



*St. Joseph Apache Mission
Restoration Project
Progress Report
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There is much progress to report thanks to the generosity of all of our donors that are making it possible to restore this cherished church and veterans' memorial. Our full time crew of, Tommy Spottedbird (foreman), Arylis Chee and Martin Pizarro have been working with our winter trainees: Nikona Hosetosavit, Lyle Magoosh and Robert Morgan. These trainees are hardworking and fast learners. All three are Tribal members and are grateful to be a part of this important project.

The picture above shows our crew holding signs that proclaim "This Place Matters". You can visit the National Trust for Historic Preservation website at: PreservationNation.org click on This Place Matters then click on Flickr Slideshow and view a slide show of all of the different sites that are participating in "This Place Matters". This is an awareness campaign to bring attention to important preservation projects including ours.

One of the largest accomplishments in the past few months was the completion of the sacristy. This room is located behind and to the right of the sanctuary of the church. The room is used by the clergy and parish staff to prepare for Mass. Even though very few people will have the opportunity to see the room it was an important part of the restoration effort. All of the crew and trainees had a hand in working on the repointing, but Tommy Spottedbird and Martin Pizarro did all of the custom woodwork for the ceiling and doorway. We hired Patrick Enriquez, owner of *PLE Electric* to rewire the electricity allowing us to add additional lighting for the room.

The crew also spent some time working in the upper level of the interior of the bell tower. This was a rather cold endeavor as we have had a late winter that ran into what should have been spring. This has made the crew long for warmer weather and the move to work outside. Some work was accomplished on the center north interior alcove, giving the trainees a chance get some additional training on different techniques and the importance of uniform repointing procedures.

In April the crew, aided by Brother Peter erected scaffolding around the bell tower in order to remove the old tile and prepare the roof for the crew from Brian McPartlon Roofing, LLC to lay down new underlayment and install the new roof tile, gutters and down spouts. We

have had several meetings with Dale Zinn, our historic building preservation architect and Brian McPartlon. This has given us the reassurance that every detail will be handled according to standard preservation specifications. Currently the crew is repointing the three top levels of the north side of the bell tower. This will allow the scaffolding to be removed after the bell tower roof is completed and not hinder the roofers when they start to work on the main roof.

The Roof Project will be completed this fall. We are very grateful to everyone who has helped us to make this happen, especially Katherine D. Ortega, who has been one of our super heroes and contributing a large portion of the funds in order for us to meet our goal in getting the roof completed in 2009. Other grants came from, the Franciscan Ministries Union, Washington Management Corp. and the William R. & Virginia Hayden Foundation.

Every three years the Franciscan Friars of the Province of Saint Barbara gather for a group meeting to elect new leadership and set directions for the coming years. At the meeting this past January new leadership was elected, Brother Peter was asked by the new Provincial Minister to accept the position of "Secretary of the Province." This means that he will be moving to work in Oakland, California. The Restoration Project will continue to move forward as he makes the transition out. St. Joseph Apache Mission Restoration Project will now be comprised of a Leadership Team as follows:

Tommy Spottedbird: Tommy has been with the Restoration Project since the beginning. As the first Restoration Project trainee, Tommy threw himself into this job with his considerable artistic talent and hard-working dedication. It was not long before it was clear that Tommy had excelled his instructors in the art of stone building restoration. Wanting this project to stand as his legacy, Tommy has been the person responsible for ensuring that the work that has been accomplished is not only functional, but beautiful. As Project Foreman for the past five years, Tommy has been running the crew and instructing the trainees. Most importantly, Tommy is determined to see this project through to completion.

Mary Serna: Mary has been the Restoration Administrator for the past eight years. Describing her job as, "doing all the things no one else wants to do" Mary runs the office, does all the accounting work, correspondence, grant writing, much of the purchasing, the newsletter and progress report writing, etc, etc. Mary is dedicated to this project, and like Tommy, determined to see it through to completion.

