

The Native American Mission

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Spring Break Mission to Oklahoma - Dallas Churches

The 3rd Spring Break Mission trip to Broken Bow, Oklahoma was a blessing to those who participated as well as to the people we met and served. A team of six (Juby Panachakunnel, Justin Thomas, Jiji Jacob all from MTC, FB) Shilpa Abraham from MTC. Carrollton with Mr. George T. Mathew and Abraham Mathew reached Broken Bow camp site around 11 a.m. on March 13th 2013. Betty Jacob greeted us. Without wasting any time we started the work on the pump house and the bath house. In the evening we all went to Mc Gee Chapel to attend the Bible study. I thought we were going to attend the Bible study by Rev. Randy Jacob. However, to my surprise the four young volunteers led the Bible study based on the story of the prodigal son. After the singing session the group was divided into two: 10-30 years old and 30 years and above. Two volunteers led each group. Each group had a lively discussion. Several new ideas and thoughts were brought up. There were around 30-35 people in attendance. It was also a time of witnessing by our youths. It was indeed a great blessing. We shared dinner with them.

On Thursday we worked till around 6 p.m. and visited 5 houses near the campsite. We could not meet too many youths as they were in schools. We were warmly welcomed into their homes and with their permission we sang songs and prayed with them. Some parents told us that their children are all excited about the up-coming VBS.

On Friday we finished the work on both the pump house and the bathhouse as planned. We are grateful to Mr. George Mathew, Dallas Farmers Church for designing, and completing the pump house Project



Participants of the **Spring Break mission** members from Dallas with the Choctaw people during the Retreat and below participants with leaders Abraham Mathew and Mathew George



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Spring Break Mission- Oklahoma Church

A group of 8 youths went up to Broken Bow from March 20-24, we stayed a total of 5 days and 4 nights. The actual work projects were on Thursday and Friday. We spent most the day Thursday and Friday working on the interior of Cabins 1, 2 and the Worship Hall at Camp Israel Folsom. The group worked on cleaning the interiors of all three places, painted Cabins 1 and 2, did some exterior repair of Cabins 1 and 2, and of course cleaned up after the paint job was done. We are very thankful for all the efforts from Rev Shibi Abraham in acquiring almost \$400 in donated products from Home Depot and Lowes for these work project bowling/lunch. Unfortunately, the weather got pretty bad on Saturday so the fellowship activities were canceled. On Sunday, we attended the Sunday School at 9:45a and lead worship at 11am. We also had a fellowship lunch afterwards and then headed back home. The Oklahoma Mar Thoma Church raised the funds for the sulfur purification plant. Now at Oklahoma Folsom camp we get sulfur free water that is great blessing for the campers and guests.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

OKLAHOMA MISSION

Bible Camp and Vacation Bible School,
BROKEN BOW, OKLAHOMA

Dates: Monday, June 3 - to Friday, June 7, 2013

ALABAMA MISSION

Vacation Bible School, Mount Vernon, Alabama.

Dates: Saturday, June 8- to Saturday, June 15, 2013

Nature of mission: Directing and providing leadership for Camp and Vacation Bible school for Native American children.

This ministry involves, teaching Vacation Bible School and music, giving devotional messages, leadership training, teaching arts & crafts, helping with participate in sports & games, operating audio/visual aids cooking. About 200 students – ages ranging from 5-18 years, and approximately 50 adults are expected to participate in the above two mission programs. This is an opportunity to engage in evangelism, visitation, witnessing in the community, sharing faith and culture, and learning about Choctaw Native Americans and their struggles. Volunteers are expected to pay only their travel expenses. Food and lodging will be provided free of charge.

Dead line for Registration is April 30, 2013.

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