

ZUNI CHRISTIAN REFORMED MISSION

Torch

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5th -8th grade students who earned a bowling trip for good behavior in the 3rd quarter pose for a photo.

A LUNCH STORY • AROUND THE SCHOOL • READY TO BUILD

principal's desk

Our hot lunch program is a great asset to our school. Here's how it works: Parents prepare and serve a hot meal for the children; the children who want the lunch being offered, pay \$2.50. The lunch profits go to the parents' tuition account. Everybody is happy—kids who eat, parents who don't have to make lunches, and parents who earn money for their tuition. To keep the financial transaction simple, kids give their hot lunch money to their teachers. The office exchanges the cash for a lunch ticket and credits the correct tuition account. Kids have their favorite menus and their favorite lunch providers.

One morning, a little girl came into her classroom pouting in her dramatic fashion. "I'm going to have hot lunch. My baba [big brother] is supposed to pay." The teacher told her that would work out just fine.

"But I only have fifty cents for extras."

"Just put it in your pocket."

"But I'm supposed to have hot lunch. My baba is supposed to pay."

Here was a lunch this little girl wasn't going to miss. Eventually, the assurances of the teacher settled the child.

At lunchtime, the teacher distributed lunch tickets—none for the little girl. Instantly, she was in 'a state': "I'm supposed to have hot lunch! My baba is supposed to pay!" Again the teacher consoled her, "Don't worry. We'll check at the office." And, of course, at the office, there was a lunch ticket reserved for the child. "See," the teacher said, handing her the longed-for prize, "There was no need to push the panic button." The girl wailed, "But I already *did!*"

I have my own panic moments—you probably do too. Mostly, we hide the drama behind the façade of adulthood, but inside, it can be pretty lively. Times where we anticipate a crisis. Times when we worry. Times of anxiety and fear. But always, always, walking alongside our anxious thoughts is the comforting voice of Jesus reminding us, "Don't be afraid. I am with you....Everything works for the good of my children... Don't be anxious; your heavenly Father knows what you need...."

In God's time, we find out that He was right. There was no need to push the panic button. And, like the little girl, we have to confess, "But I already did!" Then we find ourselves forgiven—able to enjoy all the good that God pours into our lives. This is the Gospel we share with the children at ZCMS. This is the Gospel they sometimes unknowingly share with us.

Classroom Corner

Enjoy some activities that have perked up the middle of our school year:



Mission Info

At the ZCRC

In 2008, Tim and Chelsea Eisenga moved to Zuni as 5th-8th grade teachers. The Eisengas continue to faithfully serve Zuni Christian Reformed Mission, but Tim's role has changed. Tim is now on the staff of Zuni Christian Reformed Church as the Director of Discipleship and Pastoral Care. His focus is on discipleship, mentoring, and local leadership development. We are excited to see what the future holds as Pastor Mike Meekhof and Tim work with the Zuni CRC Council to train and equip church members to share their faith in the Zuni community. Pray for Tim in this new position. If you would like to support Zuni CRC and/or Tim's new position please send gifts payable to Zuni CRC.



Helping Hands

We love helping hands. Elaine Duimstra (Brookfield, Wisconsin) volunteered as a tutor for our students in February and March. Craig Haneke (retired Zuni Public School teacher now from Great Bend, Kansas) "comes home" for a week or two whenever he can. The younger children especially vie for the opportunity to have some one-on-one help. Thank God for many helping hands.

Ready for Action

The building site for the new gym/ministry center is ready. In the next few months, the structure will take shape. Beginning actual construction puts the last leg of our capital campaign into focus. In November, we received a \$250,000 matching gift. So far we have received about half of the \$250,000. Any gifts we receive before the end of April 2015 will be matched dollar for dollar. If you would like to support the final phase of our building project, send gifts payable to ZCMS marked for the matching grant.

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