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*The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved (Jer. 8:20 kjv). Years ago, I served as a church planter in the great state of MT and I became friends with a wheat farmer that shared a story about some years of lean harvests that he had experienced and how it had led to much indebtedness. Then came a year which brought a bumper crop, he envisioned being debt-free and having money to invest in new equipment but just before the time of the harvest it began to rain and rain. In a desperate effort to rescue as much of the harvest as possible he tried his best, with the help of family and friends, to gather as much wheat as possible, stock-piling it on top of the ground until his machinery and trucks began to get stuck..., ultimately everything was stuck in the mud and the harvest was lost! As he shared this story his eyes welled up with tears as he recalled the loss of his entire crop!*



When I recall this story, I am always reminded of the fact that something worse than having a lean harvest is having a bumper crop and not being able to secure it. I see this as a *glimpse into the heart of God* knowing that “summer” is nearing an end and so many remain ill-prepared for the coming storms.

I pastor Native Stone Baptist Mission, Bixby, OK, we remain a congregation w/o a building. We are meeting in Bixby FBC’s fellowship hall, Pastor Monte Moran, we give thanks and glory to God for their gracious spirit. NSBM is working towards leasing a building in the near future, join in praying with us for a place of our own.

September, I traveled along with a retired Korean Pastor TY Chung, from Texas to Bemidji, MN to visit Mokahum Ministry Center, it was good to spend some time with Bro. Bill Haas and to see first-hand the ministry of Mokahum, a training center that has a rich past in equipping Native Americans and First Nations People. Pastor TY is a man who desires to use his years of pastoral experience to help disciple Native people and we were exploring potential possibilities.

I was blessed to preach at the anniversary of Ballou Baptist, Pastor Clinton Ballou. This is a great church in NE, OK. It was a wonderful time spent in worship, and fellowship.

I preached at the Cherokee Baptist Assembly, Sunday School Conf., a gathering of Cherokee congregations with approx. 700 in attendance. I was thoroughly blessed to be among my Cherokee brothers and sisters.

October, I taught 3 days at the Native American Bible Academy, Director Jesse Luper, Ringold, OK, which I enjoyed teaching and getting to know more of their ministry.

The following week I preached a revival at Indian Southern, along with Bro Phil Lawrence who did an excellent job in leading worship. I always enjoy time with the members of Indian Southern, and Pastor Jesse Chavez.

Last week I traveled to Chicago for a vision tour of the Native Americans and First Nations People of Chicago. Several tribal members from various tribes were “transplanted” into the larger cities of the United States as a result of the Indian Relocation Act of 1956, this law intended to encourage Native Americans in the United States to leave Indian reservations, acquire vocational skills, and assimilate into the general population. Sadly, this proved to only displace many Native People, causing many to live in sub-standard housing. The “urban renewal” that began in 1947 continuing into the early 1970s, added to the difficulty in securing affordable housing and led to many hardships in basic survival in the big cities.

The one thing I’m sure of is: *“The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest”*. (Luke 10:2 HCSB)

May God Bless each of you as you have faithfully, prayerfully and financially supported the ministry of FoNAC. My prayer for you is that God would bless you richly, according to His Riches in Glory, this Thanksgiving Season!!

All in Jesus’ Name,

Bro Gary Hawkins  
Exec. Director of FoNAC