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## La Vida Mission School is Ready to Welcome Students

The month of August signals that it is time to come back to school for most students. For some, it is the time to make a quick decision on which school to go to. In that case, we've been encouraging our former students to let La Vida Mission School be their choice as we are here to serve them. La Vida Mission School is prepared and ready to welcome returning and new students. We have been praying this whole summer vacation that the Lord will



send the students who our school can bless and lead to Jesus.

Right now, LVMS is open to receive applications for K-8, and students for Core Plus Enhanced Education Program. Student registration and orientation will be on August 13, 2024 and the first day of class instruction is August 14, 2024.

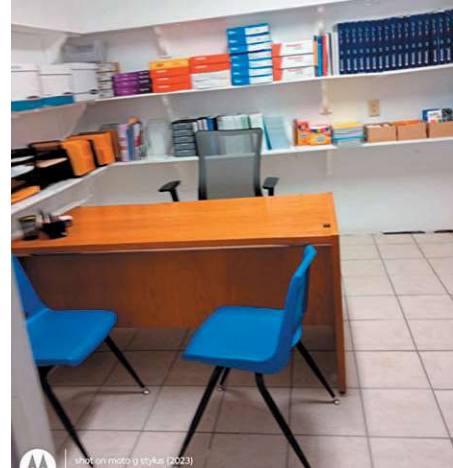
As usual, we require the following for admission to our school: Accomplished enrollment application form, certificate of Indian blood (Census Number), birth certificate, Social Security number, immunization records, health insurance card and withdrawal form/last report card from previous school. And they can always call us if they have further inquiries.

We have been busy at work cleaning and arranging the school rooms to offer a pleasant and peaceful atmosphere, conducive to learning. It has been a busy summer and we are looking forward to reuniting with former students and meeting whatever new children have been sent here by God.



Please join us in prayer for the children that will come to our school and for all the teachers and staff who will serve our children, and that this coming school year will be a wonderful experience of knowing and growing with Jesus for everyone.

by Cielo Domino



### Positions Available:

As I am sure you know, positions here are volunteer missionary positions and vary from year to year. Some of our staff stay for many years and others are able to stay with us for shorter periods of time. We depend on God to lead people to come and join us in our efforts to reach our community for Jesus.

Do you hear God's voice calling you to missionary service? Email our Director, Ms. Kim for more information, job descriptions, etc. at [kim@lavidamission.org](mailto:kim@lavidamission.org)

Currently our openings are:

- Maintenance Manager
- Bookkeeper

In addition to our regular duties, there are opportunities for outreach and service. Your talents and abilities can be used to further the Lord's work in this area. You will be a blessing to others and receive a blessing as well.



## From the Director's Desk:

Warm Greetings to Each of You,

We are in high gear preparing for the new school year which starts August 14, as well as the 2024 International Pathfinders Camporee slated for August 5-11 in Gillette, Wyoming. The Camporee is a huge event drawing over 55,000 people from across the globe. This year's Camporee theme is "Believe the Promise" ([www.camporee.org](http://www.camporee.org)). La Vida participants are busy preparing for the 14-hour drive and 7-day campout. Please pray for their safe travels, and for our students and chaperones alike to receive refreshing and blessings during this amazing time of fellowship, Pathfinder activities and corporate worship.

I had the privilege of meeting the newly appointed Radio Manager for Dine' Adventist Radio (DAR), Steve Pester (Arizona Conference), who took time out to accompany Crownpoint Pastor, Tobin Savage, to attend LVM's Crownpoint Church service on July 20. Mr. Pester is planning to visit La Vida Mission very soon to hold a town meeting here on campus to solicit the input of the local Navajo community regarding DAR's outreach efforts. As one of DAR's contributing production studios, La Vida is looking forward to continued participation as part of this important and growing radio ministry. Request for Bible studies and prayer come in from DAR listeners every week, and the goal is to provide 24/7 programming throughout the Navajo Nation, starting with flagship station, KDHP 91.9 FM, on November 1, 2024. Other stations in the wings, including Shiprock and Farmington, are working to follow suit in order to get God's last-day message out far and wide to the Navajo people. For More Information: <https://atoday.org/adventist-radio-network-expands-reach-across-navajo-nation/>

