



Native American Operating Committee: **Taking the Fulness of the Gospel to the Native Peoples of the Americas**

A Message from the Quorum of Twelve Apostles

What is the Native American Operating Committee (NAOC)? What is the Goal? What is Success? To understand what the NAOC is about it is good to reflect on the Mission Statement of *The Church of Jesus Christ*:

- *The Church of Jesus Christ will teach the Gospel to all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things commanded by Jesus Christ.*
- ***To draw Israel to Christ through an effort focused on the Native Americans of North and South America.***

The NAOC is a missionary arm of the Quorum of 70 Evangelists that focuses on Native American people.

The goal of the NAOC is to preach and convert Native American people to Jesus Christ. The Book of Mormon tells us this goal very clearly.

Jacob speaking of the latter days says this; *"...God will be merciful unto many; and our children shall be restored, that they may come to that which will give them the true knowledge of their Redeemer."* (2 Nephi 10:2)

Nephi says; *"...then shall the fulness of the gospel of the Messiah come unto the Gentiles, and from the Gentiles unto the remnant of our seed— And at that day shall the remnant of our seed know that they are of the house of Israel, and that they are the covenant people of the Lord; and then shall they know and come to the knowledge of their forefathers, and also to the knowledge of the gospel of their Redeemer, which was ministered unto their fathers by him; wherefore, they shall come to the knowledge of their Redeemer and the very points of his doctrine, that they may know how to come unto him and be saved."* (1 Nephi 15:13 - 14)

Nephi again speaks; *"...For after the book of which I have spoken shall come forth, and be written unto the Gentiles, and sealed up again unto the Lord, there shall be many which shall believe the words which are written; and they shall carry them forth unto the remnant of our seed. And then shall the remnant of our seed know concerning us, how that we*

came out from Jerusalem, and that they are descendants of the Jews. And the gospel of Jesus Christ shall be declared among them; wherefore, they shall be restored unto the knowledge of their fathers, and also to the knowledge of Jesus Christ, which was had among their fathers. And then shall they rejoice;...” (2 Nephi 30:3 - 6)

The Church of Jesus Christ has the ‘everlasting gospel’, as delivered by the angel (Revelation 14:6-7), that is to be given to the House of Israel. There are certainly other gospels, other churches, and other efforts that people have made with the native people of the Americas. However, those gospels and those efforts are not the plan and purpose of God for the restoration of the House of Israel to Jesus Christ. No other gospel will fulfill this purpose of God. Israel will be restored to Jesus Christ – AND, it will be through The Church of Jesus Christ. This Church which has, which believes, which works, which declares the ‘everlasting gospel’, will be the people God uses to restore the House of Israel.

The Church of Jesus Christ began this effort with Native Americans many years ago and the missions of Muncey, San Carlos, Six Nations, Lakeside, Saugeen, Tse Bonito are tangible results. More recently, the NAOC has new and expanding teams that are presenting the ‘everlasting gospel’ in these areas:

- Oklahoma
- Montana
- Alberta, Canada
- North Dakota/Minnesota
- Northern Ontario, Canada
- South Dakota
- Oaxaca, Mexico
- Tarahumara tribe, Chihuahua, Mexico

Recently in Oklahoma, the leader of a prominent tribe commented: “... the message you men bring is getting throughout the state and is being talked about among the native tribal leaders. Even though I’m Baptist, to be a good leader I owe it to my people for them to hear the message. I believe parts of it, but can be convinced on some of the other parts.” (And, this leader is open to more presentations to a larger group of the tribe.)

In Oaxaca, Mexico the Lord is confirming the truth of the ‘everlasting gospel’ with many signs and miracles. A young man who had attended the Church mission received a much needed and hard-to-obtain job. On the first day, he was up in the mountains driving a large dump truck. After being loaded with sand, he noticed one of his tires on the truck was flat and damaged. He was extremely sad as he felt he would certainly lose his job. As he carefully drove the truck with the flat tire down off the mountain, he started singing the hymn – Sing Glory – that he had heard at the Church mission. As he sang, he felt the presence of someone in the cab with him. He asked, “Who is here?” A voice spoke, “I am Jesus Christ.” The young man could not contain his tears and he stopped the truck, falling to his knees. As he looked up, he saw that the flat, damaged tire was perfectly fine and full of air. The next Sunday, he brought two co-workers to the mission to verify and bear witness to this great miracle.

Jesus said: *“For thus it behooveth the Father that it should come forth from the Gentiles, that he may show forth his power unto the Gentiles, for this cause that the Gentiles, if they will not harden their hearts, that they may repent and come unto me and be baptized in my name and know of the true points of my doctrine, that they may be numbered among my people, O house of Israel; And when these things come to pass that thy seed shall begin to know these things—it shall be a sign unto them, that they may know that the work of the Father hath already commenced unto the fulfilling of the covenant which he hath made unto the people who are of the house of Israel. And when that day shall come, it shall come to pass that kings shall shut their mouths; for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider. For in that day, for my sake shall the Father work a work, which shall be a great and a marvelous work among them; ...”* (3 Nephi 21:6 - 9)

God will use The Church of Jesus Christ - the NAOC – every member of The Church – to fulfill His plan. This is our work and our Success is fulfilling the words of Christ – which is the purpose of God in our day. Let us be faithful, diligent, and successful in this work.

In the Love of God,

The Quorum of Twelve Apostles

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