

# The Burden Basket



## St. Joseph Apache Mission Restoration Project

### Funding Progress

Since fundraising began in February 1998 we have raised \$1,762,363. Of that amount 49% came from private foundation grants, 7% from nonprofit organizations, 25% from our generous donors, 9% through our stewardship program and the remaining 10% from the hard work of raffles, food sales and concerts, plus interest earned. The work continues as funding permits: Expenses to date have been \$1,722,252.

### Revenue & Expenses 5/1/10—10/25/10

Revenue	
Foundation Grants	\$ 10,500
Non-profits	\$ 11,500
Steward Program	\$ 2,350
Donations	\$ 37,548
Fundraisers & Interest	\$ <u>35,710</u>
Total	\$ 97,608
Expenses	
Payroll Expenses	\$74,605
Equipment & Supplies	\$ 2,988
Office Expense	\$ 2,297
Administration & Fundraising	\$ 937
Training	\$ 181
Roof Project	\$ <u>1,820</u>
Total	\$82,828
<b>Funds on hand:</b>	<b>\$40,111</b>
In-Kind Donations from volunteers, staff and equipment use:	<b>\$ 29,096</b>

### SUMMER PROGRESS

The restoration project took many different directions since our last report. Because we developed a leak over the arch of the sanctuary the crew found that the wall that supports the east cornice was the problem. This wall was covered in stucco and hiding an ugly secret. There were large voids and severely deteriorated mortar that had been covered up in the past fooling the architect to believe we only needed the flashing replaced. After the summer crew removed the stucco and repointed the wall adding stones where necessary it fixed the problem.



*Martin & Sam working on Choir loft roof.*

The completion of the choir loft staircase room roof was accomplished. In the original blue prints this room's purpose was to house the stairs that were to lead to the choir loft. Since the choir loft never was finished the space has been used as a confessional, we do plan on it to be used for that purpose once again and perhaps other things. A family has expressed interest in funding to have the entrance to this area constructed to replicate the main entryway, thus adding a new element of beauty to the church.

The remainder of the alcove roofs except the one next to the bell tower were finished in early summer. Except for the one next to the bell tower, it will be completed after the crew finishes repointing the exterior walls of the bell tower, as that roof is part of the scaffold support system for the bell tower work.

The crew removed the rotted wood of the belfry replacing the wood and they gave it a coat of primer and fresh paint. While some of the crew worked on that, others worked on repointing the exterior wall of the bell tower to help keep the work on schedule.



*Tommy painting the cross while the crew works on belfry*

Tommy Spottedbird also took the opportunity to give the crosses on the cornices a new coat of paint.

Another problem that side tracked the project was the continual breaks in the main waterline to the rectory offices and parish hall. Each time the line would break the crew would be forced to stop their repointing work due to lack of water. We were able to work in collaboration with the Tribal Water Department on this project. The parish paid for the pipe and the water department crew did the actual work saving the parish \$11,000.

## 10TH ANNUAL RAFFLE RESULTS & 2011 CALENDAR



The 14 prizes were great once again this year

Vickers from Roswell, NM. Ernie Serna from Espanola, NM won the Sleeping Beauty Turquoise Set and Hunter Beck, of Mescalero won the Silver and Coral Necklace Set. Celia Garza from El Paso won the Pendleton Blanket that was donated in memory of Samuel Chee, Sr. of Mescalero. Florene Torres of Mescalero won the \$100 Home Depot Card and the winner of the Beaded Medicine Bag was Joe Perez from Ruidoso, NM. Ricardo Ramirez, the Bishop of Las Cruces won the Silver necklace Set. Winning the Kathy Morrow Cutting Board was Bertha Morgan of Mescalero. The last prize, a framed Tepee in the Snow photograph went to Dana Knight in Mesilla Park, NM.

The winners of the top ticket sellers this year were, Emily Saenz of Ruidoso, NM Helen Klinekole of Mescalero, Marlene Pellman of Mescalero and Lupe Martinez from Alamogordo, NM. We are very grateful for their help and that of everyone who have donated prizes, and those who bought tickets and those who made extra donations. Special thanks have to be acknowledged for those who helped with the mass mailing, this is a big job that takes three days of hard work. This year Rose Miller, Clarice Rocha, Josie Tortilla, Tonita Simms, Rita Shaffer and Lynda Sanchez all rolled up their sleeves and pitched in.

The raffle netted \$16,055, down by over \$4,000 from last year, which seems to indicate what everyone keeps saying “the economic times are bad and not soon to recover and are affecting just about everyone” is a harsh reality.

A funding opportunity that we have been working on is starting to show promise. The calendar, which features some of our favorite photos of the church are selling for \$15.00 plus \$5.00 for mailing. These are nice Christmas gifts for those people who have everything or are hard to buy for. They can be purchased through our website, through the mail, email or by phone. If the calendars are successful we will add other items such as mouse pads, baseball caps and other personalized St. Joseph Apache Mission Restoration Project items.



Fr. Paul helping the children drawing the winning tickets.