Harry Vasile: Harry has been involved with the Restoration Project from the very beginning as part of the Restoration Committee, our first Job Foreman and Counselor. Harry has continued to work with our young trainees as a mentor and counselor. Harry has too much experience to list it all but he was the Family Treatment Coordinator and the Drug Elimination Coordinator at the Mescalero Drug and Alcohol Treatment Center. Harry will continue to be very active with our new Leadership Team.

Until a new director is selected these three qualified people will be responsible for the project along with our Pastor, Rev. Paul E. Botenhagen, OFM. Brother Peter shall be retained as a consultant and has assured us that he is only a phone call or email away.

Our newest trainee, Robert Morgan has really been an asset to the project, he is a reliable and hard working young man with a pleasant personality who is committed to live a substance-free life. Robert brought us some excitement last month by getting married. We wish the couple

a lifetime of blessings. Lyle Magoosh has been hired as a returning trainee and is very grateful for this opportunity as he continues to study firefighting; we enjoy his wit and happy nature. We are happy to also have Nikona Hosetosavit back after months recovering from a car accident. Nikona has been working with us for almost three years; he is quiet and calm and helps round out the crew. All of the crew and trainees alike are very grateful for the job skills training, income and mentoring that your support gives to this project.

Since 1998 we have raised \$1,500,060 for the restoration of St. Joseph Apache Mission church and veterans' memorial. Of that amount 49% came from private foundation grants, 8% from non-profit group grants, 25% from individuals, 9% through our stewardship program and the remaining 9% came from fundraising activities along with interest earned. The Stewardship Program of people who donate monthly, our "**Restoration Heroes**" have contributed \$137,578 since that program began in May 2003. Our total expenses to date add up to \$1,396,478. Seventy-one percent of these funds have been used for labor and training expenses. As of April 30, 2009 the balance in the restoration fund was \$121,771 of that amount \$84,995 is restricted for the Roof Project. Income from this reporting period (November 1, 2008 – April 30, 2009) was \$133,656 and expenses were \$156,671. In-Kind value from donations of time and services for this period was \$79,707. In-Kind value from donations of time and services since the project began has been \$1,074,564.

Since 1998 we have received grants or major donations from: the Stockman Family Foundation, Katherine D. Ortega through the Vanguard Charitable Endowment Program, the Frank J. Lewis Foundation, the William R. and Virginia Hayden Foundation, the Robert and Evelyn McKee Foundation, the Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation, the John and Katherine Naudin Foundation, the Burkitt Foundation (through the El Paso Community Foundation), the Rayonier Foundation, the Johnston-Lemon Group, Inc., the Chatlos Foundation, the LEF Foundation, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the L.J. Skaggs and Mary C. Skaggs Foundation, the Daniels Fund, the Greater Houston Community Foundation, the Kerr Foundation, the Native Plant Society Otero Chapter, the Franciscan Friars of the Saint Barbara Province, Saints Simon & Jude Parish in Huntington Beach, CA, St. John Neumann Parish, Lubbock, TX, Cecil Russell, Clarence Brown and the late Virginia Brown, Joseph & Barbara Kelly, Paul & Carmen Brusuelas, Sue Koepp, Jeffrey & Marie Spara, the late Louis Burluson, Barrett & Patty Covington, Felix & Nance Dupuy, the late Michael Pulice, Jesus & Rosario Ontiveros, Angela Jessee, William & Martha Murphy, Justin & Anna-Marie Roach, Richard & Mary Sue Mackey, Colin & Cecile Archibald, Paul & Marie Burgess, Bruce & Helen Klinekole, Michael Sell, and the Estate of Benjamin Vaitus.

We are currently feeling the effects of the downturn in the national economy and we are concerned that this will affect the ability of our donors to be able to continue their generous support of this important project. We have to remind ourselves of Fr. Albert's great answer when up against hardship, "Insignificant!" We have confidence that this worthwhile project will continue and we look forward to ending the project with a big celebration. Please be assured that your investment in this project continues to be put to work prudently.

Thank you for being a part of our restoration team. We can be proud of the craftsmanship that the restoration crew exhibits in their work. We can be proud of the job skills and work ethic being gained by our trainees. Your participation in this project is ensuring that this sacred church and honored veterans' memorial will continue to serve and inspire all who visit or call this place home.