

The Burden Basket



St. Joseph Apache Mission Restoration Project

Funding Progress

Fundraising for the project began in February 1998 since then we have raised \$1,858,894. Of that amount 50% came from private foundation grants, 7% from nonprofit organizations, 23% from our generous donors, 10% 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 \$1,804,371.

Revenue & Expenses 11/1/10— 4/20/11

Revenue	
Foundation Grants	\$55,750
Non-profits	\$ 200
Steward Program	\$34,805
Donations	\$ 4,238
Fundraisers & Interest	\$ 1,538
Total	\$ 96,531
Expenses	
Payroll Expenses	\$75,332
Equipment & Supplies	\$ 2,452
Office Expense	\$ 3,355
Administration & Fundraising	\$ 1,194
Total	\$82,333
Funds on hand:	\$46,825
In-Kind Donations from volunteers, staff and equipment use:	\$ 31,200

THE LONG AWAITED BOOK SIGNING!

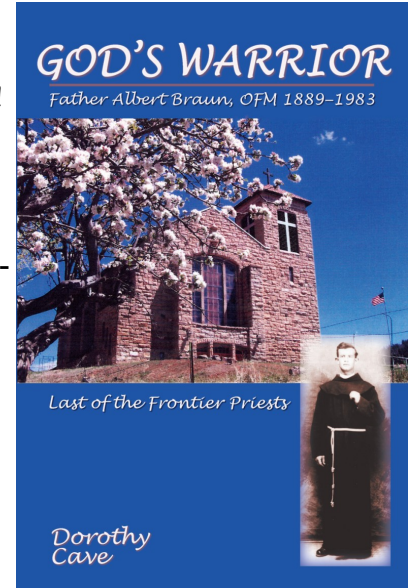
At last! "God's Warrior, Last of the Frontier Priests" a biography of Fr. Albert Braun, OFM (the builder of the church) by author Dorothy Cave is here! Many people have been waiting years for this book. Dorothy has generously stipulated that 10% of all book sales go to the Restoration Project!

We will be having a book signing by the Author here at St. Joseph Apache Mission at **2pm on Saturday May 28, 2011. The public is invited.** Books will be available for purchase at a special rate of \$30 for this date only. Regular store price will be \$32.95. There will be many special guests and great food. We would love you to join us.

The book jacket reads: "Fellow priests called his ministry "just short of a miracle." A superior castigated him as "an adventurer." Apaches and migrant Mexicans claimed him "one of us." Of himself he chuckled, "I've been in mischief all my life."

He was Fr. Albert Braun, OFM, in turn mule-headed, explosive, or penitent. Vigorously outspoken, he once charged a group of august bishops to "get off your butts and out among the people." His sense of duty was profound, his humor crusty. He arrived in New Mexico as missionary to the Mescalero Apaches just after Poncho Villa's raid, was a highly decorated chaplain in both World Wars, and after World War II he participated in the top secret birth of the first hydrogen bomb on a pacific atoll.

Drawing on archival and military records, letters, memoirs, and interviews, Dorothy Cave chronicles the amazing life of this last of the frontier priests from his birth in the lusty, brawling California of 1889, to his death and burial in 1983 in the church he built his beloved Mescaleros. This book is at once a biography and a kaleidoscopic history of the tumultuous times in which he lived. From it there emerges the inspiring saga of a man who changed thousands of lives with faith, humor, dedication, and a generous dash of pure hard-headed cussedness.



Dorothy Cave (Aldrich) author of God's Warrior

If you can't make the book signing event, you can order the book through us by sending \$33 dollars to the Restoration Project. It will soon be available also in many book stores and online at Amazon.

2010-11 WINTER PROGRESS

The winter brought many different challenges for us. The repointing work went slower than we had anticipated due to the extensive deterioration and missing stones on the top rows on the section of the southeast interior wall. The crew found themselves constantly stopping to cut a stone to the right dimensions in order to replace the missing ones. By the end of March they finished the area and removed the scaffolding. The finished section of the



Example of before



and after

wall is beautiful making it one step closer to completion!