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### TOMMY SPOTTEDBIRD

Since the last “Burden Basket” newsletter much progress has been made on the church. Administratively, we have been busy responding to those who generously donated to the restoration project. In October I had the opportunity to take a small break from the restoration by going to visit family and friends in Oklahoma. The nine hour drive gave me a lot of time to meditate on many things, especially my job. The question of “why is the restoration of this church so important to me” kept coming to mind. I am not Catholic and I am not from the Mescalero reservation, why am I so dedicated to this job? I could not recall a job ever being as important to me as what I am doing now. The only answer was “because this is God’s church” and this may be the plan God had for me. I thank Him for the continued progress we (the crew) are making on the church which is also known as a Veteran’s Memorial. “Thank you” for your continued support financially and spiritually. Your prayers help us to maintain a steady course as we work toward the completion of this project. God Bless you and yours.



## CURRENT WORK



Community Service worker, Alfred Torrez learning the ropes from trainee Sam Sosa & Mason Nikona Hosetosavit.

faces. The next step in the process is what is called the base coat, this is where the lime mortar is forced into the voids by the flick of the wrist using a very small trowel. The crew replaces the missing large stones and in smaller voids place smaller rocks and in deep holes they use small broken pieces of clay tiles from the old roof to help make the mortar stronger. The final step is the top coat; it is allowed to harden slightly and scraped back to form smooth even joints between the stone. The mortar is misted twice a day to allow it to cure slowly to become strong and long lasting.

Scaffolding is now setup on the interior south side of the church where the crew will concentrate their work for the winter. We had no idea that the deterioration of the mortar was so bad, there are many very large stones missing from the top rows of the wall. The crew became very concerned that the wall might collapse, but Tommy assured them that there were plenty stones behind the voids that would keep that from happening.

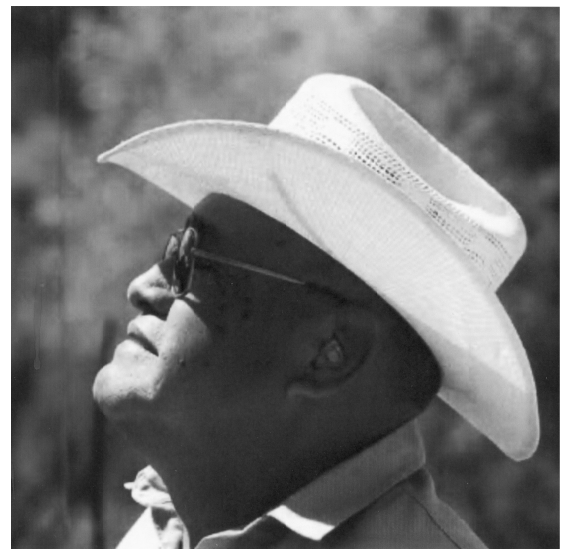
Tommy has spent many hours cutting stones from a large bolder to the sizes needed to fill in the large voids. It is always amazing to see how the work continues through each stage, starting from the removing the loose deteriorated mortar, cleaning the voids and stone



Example of the massive voids in the wall.

## † SAYING FAREWELL TO A GREAT MAN †

Since our last progress report we lost one of our board members, Keith Miller. Keith was the type of man that everyone liked and respected. Born on Dec 6, 1926 on the Mescalero Apache Reservation, Keith grew up the Indian way learning the language and traditions of his people. He started school out at White Tail and finished his education at the Mescalero school. Keith worked many years for the Cattle Growers Association on the reservation and entered the Army at just 17 years old. He spent his military service in the engineering department. After his time in the Army he came back to Mescalero and married Rose Dolan, the love of his life, they were devoted to each other. He and Rose were a great witness to what a good marriage is, and had one son they lovingly called Sonny. Keith worked at the Mescalero fish hatchery, and in many different departments at the Holloman Air Force Base for over twenty years. He also served one year as Secretary and nineteen years as Vice President on the Tribal Council. Keith and Rose both joined the Restoration Committee when it was formed. He never met a stranger that didn't end up being a friend, he love his family, friends, and all people whatever their walk of life. Keith always was eager to volunteer at whatever needed to be done to help his family, friends, the church and the restoration project. We all will miss him very much.



Keith , husband, father, uncle, brother, friend , community leader, and *Restoration Hero*.

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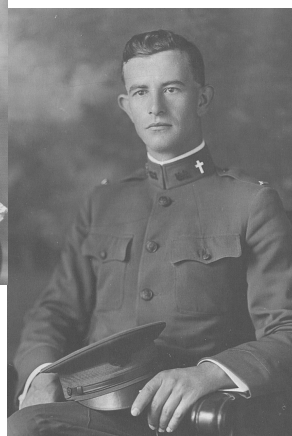


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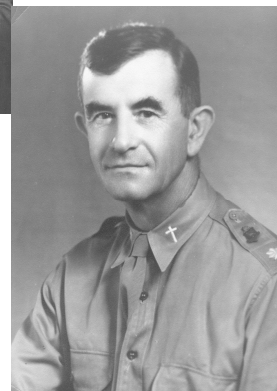
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Ordination 1916



Fr. Albert WWI  
Army Chaplain 1918



**Fr. Albert Braun, OFM**  
**Builder of the Mission**



Fr. Albert WWII  
Army Chaplain 1941