In closing, I want to convey huge thanks to LVM Board members Karl Schwinn and Lee McIntosh who have given a great deal of their time to help us with our water system over the spring and summer. Both have served the Mission in various capacities over the years, including the Director's seat. Karl, who grew up here on the Mission from the 8th grade on, knows every inch of the pipelines, grounds and facilities here and is a walking, talking encyclopedia of knowledge and LVM history. He is also the Master of fixing just about anything! Living six hours away from La Vida Mission, he has come to the rescue countless times over the summer both in person and by phone. No matter if he was busy at Camp Meeting, riding high at Cowboy camp, or running errands, in spite of his busy schedule,

he is always just a phone call away when we need his guidance from afar. Thank you, Karl!

And Ms. Lee, who spent several weeks with us over the Spring to help us prepare for our tri-annual Sanitary Survey, has come back to help us again in our hour of need. She arrived on July 20, and her presence has been a great comfort and help to us as we find ourselves a bit short-handed staff-wise, and as Ms. Dorie continues to recover from a concussion suffered in early June. Ms. Lee has been the vigilant overseer of the water tank project as well as all of the compliance requirements involved with our community water system. In addition to the water system, she is helping us with Maintenance oversight for a few weeks while on site, and she is a wealth of experience and knowledge in other areas, as well. Her support is greatly appreciated by me and all of us here at La Vida Mission. Thank you, Ms. Lee!

Please keep Ms. Dorie in prayer for her complete recovery. She is such a blessing to the Mission even in the midst of her trial, and we hate for her to be going through this. Even so, we trust that the Lord will continue to protect her and heal her, especially as we all join in prayers of intercession on her behalf. Please also pray for the work here at La Vida Mission, the Dine' Adventist Radio ministry and listeners, and the Navajo Nation. Your continued prayers and contributions are always greatly appreciated.

Peace, Love & Blessings to All,

Kim

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose" Romans 8:28

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## Current Financial Needs and Prayer Requests

**Financial Needs:** Please consider a donation of any size as the Lord impresses.

**Tractor (\$40,000):** Our prior tractor broke down and a rugged tractor is critical to maintaining the 2.5 mile dirt road to campus as well as the on-campus dirt roads. Heavy rains/flash floods carve gulleys, like small rivers, across the roadways and down the hills and wash out the roads and create areas of deep mud and quicksand-like conditions. Staff and community members get stuck and/or stranded. We have an offer to purchase a brand new 2022 or 2023 tractor, 65 HP, 4WD, Model 2606H Massey-Ferguson tractor. This tractor is completely compatible with the accessories from our old tractor, which is an ideal situation.

**Operations Expense:** Due to low donations this summer, we are having to dip into our reserves to cover normal expenses. Any additional donations will be greatly appreciated.



# LVM Water Project Report for July 2024

Hello Brothers and Sisters

Today finds me here at La Vida Mission. I am grateful for all the staff here who are helping me organize maintenance files.

The new water storage tank has been chlorinated by D & R Tank of Albuquerque, NM and then filled to the top of its 18,000 gallon storage capacity. At this point we are waiting for water samples to be taken before we switch from the old tank to the new one. I am impressed by all the safety features on the new tank such as the ladder to the top of the tank that requires a safety harness and the addition of an overflow pipe that runs underground to a channel that sends the overflow to our small park area. As soon as all water samples are cleared, we will switch to the new tank.

Thank you all for your prayers and your generous donations. We are still working to meet regulations about the Community Hydrant but expect that will be corrected by 1 September 2024.

We received the Sanitary Survey Report back from the NM Environment Department following the inspection in May. There were 2 minor deficiencies noted and both have been corrected thanks to the maintenance staff.



