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Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep...

It was alive with action when IMNA pulled into the Evergreen community on the Pine Ridge Reservation of South Dakota. Thanks to a generous donation of nearly 300 mattresses by Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee and the transportation of Moore Freight Services of Knoxville, Tennessee, we were able to distribute much needed mattresses to the community. They were given out on a first come, first serve basis and we saw

people coming by car, van, truck or on foot to claim their mattresses. This is the second year that these organizations have partnered together to deliver mattresses to the reservations.

Last year mattresses were delivered for the sleeping quarters at the Dream Center on Pine Ridge. The Dream Center is a ministry of Wings as Eagles Ministries. IMNA also delivered mattresses to the Southwest Indian Ministries youth camp facility and the First American Dream

Center in Manuelito, New Mexico. We express our sincere gratitude and on behalf of all our Native American brothers and sisters, IMNA says "Thank You" to our partners at Vanderbilt University and Moore Freight Services. May God's favor be upon you.



Rodney LaVallie

God continues to open new doors and make ways for new opportunities for Indian Ministries of North America, Inc. Rodney LaVallie recently moved his family from Minnesota to Cleveland, TN to become more actively involved with the ministry. LaVallie was raised on the Turtle Mountain Reservation in North Dakota. He has served as a pastor for the last 17 years and was recently elected to serve as a member of the Board of Directors for IMNA. He brings a fresh new vision to the ministry and will be serving as an evangelist and also assisting with mentoring and training the Native teens and young adults. His heart's desire is to see a generation of new leaders chasing after God and revealing Christ's love and hope to a people who need to be RESTORED!



Teaching and training was the primary focus of the 2011 Release team. Leadership wanted to spend a lot of our time pouring into the lives of the young people on the team. Through much prayer, God promised to reveal himself in ways that the young people had never experienced. They moved into the trip with an expectant attitude, knowing that God would stay true to His word. What transpired in the lives of the 8 teens and young adults was truly remarkable. Just as the Bible states, "Signs and wonders will follow..."

The first ministry stop for the team was the Lake Traverse Reservation in Sisseton, South Dakota. During our first morning devotion and worship time, Johnny Hughes called forth two ladies for prayer. They needed a physical healing in their body and the Release team was ready to see God move. As the team prayed, one lady, who days earlier had been in a wheelchair, stood up and removed a leg brace and began to walk, jump and dance around. The next lady, who had recently undergone back surgery, was limited in her mobility and still suffering from intense pain. The team prayed, and in her own words, "It felt like hot oil pouring down my spine. From my neck to my lower back." Hughes then asked, "What could you not do before we prayed?" She answered, "Touch my toes." She then bent over and touched the floor with no pain and no hesitation.

God truly revealed himself in a mighty way to the team this year. Over 6 miracle healings, several saved and restored, and in the lives of team members, a revelation of God they had never experienced. "I have read about these things in the Bible, I have seen them on television, but now I can say I have seen them with my own eyes," stated one of the team members. It was truly an awesome experience and now some of the team members are pursuing their call to ministry in college. Thank you God and thanks to all who financially sowed into this summer and held us up in prayer. **It was an eternal investment!**



The Mission: Teach, Train

Words of an Elder

“I broke off from my old religion. A medicine man told me, ‘You broke off from here, you are going to get killed.’ I thought to myself, if that is the way religion is, then get out of here. I found the truth, the Creator, the God of heaven, and there is eternal life He promised through his Son. If you remember, in the Garden of Eden they heard a voice and they hid themselves. That voice is the One that came in the flesh, the Word. He came in the flesh of a human, He was God, the Son of God, but He is God. He is God. God and the Son are one. They both are the same. Jesus came in the flesh of a human. If he came in the flesh of an eagle or maybe a buffalo or something, maybe it would be alright to worship a buffalo or an eagle. He didn’t come that way, he came in the form of a man so that you and I could live. So much I learned by studying the word of God. I was completely a lost person. I thought the religion I lived under, that I was raised under, was the truth, but it isn’t. It isn’t. They can say anything or do anything to me as far as I’m concerned, but that’s alright as long I have Christ the Lord. If I have faith in Him, someday I live in Him, someday I see Him. With me, I am glad I found the Truth, and I am going to wait for Him. Even if I do die remember, it says, ‘The dead in Christ shall rise first.’ That’s a good friend you see.

