



Distant Drums

**The Johnson's roaming
Nevada**

Nevada State Work

No we did not die in 2008. We were not abducted by aliens, and we were not kidnapped. I apologize for not getting out a newsletter last year. This past year has been busy and went extremely quick. In 2008 we spent much of our time adjusting to being a fulltime member of the Nevada Baptist Convention which has included planning, budgeting, and interacting with the other staff members. We have also been working with people in our Association offices and some of our churches aimed at beginning new work with our Native American people and providing training for the churches to help them in ministering to Native American groups. The net results of these efforts were three new works that

started towards the end of the year.

First, in 2007 James Collins from the Sierra Association and me made contact with a Tribal member who lived at Pyramid Lake Reservation outside of Reno. This individual is a Christian along with his family and they have been praying for a church on the Reservation in the town where he lived. As we prayed together we were led to make contact with Pastor Seung Choi of All Peoples Baptist Church in Reno and asked if his church would be willing to sponsor a church start on Pyramid Lake. They enthusiastically agreed to be a part of this

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Our Native Churches

Owyhee Baptist has been without a pastor for over a year now. Please give God praise, in January they extended a call to a new pastor and it was accepted. God willing, he and his family will be on the field by March first. Even without a pastor, they have maintained their ministries to the community and have actually increased attendance. They are in a good position for their new pastor to lead them to the next level God has in store for them. Please pray for Michael Brennan, the new pastor, that the people will readily accept him and his family and that God will give him the wisdom to reach even more of the people for Jesus.

Yomba Baptist Church remains without a pastor for over three years, yet they persevere. We

have made a request for a Mission Service Corp Volunteer to meet this need but so far no response. Please pray that God will call out a man to come and pastor this church on a small and very remote reservation in the middle of Nevada.

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