

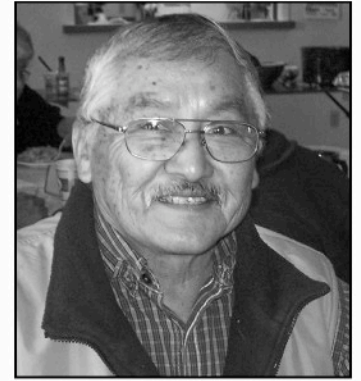
Red Mesa Leadership Network Students Eagerly Growing in Vision, Skills and

Confidence for Christian Ministry

How to Support the Red Mesa Leadership Development Network

- Pray for the Students and their development.
- Watch the Red Mesa Foundation website for profiles of specific students
- Pray for the Classis Leaders who are coordinating the program and leading the discussion sessions.
- Donate to help defray the costs of the program. They may be sent directly to the Red Mesa Foundation using the envelope enclosed in this newsletter. Mark the contributions for the LDN. Right now, support for the upcoming April retreat is needed.
- The LDN would like each student to have a Zondervan NIV Study Bible. If you would like to contribute a Bible that could be used by one of the students, you may mail it directly to Ruth Benally at 2112 East 12th Street, Farmington, NM

About ten students form the core of the Red Mesa Leadership Development Network (RMLDN) this year. The students come from small communities ranging from Tecnospos in northwest Arizona to Ft. Wingate east of Gallup New Mexico. They are meeting monthly, reading and doing assignments and praying about how God may use them in the leadership of the churches in Red Mesa.



James Litson, Four Corners CRC

One of the students is Caleb Dickson from Aztec New Mexico who is a member of the Maranatha Fellowship in Farmington New Mexico. Caleb is interested in finding out where God might lead him as he approaches



Caleb N. Dickson, Maranatha Fellowship CRC

“retirement” from his full-time job. Participating in the Leadership Development Network and soaking up the teaching from Pastors Ray Slim, Stanley Jim, Keith Bulthuis and others is a “doable” step that fits within his current work and family responsibilities. Caleb says, “My hope and prayer is that the RMLDN will train, equip,



Arnold and Martha Frank Maranatha Fellowship CRC

motivate, encourage and enable me with GOD’s blessings in whatever role(s) the LORD GOD leads me to.”



A recent LDN discussion session

James and Darlene

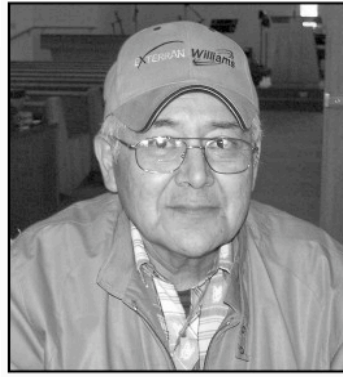


Francis and Leona Nelson, Four Corners CRC

James and Darlene Litson are participants from Four Corners CRC in Tecnospos Arizona. Already active as leaders in their church and as small group ministry leaders for Classis Red Mesa, they have immersed themselves in growing in their walk with Christ. The Red Mesa Leadership Development is an answer to prayer. James says, "Since my conversion 9 years ago, I have been asking where can we have a place to learn about the Bible and Leadership for our churches on the Reservation (CRC Navajo) so we do not have to go to Grand Rapids, MI, Phoenix, AZ, Albuquerque, NM or Flagstaff, AZ. We need one here." But his prayers haven't ended with the beginning of the Network. James says that "I now am asking the Lord to turn RMLDN into a Community College (Bible)."

Students aren't just filling up with head knowledge. Practical assignments encourage them in Christian leadership. One student led her first Bible study in response to one of the assignments. She received a very positive rating from one of the participants who then asked her to lead several more sessions. Forming bonds of Christian fellowship across the many miles of Classis Red Mesa is an important part of the Leadership Development Network.

The Network is currently planning a retreat for the end of April at Hesperus Bible Camp. The goal is for students to experience a focused time for prayer, biblical reflection and fellowship. Several of the students want to include their spouses, reflecting the support that is coming to the participants from their immediate and church families.



Don Edwards, Maranatha Fellowship



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