



Lennox Letters: Reports from the Field

Summer Edition 2026

Dear Friends,

Greetings in the name of our Great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. The Lord is sustaining us as we seek to advance His kingdom throughout Native America. We are thankful He allows us to participate in the Great Commission in this field of fields.

Just like last year, this year is full of travel. Lord willing we will have a break in August. Most of our miles take us to supporting churches, conferences, including the PCA denomination's General Assembly in Louisville, KY. Along the way, we make other stops visiting ministry partners.

Rejoice with Us!

By the time you read this, we should have welcomed our new granddaughter, Ariyah, into the world. Our son, Uriah, and his wife, Ashley, have their first addition to their family. Please pray for this young family.

Big Update

Occom Institute

This year we plan to officially open the virtual doors to Occom Institute – a distance education certificate program. Our core curriculum will be from Thirdmill.org. We plan to build on that core with other classes. The website will be www.occominstitute.org (Currently under construction). We have a number of instructors ready to work with students. There are three notable men I would like to highlight. First is a good friend, Robert Rothwell. Robert is the academic dean of Occom Institute. If you have been reading *Tabletalk Magazine* for the last few decades, you have been reading his daily studies through the Bible. He is now serving full-time as an assistant pastor of New Hope Prebtyrian Church, in Eustis, FL. Currently he is helping us get all our internal policies, procedures, etc, in order to put wheels on this project. Second, our dean of students will be Pastor Billy Tallas. Billy is a board member of Occom Ministries. He serves among his people on the Navajo Reservation in Many Farms, AZ at Many Farms Bible Church. And thirdly, on our advisory board is Pastor Elijah Walls (pictured below) serving at Hilltop Baptist Church among the Lakota in Lower Brule, SD. Elijah is Chickasaw from Oklahoma. Elijah has also taught at Indigenous Bible College in Flagstaff, AZ. We were blessed to meet him during one of our trips a few years ago. Once we get all these final things in place, we can start recruiting. Please pray for Occom Institute.



Pastor Billy Tallas, his wife, Brianna, and the boys

Reports from the Field

We continually communicate with our ministry partners on the ground. One recent call was both encouraging and heartbreaking. The encouraging part was that our friend from Blackfeet has been experiencing great blessing from the Lord where his ministering. The heartbreaking part was that he reiterated what we already knew: there simply are not only not enough pastors in Native America to shepherd the churches that already exist, not only are most not Reformed, but there are also not enough qualified Christian Native men to become pastors who meet the qualifications of 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1. Any church-planting efforts need to contend with this reality if we are to going see more Native churches planted throughout Native America.



Pastor Chris Little, Patrick, and Pastor Elijah Walls

Another conversation was with a Cherokee/Seminole pastor serving among the Lakota. I (Patrick) called Pastor Chris to get a report from the field and to encourage him. Fortunately, his wife, Kylee, was there so all four of us (Regina included) had a great time on the phone catching up with what the Lord is doing. During our conversation, I was reiterating our ministry's goal of encouraging and equipping Native pastors serving in these really difficult places. Chris said, "That's it. You get it." He told us how he appreciates our calls, regular weekly texts with Bible verses. Pastors like Chris, Elijah, Billy, and so many others need regular encouragement to keep going and serving where the Lord has placed them.

Our visit with them in summer 2024 was eye-opening. One of the highlights of the trip was meeting Elijah. We already knew Chris from our Native Pastors Gatherings. Trips like this allow us to expand our reach and meet other pastors and ministry partners like Elijah.

Reports Back Home

The Lord has graciously sent us a volunteer to help us in the office. Robin has been a friend of the ministry for years. She is helping with the many projects that are stacking up here in the office. More than helping with projects, she is a great encourager, sounding board, and problem solver. We are thankful to the Lord for her help.

Also, regarding our RV, we had a wonderful offer from a friend to help us address the many needs with our RV. He is a handyman and certified electrical engineer. We have a list of nearly twenty things, including serious electrical work. We've already started. On top of that, we were given an generous gift from someone we did not know to bring our RV up to snuff. We can't wait to show you the improvements. More than that, we are excited to see where the Lord will take us.

