



Youth Summer Mission Project: The Best Kept Secret of Chinese Baptists in North America

The State of Arizona has the largest population of Native Americans living inside the Reservations designated by the U.S. Government, the nations within a nation. Among these, less than 5% are Christians. There are not many evangelical churches on the Reservations. There are even fewer Native American pastors.

Twenty-seven years ago, in the summer of 1992, thirty-three missionaries from the Mandarin Baptist Church of Los Angeles, First Chinese Baptist Church of Phoenix and Tucson Chinese Baptist Church came together to start the first Youth Summer Mission Project (affectionately called the YSMP) in Whiteriver and Winslow. Their intent was to share the love and Good News



of Jesus

Christ through conducting Vacation Bible Schools, Revival Services and Work Projects. Since then, well over 5,000 missionaries from over thirty churches have participated in proclaiming the good news in

many locations throughout the Navajo, Apache and Tohono O'odham Reservations. In 1994, a Native American Mission Fund was established to provide financial support to the gospel work on the Reservations.

The thrust of the YSMP is to assist the local Native American

Baptist churches by working together with them. Each year, we first meet with the pastors to hear about the needs of the churches and ministries. We then tailor-make various activities for each church site.



Over the years, God has used the YSMP as an instrument of His calling, stirring the hearts of missionaries to commit themselves to the vocational ministry. God continues to call out YSMP participants



to proclaim the gospel in places beyond the Reservations, and we look expectantly to how future participants will respond to God's calling on their lives. We know for sure that everyone is called of God to use his or her giftedness in God's Kingdom ministry.



Through the YSMP, we have established wonderful relationships with the Native American Baptist churches and their pastors. We have also established and strengthened the fellowship among many Chinese Baptist churches in North America.

A record 296 missionaries from 17 churches participated in our YSMP last year. This number surpassed the previous year's record of 270. We also saw two churches that sent missionaries for the first time. As in previous years, we worked with seven Indian Baptist churches to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the Navajo, White Mountain Apache, and San Carlos Apache Indian Reservations. Our ministry among them included Vacation Bible Schools, Sports Camps, Work Projects, Cooking Classes, and other creative outreach activities. While the activities are varied, the goal is singular: Partnering with Native American Baptist churches to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and in deed.




The YSMP this year will be held from July 5 through 13. Join us in this opportunity for our high schoolers, college students, young adults and not so young adults, to be involved in missions and spend part of their summer impacting lives by showing the love of God in tangible ways and sharing the hope found in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For more information, please email azysmp@gmail.com or visit the Chinese Baptist Fellowship website: www.cbfusacanada.org

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YSMP is a great opportunity to bring hope and the Gospel to the Native Americans. It is also an enriching experience for all the people involved, from locals to missionaries to leaders.



I have been involved with YSMP since 2003 as a missionary and a site director. As a young missionary I was blessed with opportunities to be involved with VBS and Sports Camps. My first year was at Winslow and we held a day long sports camp. We would spend the day teaching kids how to play basketball, football, softball, and volleyball. During water breaks we would share bible stories and on the final day we



Removing Weeds



invited kids to accept Christ as their savior. I remember talking to a child and he wanted to accept Jesus so I took him over to our leader and said “He wants to accept Jesus” and left the child with him. It was my first time sharing the Gospel and I didn’t know what to do. The leader talked with me later that day and walked me through how to make sure the Gospel message is clear to the child and pray the sinners prayer with the child. It was at that point that I realized I personally could help others accept Jesus as their savior and it wasn’t limited to adults/leaders.



My next two years at Winslow involved being part of a VBS team. I was called on to lead a lesson one of the days. I had experience from being a Sunday School teacher back home so that helped, but




seeing how eager the kids wanted to spend time with us was an entirely different experience. This carries on throughout my many years at Chinle. The kids are always asking “When are the Chinese people coming?” Many of the missionaries have developed friendships with the people of Chinle and kept in touch with them throughout the year, encouraging those that we are not near physically but are near to our heart.



One of the biggest hurdles for young missionaries is reaching out to adults, people we normally are to respect and follow. I have witnessed countless high school and college aged missionaries



that have visited families of their VBS students and become friends with the entire family. Some of these families were not Christians and needed the Gospel, some were Christians and needed encouragement, but all



needed the love of Jesus. There are even times where the local families have encouraged our missionaries and changed their lives as well. Some missionaries will expand their service at their home church, some will take up leadership in future YSMPs or in their college fellowships, some will answer a calling to serve as longer short term missionary or full time missionary elsewhere.

