

# NAVAJO WAVES

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*The Gallup SDA Church property in western New Mexico has been chosen as the future site of the Media Evangelism Center for the Native/First Nation Tribes of North America where training in use of all media platforms will be provided. The site, with the addition of an adjacent building, will also be headquarters for the Navajo Radio Network.*

## Navajo Radio Network Enters Construction Phase

With construction permits granted by the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) for radio stations that will reach most of the Navajo Nation, planners are now ready to enter the construction phase of the Navajo Radio Project. A building committee has been appointed to search for a project manager who will oversee the construction of the radio tower sites and prepare each station for their first day of broadcast.

At each site a tower will have an antenna attached that will be fed by coaxial cable from a transmitter in a small building at the tower base. Initially two towns, Pinon and Kaibito, will be the cities of license for the Diné Adventist Radio Network. It is expected to take at least 18 months to establish those two

stations, each at an estimated cost of \$45,000. An application for a possible third station to be located in the Gallup, New Mexico, area is yet to be determined by the FCC.

### NETWORK HEADQUARTERS TO BE AT GALLUP

A decision has been made to locate the Navajo Radio Network on-air studios on land at the Gallup SDA Church, near the Navajo Nation boundary. It will be part of a Media Evangelism Center sponsored by Adventist World Radio (AWR) in cooperation with the North American Division of the Adventist Church.

AWR's goal is that the Evangelism Center will serve the 700+ Native American/First Nation tribes in the United States

and Canada as a center where tribal church members can be trained in the use of media for evangelism among their people. At an estimated cost of two million dollars, a 7500 square foot building will house training rooms, on-air and radio production studios, administrative offices and a small clinic component that will plan weekend on-site clinics around the Navajo Nation.

The North American Division has formed an Advisory Committee for the project and administrators from the Texico Conference are advising on establishment of this important advance for Native Ministries in North America.

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### PATHWAYS TO HEALTH ENVISIONED FOR NAVAJO NATION

While planning for the radio station continues, AWR's Pathway to Health leaders are involved in planning weekend health clinics and seminars around the Navajo Nation. A mobile unit may be outfitted to contain a physician's office with examining room and medical supply room. To contribute to the Navajo Radio project: The Treasurer, Arizona Conference, 13405 North Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85254.