One of our old boilers that runs the radiant floor heating gave out this past winter, necessitating hiring Bonito River Services, Inc. to install a new one. We were rather shocked at the price increase over the one that we replaced in 2005. They sent Josiah Van Winkle to do the work. This young man did much of the labor as a donation of his time saving us a bundle of money. Now parishioners, the workers and visitors alike can stay warm.

Now that the crew has moved back outside they are making good progress on repointing the exterior walls of the bell tower. Working down from where they left off last summer. At the rate they are going Tommy Spottedbird, the Co-Director/Foreman is estimating that the crew will be able to complete the bell tower's exterior wall by the end of the summer.



Josiah installing the new boiler.

MARY M SERNA

DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Working on this project is such a blessing, but it is also very challenging and stressful. A huge amount of my time is taken up with fundraising. Foundation grants are so competitive these days that we are finding a larger percent of our support is coming from individuals.

I am extremely grateful for two of our newest Restoration Heroes, David and Deedee Tremblay. Although they are new to the project, they have become great friends and moral support to us as well. David is rather well known in the Ruidoso community for his beautiful wildlife photography. He has brought that passion to the Restoration Project by photographing the church and some of our events. It is amazing for me to look back and think about all of the people that have helped us turn this restoration dream into reality. It is because of that, I can look towards the future and be assured that we will affirm Colin Powell's quote, "A Dream Doesn't Become Reality Through Magic, It Takes Sweat, Determination and Hard Work." I cannot

name everyone who has been a part of this project, but please know that I appreciate all of you, and I know that this project would have never been possible without all of you. So thank you once again and may you *Walk in Blessing*.

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS



Teresa Thompson, stained glass artist at work on the St. Thomas Window.

The church just keeps getting more beautiful! Part of the restoration plan is replacing some of the old plain windows with breathtaking works of art by stained glass artist, Teresa Thompson. Teresa has made all but one of our windows over the years. This year we added two new ones.

James and Lynda Sánchez donated the Mother and Christ window which depicts Our Lady as a Mescalero maiden and her child in a cradleboard. The window was donated in honor of their 35th wedding anniversary and in memory of his parents, Samuel and Altagracia



Lynda & James Sanchez with the donated window.

Sánchez. As a surprise their daughter Katherine and son-in-law Andrew Meador also donated a window in honor of their anniversary, in memory of Eve Ball. Eve Ball was an historian and author and a good friend of Fr. Albert Braun, who built the church. It is fitting that the window of St. Thomas, patron saint of builders was placed above Fr. Albert's burial site in the sanctuary of the church.

On April 3rd there was a blessing for the two new windows and the window of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha that was donated by Teresa Thompson. Fr. Paul Botenhagen, OFM, blessed the windows in the Catholic way using holy water and prayers followed by a traditional Apache Blessing by Mescalero Medicine Man, Sherman Blake with prayers and sacred pollen. A blessing was also extended to the donors and the Kateri Circle who are actively praying for the canonization of Kateri.



Kateri ladies with Andrew, Katherine, James & Lynda.

UPCOMING 2011 RESTORATION RAFFLE

Our 11th Annual Restoration Raffle will be held in October. The top prize once again will be \$1,000 with eleven additional prizes including art work and Native American Jewelry. So watch for your tickets in August.

CURRENT WORK



Our summer will be spent working on the bell tower as weather permits. When the summer thunderstorms and monsoons come the crew will repoint the interior alcove when unable to work outside. It takes about a month just to complete the three sides of the bell tower on one scaffold level.

We are fortunate to have a good crew that works well together. Next month we will be hiring a new trainee to join them for as long as we have the funding. This year funding has been difficult due to the economy, but we will push on.

Our training program has been a big part of the success of this project. It has allowed us to afford the labor expense and it has given jobs and training to 33 young adults in the community.

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