YSMP is more than just youth doing a week of Sports Camps, VBS, or Work Projects (such as: clean up, weed removal, painting, or minor repairs). It is



an opportunity for youth, adults, and families to share the Gospel, grow spiritually, and build lasting friendships. Please see tinyurl.com/y4k9pgad for a video summarizing our 2016 mission in Chinle.



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FAQs about Youth Summer Mission Project

Age of Participants: High School and up.

Chaperons/Leaders: Churches are required to have adult leaders accompany their missionaries.

Transportation: Churches are responsible for their own transportation to and from Phoenix and in-the-field transportation. The airport to fly into is PHX.

Accommodation: On site and at church. Be prepared to rough it out. Sleeping bags are required.

Cost: \$75 per person and includes meals and accommodation on site. Incidentals are extra.



「青年暑期宣教」YSMP： 北美華人浸信會中不為人知秘密

亞利桑那州擁有最多居住在美國政府指定的美國印第安人保留區內的美國土著，這是一個國家內的國家。在這些美洲原住民中，只有不到百分之五是基督徒。在保留地內的福音派教會不多，原住民的牧師人數更少。

在二十七年前，在 1992 年夏天，來自洛杉磯國語浸信會，鳳凰城第一華人浸信會和祖籍華人浸信會共三十三人一起在 Whiteriver 和 Winslow 開始了第一個「青年暑期宣教」項目（親切地稱之為 YSMP）。他們的目的是透過舉辦假期聖經學校，培靈會和工作項目來分享耶穌基督的愛和福音。從那時起，來自三十多個教會的 5,000 多名宣教士參與了在 Navajo, Apache 和 Tohono O'odham 保留區等許多地方傳講福音。在 1994 年，成立了美洲原住民宣教基金，為保留地福音工作提供財政支持。



YSMP 的主旨是與當地的印第安人浸信會教會合作。我們每年在計劃中，我們首先與牧師們會面，了解教會和事工的需要。在回應他們的要求中，我們為每個教會量身定制各種活動。



多年來，上帝使用 YSMP 作為呼召人，激起一些宣教士們的心來立志全職服事的工具。上帝繼續呼籲參與 YSMP 的人在保留區以外的地方宣揚福音。我們期待著觀看將來的參與者將如何回應上帝對他們生命的呼召。我們衷心地認識到，上帝呼召每一個人使用他的恩賜來參與他國度的事工。



通過 YSMP，我們與美洲原住民浸信會及其牧師們建立了良好的關係。我們還建立並鞏固了在北美的許多華人浸信教會之間的團契。

在 2018 年，有來自 17 個教會的 296 名宣教士參加了 YSMP。這個數字破了上一年 270 人的紀錄。

我們還看到兩個教會首次派出宣教士。和前幾年一樣，我們與七個印第安人浸信會教會合作，將耶穌基督的福音帶到納瓦霍人，白山阿帕奇和聖卡洛斯阿帕奇印第安人保留地。我們在他們中的事工包括假期聖經學校，運動營，工作項目，烹飪課程和其他富創意的戶外活動。雖然活動多種多樣，但目標卻是單一的：與美國土著浸信會教會合作，用言語和行動來宣揚耶穌基督的福音。

今年我們的 YSMP 將於七月五日至七月十三日奉行。請你加入我們這個給我們的高中生，大學生和年輕人參與宣教的機會。讓他們能夠使用部分暑假時間，以實在的方式來表達上帝的愛，並藉著分享耶穌基督福音中的希望來改變生命。欲取得更多資訊，請電郵至：azysmp@gmail.com 或上美加華浸 www.cbfusacanada.org 網址查詢。



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Football Camp



A group of approximately 12 youth are sitting in a circle on a wooden deck, engaged in a Bible study. They are dressed in casual attire, and the setting appears to be outdoors with a railing visible in the background. The text "Youth Bible Study" is overlaid at the bottom of the image.

Worship in Chinle

和大學年紀的宣教士，他們探訪他們的假期聖經學校學生的家庭，並成為了整個家庭的朋友。非基督徒家庭需要福音，基督徒的家庭需要鼓勵，但他們都需要耶穌的愛。



A photograph showing three children engaged in a painting activity. Two children, a girl in a grey shirt and a boy in a white tank top, are standing and painting a wall with a roller. A third child, a girl in a black shirt, is kneeling on the floor, possibly mixing paint. The wall is covered in large, light-colored tiles, and there are red and white paint splatters on it. The word "Painting" is written in a stylized font at the bottom left of the image.



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