RELEASE TEAM 2011

Members of the 2011 Release team take a break in front of the Crazy Horse Memorial in the Badlands of South Dakota. The team also visited Mt. Rushmore before embarking on their mission excursions across the Midwest and West.

Front row, left to right: Shanel Tsosie, Brianna Jacobs and Uriah Thomas.

Back row, left to right: Keshawna Logan, Lindsey Slaughter, Nic LaVallie, Bridgitt Johnson, and Roman Thomas.

Leaders not pictured: Johnny Hughes, Shawn Richardson, Doug and Laura Payne.



and Release Covenant Warriors into the footprints of Christ

God Calls Out

TAKE UP THE MANTLE

Praise God!

By: Rodney LaVallie

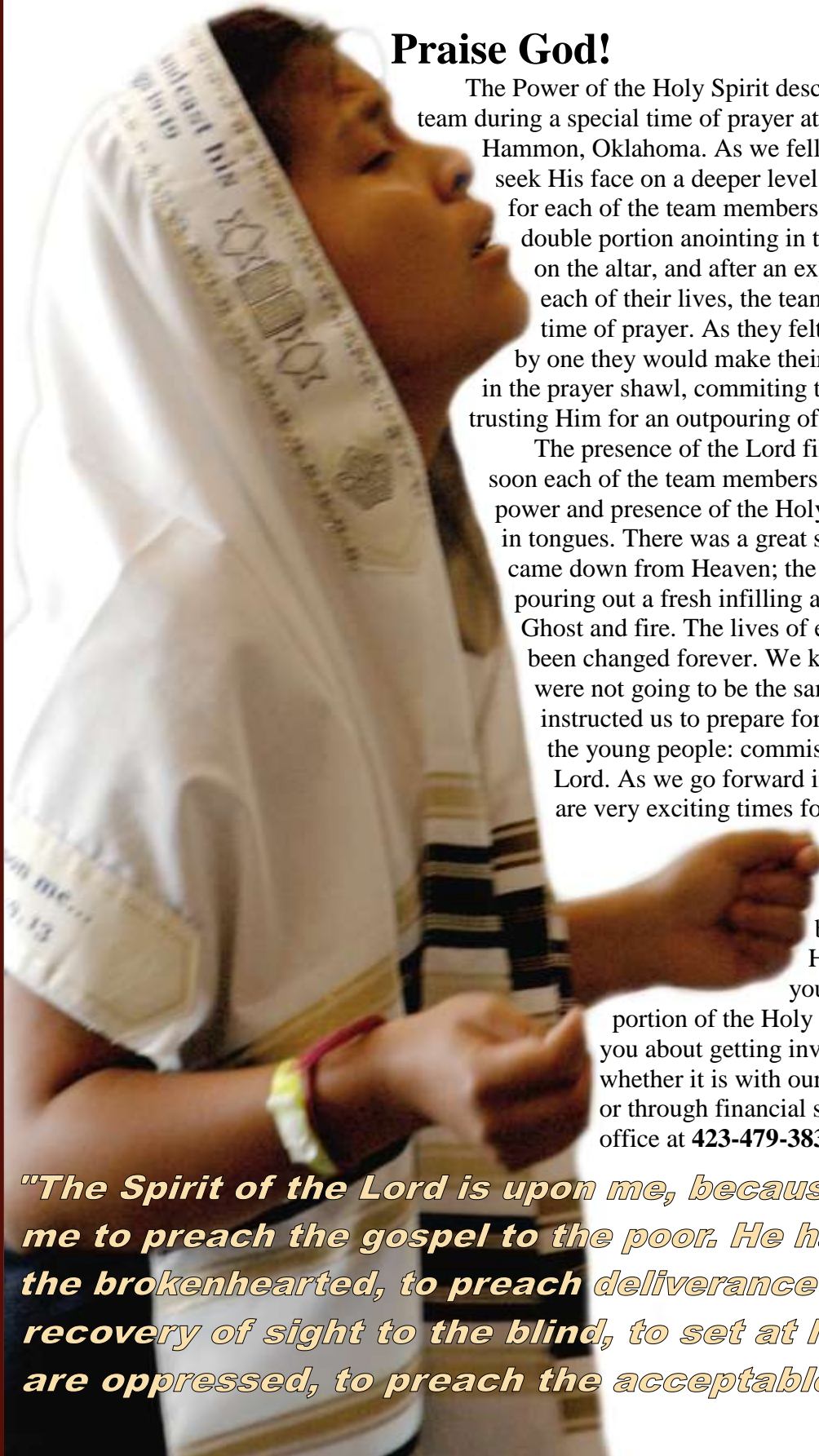
The Power of the Holy Spirit descended upon the youth of the RELEASE team during a special time of prayer at the Grace Point Ministry Center in Hammon, Oklahoma. As we fell on our faces before God and began to seek His face on a deeper level of intimacy, we felt the time had come for each of the team members to arise and take up the mantle of the double portion anointing in their lives. Prayer shawls were laid out on the altar, and after an explanation of what this would mean in each of their lives, the team members would enter into a deep time of prayer. As they felt released to take up their mantle, one by one they would make their way to the altar and drape themselves in the prayer shawl, committing to a deeper walk with the Lord and trusting Him for an outpouring of a double portion of His Holy Spirit.