Pray without Ceasing

1. Pray for our full support before 2027 (or anytime earlier). See below for details.
2. Traveling mercies on ther road. We see serious accidents every trip.
3. Grand opening of Occom Institute by Fall 2026
4. More laborers to help scale up Occom Ministries
5. Completion of RV projects by September
6. Pray for a good report from Patrick's cardiologist in August.
7. Pray for our ministry partners on the ground mentioned above.

Our Need

We are continuing to raise support to be able to sustain both of us. We have never met the standard with on-going monthly support, but every now and then, gifts out of seemingly nowhere come in to fill some of the gap. We are in the unique position that we are stateside, which allows us to serve while we raise our funds. This year we made the hard decision to not travel to the various reservations as we had been doing the last few years. We are basically grounded until we get our support. *With one possible exception to this, while we are North Dakota visiting our son and his family, we would like to at least visit some Native pastors while we are in the region, so technically during our vacation time.*

The Need: We need to raise our support by \$6,000 per month. We need to build a savings for the lean times, and we need to have enough to draw from every month to continue our ministry. Our account is extremely low. Please prayerfully consider giving a special gift as the Lord enables.

If you are already partnering with us, thank you. Your faithfulness means everything.

If you are not yet a giving partner, please consider joining our team. Regular and faithful monthly or annual giving is what we can bank on freeing us to move forward with our mission.

Feel free to call us with any questions about salaries, administrative and ministry costs. We welcome the questions.

There is so much work to be done in Native America. The best years are ahead of us. Help us encourage and equip Native pastors, as well as raise up new pastors to serve in Native communities. Let's see what the Lord will do through us this coming year.

Blessings to you.

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Important Note: As many of you are aware, we are MTW missionaries serving on loan to Occom Ministries. Yes, it sounds a bit strange to say we are “on loan” to a ministry we started, but the reality is, Occom Ministries does not belong to us. It is a separate 501(c)3 non-profit organization with its own board. We receive no compensation for our service to Occom. All support given to Occom is for the ministry and the projects we initiate (see back page). Any support for us goes to MTW.



Occom Ministries is a three-fold ministry dedicated to building the church among the indigenous peoples of North America. The Lord of the Harvest instructed us to pray for workers for the harvest. We could (and should) raise up more non-Native missionaries to go to the 1,200 tribes in North America, but we also recognize the Native workers who are already serving in their communities. We strive to encourage and equip them as they serve in the field the Lord has planted them. We also want to identify potential Native leaders. Additionally, we want to help those Native disciples who may not feel called to the pastorate to discern the Lord's will for their lives, to discover the richness of God's Word, and to be more engaged and equipped to fulfill the Great Commission in their local church and community.

Current Need

Right now, we need \$13,352.62 to meet this year's budget. It is a humble budget that meets the needs for this year. But we need to scale up this ministry to reach its full potential of all three ministries working in tandem. Our priority this year is to open Occom Institute by Fall 2026. There are start up administrative costs. We already have the core curriculum (Thirdmill.org). We have our founding staff. We already are a 501(c)3. We are almost there.

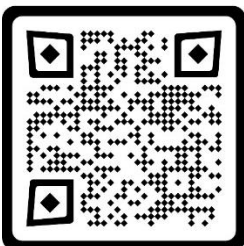
We are also raising support for our [Occom Discovery Center](#), which will serve as our headquarters, and discipleship, study, and retreat center. We have had multiple offers for land, but we are still waiting on the Lord for something that meets our criteria.

Will you join us in this important work? Although our vision is quite "doable" from an earthly perspective, we know that "unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain" (Psalm 127:1). The Lord owns the cattle on a thousand hills, and he owns the hills, too. We are asking you to pray and ask the Lord if he wants you to be a part of this ministry at this critical and foundational level. Whatever you give, please give sacrificially, cheerfully, and unto the Lord.

Any questions? Let's talk. We would love an opportunity to share our vision with you in greater detail.

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