

Born in Woodriver Illinois spending most of her life in Louisiana. Lazelle Powell, mother of seven children, 14 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren still wonders how she ended up spending over 28 years living among the Navajo Indians in Lybrook, New Mexico! When she was 11 years old she received Jesus as her Savior. She was in her twenties when Jesus became Lord of her life. She was baptized in the Holy Spirit and fell madly in love with JESUS.. Her husband did not like the change and the family thought she had lost her mind. She borrowed her mother in-law's Bible and carried it with her everywhere she went. She read it day and night, not understanding it, but knowing she had to read and learn His word.

When she told Ray, her husband, she was going to be water baptized He locked all the doors (while she was gone) she came home with her three children the oldest was four, they crawled in a window. For a few weeks she lived on one side of the house and her husband on the other. Finally he realized she was not going to give up

her new life. He came home from work one day with a big family Bible. She knew this was his way of saying ok you can have your God. He told her she could go to church, but she could not go to a Pentecostal church. Lazelle chose a little Baptist Church close to home and thanks the Lord constantly for that Pastor and his knowledge and teaching of The Word to her and her family.

Lazelle had been given a copy of *the CFNI Voice of Healing* magazine shortly after being filled with the Holy Spirit. She often felt as though Gordon Lindsay was her personal tutor and could hardly wait for the monthly magazine to arrive. She read every new book offered through the magazine. One of the highlights of her life was the opportunity of attending a summer seminar at Christ for All Nation's in Dallas, Texas, the year before brother Lindsay died. Although she cried the entire week, the tears were ones of joy at being included in so much worship and praise. The closeness she felt with God that week left her insatiable.

The greatest joy in Lazelle's life is her seven children. They are her pride and joy. They have all received Jesus as their Savior and most serve him faithfully in their church and lives.

Following her husband's death in 1977, Lazelle wanted to return to CFNI. She became a student in 1979 and graduated in 1981. Not quite ready to leave, she took a job in the bookstore, as well as serving as a counselor. She was able to go on mission trips to Israel, Jamaica and Lebanon during her time at CFNI. Her vision for the nations grew with each experience. Lazelle's husband had often told her, ' I know what you will do if anything ever happens to me, you will be a missionary.'

Wondering where God would desire to use her, Lazelle decided to obey whatever call she received. It wasn't long till she found herself miraculously ministering to the Navajo Indians in New Mexico. What had been an opportunity,

turned into a calling, soon she and several others had organized a ministry called His Kingdom Extended and set out to New Mexico to become missionaries. One of the ladies who contributed most of the money that kept the ministry going was killed in a automobile accident. One by one all the others were called into different directions or ministries. Lazelle knew she could not leave. The Navajo called her “the crazy white woman” because she stayed. Her main support was one church and her widow’s pension. In 1991 His Kingdom Extended was dissolved and Lazelle organized Christ For All Nations. If you go and visit you will be amazed at what has become of those small beginnings. Miracle after Miracle began to happen.

In the harsh beauty of the southwestern American wilderness a Campus has

been built —building by building— and dedicated to the glory of God. Her vision of making God known has been caught and further developed by many other wonderful Saints of God who came along side Lazelle to serve for a season equipping leaders among the Navajo. In many respects it is a daunting job to maintain a consistent demonstration of servant hood and Christian love in the face of such extreme poverty, rampant alcoholism and strict unyielding native beliefs and traditions.

Lazelle says to God be all the glory. Nothing is impossible with Him.