail.



Meet the 2016 Shepherd Summer Interns

Since 2011, Saint Anne has hosted college students on summer internship assignments with the Shepherd Alliance for Poverty. This summer we are pleased to welcome three young ladies to the Mission and Klagetoh: Amaryst Parks, Bethany Posey, and Laurie Akin.

The ladies arrived in early June and continue to work with the Mission's many summer programs and projects through the end of July.



Bethany, Laurie and Amaryst at a Mogollon Rim overlook.



Bethany helps a young student at the Klagetoh Bible School.

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Saint Anne Mission
PO Box 366
Chambers, AZ 86502

Gifts to the Basketball Court Reconstruction Fund may be sent to the same address.



A Bishop Guertin volunteer installs a new gate at Ella's corral.



Canisius students accompanied local youth to Clear Creek.



Alex's grandson Emiliano was baptized at Sunday Mass on June 19.