



Our Mission: To bring people to Jesus Christ through the Visual Storytelling Medium of Comics

YOU can change their stories!



When a **Native American** person considers committing suicide, the window to intervene before they act is, on average, only 20 minutes (versus 24 hours for the general US population). So our partners – **Western Indian Ministries (WIM)** and **Christ for Native Youth (CfNY)** – need effective literature to reach them **before** they make that decision. Thanks to **YOU**, we have completed the evangelistic tract, **Angry Son** (left), relating the personal testimony of Navajo Christian leader **Pastor Milt Shirleson**, who is also the Director of Community Outreach for WIM / CfNY. Finished illustration on the tract is by Native American artist **LaTalia Peterson** (right), who is already hard at work on a second tract! **Thank you, Lord Jesus!**



YOU helped train a trainer!



In August, we had what we've been calling **our first "graduating class"**: A 5-day seminar in **Congo Kinshasa** held without me! Due to unresolved visa problems, I missed my first seminar in the 20-year history of COMIX35. Two other African teachers did not receive their visas in time either. Thankfully, **Benjamin Kouadio** (on far right in photo), who taught with me in Cameroon and Ivory Coast, stepped up boldly to carry on in my absence, using the training materials I had prepared, assisted by a local comics creator. The seminar had 20 participants and was hosted by **Publications pour la Jeunesse Africaine (PJA)**, our partner at both our previous African trainings. While I was definitely bummed about not being able to be there personally, I was also excited and encouraged to see that we now have a trained trainer who is ready and able to tackle this ministry work in Africa. **I felt like a proud dad!**

The Year 2016 in Review

April - Spoke at Biola University in La Mirada, CA, on the international Christian Comics Collection donated to Biola Library by COMIX35

May - Conducted a COMIX35 Seminar in Mexico City

June - Traveled to Montréal, QC, for the first-ever area Christian Book Fair and to plan for 2017 seminar

July - Attended the Call2All Missions Conference in Seoul, Korea

July - Held a COMIX35 seminar in Congo Kinshasa, Africa

August - Participated in an event for female inmates in Gatesville, TX

October - Led a seminar for male inmates in Richmond, TX

December - Completed our first tract for Native Americans

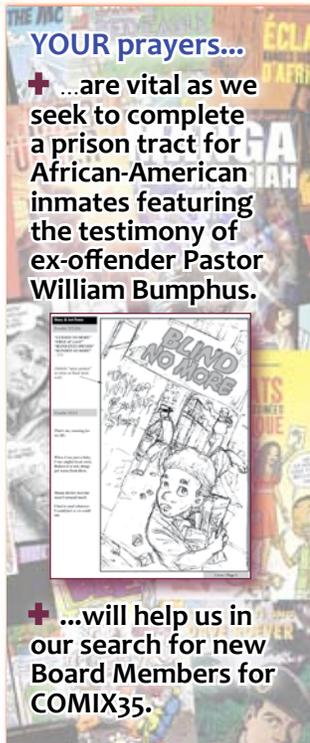
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YOUR prayers...

+ ...are vital as we seek to complete a prison tract for African-American inmates featuring the testimony of ex-offender Pastor William Bumphus.



+ ...will help us in our search for new Board Members for COMIX35.

YOU got us into prisons!

We held our first Houston-area comics seminar for 25 men at the Carol S. Vance Unit in Richmond, TX, assisted by Chandra Adams, the Executive Director of **Coalition of Prison Evangelists (COPE)**. This event was arranged in partnership with **Prison Fellowship's Innerchange Freedom Initiative (IFI)**. An IFI Program Counselor would like me to come back regularly in 2017 to work with the men.

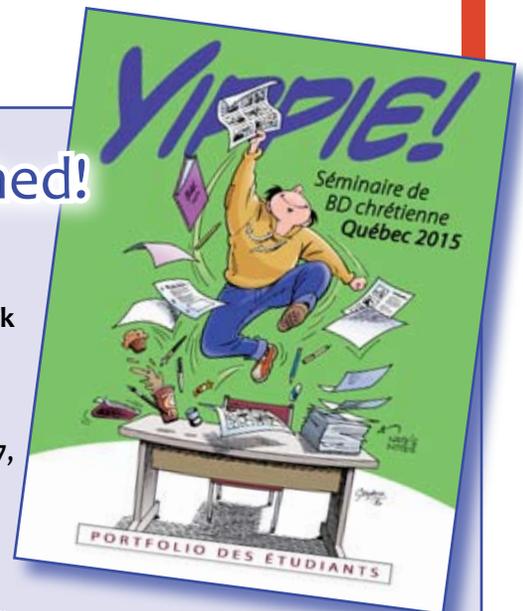


Also, I completed my **Texas Prison Volunteer Training & Orientation** and participated in a "Called to Change" event with Chandra Adams at the Mt. View women's unit in Gatesville, TX, near Waco, drawing for inmates while writing down their reactions to the classroom material.

The Lord is So Good!

YOU are helping reach the unreached!

In partnership with **White Comics, Bon Samaritain/Editions Samy** and **Les Imprimés Shefford**, we helped produce a 40-page, black-and-white comics anthology (that the locals entitled *Yippee!*) with **student artwork and stories** from our December 2015 Seminar/Workshop in Montréal. The book made its debut at le Salon du Livre Chrétien, the area's first-ever Christian Book Fair this past June. Our Canadian partners and I all attended this event to begin planning for **our next seminar in June 2017**, Lord willing. We have helped build a local coordinating and teaching team to carry most of the load for this upcoming seminar.



As I have written before, the comics-loving Québécois people literally kicked God out of their culture in the '60s and now have the lowest rate of church attendance in North America; the highest percentages for divorce, abortion, couples living together outside marriage, and out-of-wedlock births in Canada; and Canada's highest suicide rate – reportedly one of the highest suicide rates in the entire industrialized world. **The Québécois have been called "the most unreached people group in North America."**

YOU inspired students in Mexico!

We held a 3-day Comics Seminar/Workshop in Mexico City, in partnership with **MILAMEX** (Latin American Mission of Mexico), who hosted our previous seminars there in 2001, 2003, 2005, and 2010. We had twelve students in attendance, and the four instructors who taught with me were all **young Mexican cartoonists, illustrators, and/or animators**. As we have done in Africa and Québec, we are working to help them produce a book of their class stories and artwork.

¡ Gracias por todo, Señor Jesucristo !