The Water Project Fund stands as follows:

Total Donations:	\$211,629.82
Expenses:	\$195,212.07
Balance:	\$16,417.75

Again, we are most grateful to each of you!  
May God bless you richly!  
Lee McIntosh



## Bulletin Board

### Special Thanks to:

- Our Heavenly Father for providing our needs.
- Faithful donors who support LVM with prayers, financial and other donations (including Box Tops for Education).
- Student sponsors for their many contributions, prayers, letters and Christmas gifts.
- Echo Food bank, Farmington, NM for produce and other food items.
- Neal Kelley & Sharing Ministry for donations of food and hygiene supplies..
- Linda Johnson, C & R Farms, for 2 boxes of delicious peaches.
- Many, many donors who have prayed and donated funds to make this water project a reality. It has been a long road but you have encouraged us when it looked bleak and strengthened us when it was hard. This water tank supplies not only our staff and school but also our community. The well is a blessing from God here in this very dry land and we share it freely with those who need it. Because of your generosity, we can continue to share and we thank God for each of you as well as for His blessings.

## In Memory of

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| George & Margaret Armstrong | by Lanny & Barbara Davis       |
| Bern Bless                  | by Simon Elloway               |
| Carolyn Engeberg            | by Jan Aalborg                 |
| Wayne Hyatt                 | by Lynette Hyatt               |
| Bob & Mary Lee              | by Lynette Hyatt               |
| Albert Lind                 | by Margaret Lind               |
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| Judy Preston                | by Phil & Audine Dieter        |
| Norbert Sammer              | by David & Maxine Smith        |
| Emily Smith                 | by Douglas & Melody S. Wheeler |
| Emily Smith                 | by Ramona McCurdy              |
| Kenneth Smith               | by Lola Smith                  |
| Beverly Wilson              | by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Wood        |

## In Honor of

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| Wisa Bane   | by Jackie Small |
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Thank you to all of the donors who make a difference at La Vida!

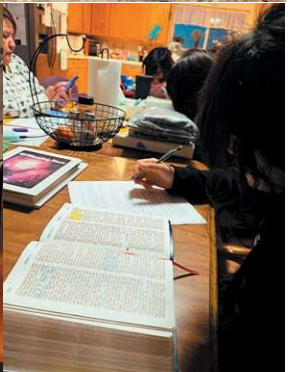


# It is More Than A School

Our school is important, no doubt about that. Our students need to learn the fundamentals and various skills they will need to thrive in this world. But they also learn about God and how much He loves them. Not just because we tell them, but because we do our best to show them. The fact that we care about them helps them to understand that God cares about them too.

We have Bible study, we celebrate their birthdays, we rejoice when they do well at their studies, we help them when they struggle. The dorm parents fix heathy breakfasts and snacks, help with homework and teach them how to do their chores. They have work to do and they have time for fun and games. Pathfinders meetings teach valuable skills and responsibilities. It is more than a school to our students and more than a school to our staff who serve here.

Please pray for our students, for our staff, for our outreach, for our church and for our community. The only way we can succeed is with His help and guidance and we depend on Him and on your prayers. You are a vital part of this mission, your prayers make a difference. As you read our newsletter, please take a moment to pray. Many of you cannot move here to be part of the on-campus staff but you can pray and as you do so, you become part of God's mission. Do not think that there is nothing you can do, God will answer your prayers and His work will go forward until the day of His return.



## A Belated Thank You

About 4 years ago before the onset of the COVID pandemic, I sent an appeal out for encyclopedias.

I got a response from a friend who lived at the end of my street in Dallas, Texas and was a fellow student from elementary school through high school.

I'm ashamed to say that, although my students wrote some beautiful letters, I never sent them. Yesterday, as I was sorting through all of the things that teachers collect, I found a letter from Jerome to my friend.

Apparently, each child chose a different volume of the World Book Encyclopedia . After looking through it and learning something, they wrote about it in a thank you letter to my friend.

Jerome was only in second grade when he wrote this, so you will forgive his errors of form and grammar.

He was an unforgettable student who often said he would not do whatever the assignment was. I learned to say, "Just do it anyway".

And he did!

Claire James

