



*St. Joseph Apache Mission
Restoration Project
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Since our last report in May 2009 our main focus has been on the roof project. This has been the largest and most complicated part of the restoration project. The logistics alone was an unbelievable challenge, from ordering material and supplies to arrive on time and reordering them when the wrong items arrived. Arranging rooms for the Brian McPartlon Roofing, LLC crew that came in from Sante Fe, coordinating and reconfiguration of blueprints and what would work with the copper fabrication. All of this necessitated the need for many hours of template making, because as we soon discovered, nothing is square or level and there are no 90° angles on the roof. But in the end we were triumphant. This report will lead you through this journey and give you a glimpse of this endeavor. The picture above shows our crew on top of the finished roof.

May started off with the restoration crew and trainees removing the old roof tiles from part of the main roof and the bell tower. Arylis Chee used a power washer to clean the old tar paper that was there. Next Martin Pizarro with the help of the trainees, patched all of the holes and then replaced water damaged boards, sealed and painted them so they would blend with the old. The rest of the crew continued to work on repointing the upper part of the bell tower while the scaffolding was up above the main roof. This allowed the scaffolding to be removed after the bell tower roof was completed and not hinder the roofers when they started to work on the main roof. While all of this was happening Joe Padilla, a retired fireman and electrician, volunteered his time to wire the new drivers for the bell tower speakers. Our bell system was donated by Richard and Sue Mackey in memory of his mother, Katherine Mackey in 2002. Katherine played the organ for Masses with Fr. Albert in the back of a buckboard as they traveled across the reservation. The bells now have a crisp and clear sound.

The first week in June we rented an aerial boom lift in order to get the new roof tiles up to the main roof to be ready for the crew from Brian McPartlon Roofing, LLC. The roofers arrived Monday morning June 8th. We had a meeting to go over the plan and then everyone got to work. Tommy and Martin joined the roofers and began applying the primer and then adhering the *Grace Ultra and Grace Triflex* underlayment despite the hindrance of gusting winds. By the end of the first week the cooper flashing and gutters were in place and they began cutting and

laying the new tile. Even with Tommy and Martin helping it took the crew almost twice as long to do the job than was expected.

After the completion of the bell tower it was evident that we would not have the needed funds to hire Brian's roofing crew to do the main roof. So after much deliberation we decided to hire three men with tile roofing experience to add to our crew and trainees. We were confident that the work could be accomplished to our high standards and according to standard preservation specifications that are required for historic building restoration.

Tommy and the crew took down the unneeded scaffolding and erected it on the north side of the church. Arylis Chee and Nikona Hosetosavit worked with trainees, Robert Morgan and David Walters repointing the south exterior wall. They also found themselves doing and learning many new things, really pitching in to be a part of the team. They worked hard to remove the rest of the roof tiles from the main roof. By the end of the first week in August the roof had been power washed and new boards sealed and painted. Primer and the underlayment had been applied where Tommy and Martin needed to begin the copper flashing and gutter work.

Because some of the architectural elements did not work we had Dale Zinn come down for another meeting and go up on the roof with us in order to make some adjustments to the designs for the copper flashings. This ended up being tricky work, so Mary Serna ended up making cardboard templates on top of the roof for the cooper roof valley flashing and pans. Additional field bending and soldering had to be done for just the right fit.

In September we hired three men with tile roofing experience, Tobias Montoya, Andres Ramirez and Sam Sosa. Before long everyone had a rhythm going. The progress was exciting to watch. On October 6th we lost Tobias Montoya due to a knee injury that occurred at his home. On October 7th some of the crew started the gutter work on the north side roof. The main roof was almost complete when we were hit by a big snow fall on October 25th leaving the roof unsafe to work on until November 2nd. We are happy to report that the main roof is completed and the choir loft and alcove roofs will be worked on as long as the weather permits.

The Roof Project has gone over the estimated budget of \$187,000 to over \$214,000 so far. 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.

Our newest trainee, is Sam Sosa. Sam is one of the men we hired to work on the roof. He is very interested in the restoration process and agreed to work at a lesser wage as a trainee in order to receive training in an area where he has no experience. Sam is a young father of three and lives here in Mescalero with his wife, Schartelle who is a Tribal member. He is another great asset to the project because of his construction experience. He is a good addition to the team in light of Arylis Chee's decision to leave the project to find work that will be easier on his knee. Robert Morgan is continuing as a trainee. Nikona Hostoesavit, Martin Pizarro Tommy Spottedbird and Mary Serna will make up the rest of the team as David Walters returns to college. The crew and trainees are very grateful for the job skills training, income and mentoring that your support gives to this project.

We are happy to report that our 9th Annual Restoration Raffle was a great success. The total net income from the raffle was \$20,373! Of that amount \$7,889 was extra donations with the tickets. Each year people donate such wonderful prizes that make our raffles a success. This year there were 14 fantastic prizes, plus four prizes for the top ticket sellers. Now the challenge begins, to top this one next year, we already have three prizes donated! We are very thankful for everyone that gets involved with our raffles, from donating prizes to the volunteers who help with the mailing, the people that try to sell the most tickets, and finally to the people who take a chance and buy them.

Since 1998 we have raised \$1,650,216 for the restoration of St. Joseph Apache Mission church and Veterans' Memorial. Of that amount 50% came from private foundation grants, 6% from non-profit group grants, 22% from individuals, 9% through our stewardship program and the remaining 13% came from fundraising activities along with interest earned. The Stewardship Program of people who donate monthly, our "**Restoration Heroes**" have contributed \$143,885 since that program began in May 2003. Our total expenses to date add up to \$1,603,412. Sixty-eight percent of these funds have been used for labor and training expenses. As of October 31, 2009 the balance in the restoration fund was \$60,043 plus we have a final pledge of \$25,000 to use for the Roof Project and general restoration work. Income from this reporting period (May 1 – October 31, 2009) was \$81,923 and expenses were \$144,549. In-Kind value from donations of time and services for this period was \$31,005. In-Kind value from donations of time and services since the project began has been \$1,105,569.

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 Kay & Ray Denkhoff Fund through the Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund, the Franciscan Friars of the Saint Barbara Province, CA, 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 Koeppe, Jeffrey & Marie Spara, the late Louis Burleson, 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.

These economic times have started to effect us. Two foundations that have been huge funders have told us that they will not be able to give out any grants until 2012, if they can become stable by then. One has informed us that they will be changing the focus of their foundation and would not likely be funding us in the future. Our staff and committee members have worked too hard to keep this project going for the past ten years to give up now, so we will persevere. We have to remind ourselves of Fr. Albert's great answer when he came up against hardships, "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 used prudently.