The presence of the Lord filled that room in a powerful way and soon each of the team members were literally overflowing with the power and presence of the Holy Ghost, with the evidence of speaking in tongues. There was a great shift in the Atmosphere as a word came down from Heaven; the heavens were opened up and God was pouring out a fresh infilling and a double portion of the Holy Ghost and fire. The lives of every person in that prayer time had been changed forever. We knew that we had met God and things were not going to be the same from that day forth. The Lord had instructed us to prepare for what He is about to do in the lives of the young people: commissioning them in their call from the Lord. As we go forward in what God has called us to do, these are very exciting times for Indian Ministries of North America

and for the people He is calling to join alongside us to reach these young people for Christ. This is just the beginning of the outpouring of His Holy Spirit. God is empowering the youth to move forward in the double portion of the Holy Ghost and fire. If God is speaking to you about getting involved in any aspect of this ministry, whether it is with our prayer ministry, personal involvement or through financial support, please feel free to contact our office at **423-479-3831**.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

Luke 4:18-19 NKJV



“Out of the last 3 years I believe this was the best year for me. It was mostly just me and God, and that’s what I wanted, to just spend time with God and hear from Him. He talked to me, showed me things, He changed me and also healed me...”

Brianna Jacobs

I become closer with God and when God strengthens me through these trips I am able to do things back home like: witness, teach, lead and I have even done things I never thought God would use me to do. I can take what I have learned on the Release Trip, bring it home and put it to use.”



Keshawna Logan

“God has done a lot of great things in my life, and although the enemy does a lot to try to defeat me, God is always by my side. Before participating with the Release team, I was really shy, but now I am an outspoken teenager for God. I have seen miracles with my own eyes and this team is helping me to search deeper and find the calling that God has for me. I would like to encourage other Native teens by saying that God is always there and will always be by your side when you need Him...This year was my breakthrough year. I prayed and asked God if it was time for me to go to the next level and He assured me it was time...it felt really good to let everything go and surrender all to God. He is what I live for!”

“If I had to say what God did in these last three years, it would be: Give, Trust and Faith. I had to give everything to God; trust that God has everything; then have Faith that when I give God everything, I can trust He has them...It was well worth it! I am a strong, wise, loving, and understanding woman of God. I can do this, because He lives in me.”

Bridgitt Johnson



“Being on the Release team for 3 years has really taught me to be more open with myself, to love doing service projects for others, and to really draw close to God. Release has given me the chance to really learn who God is and how His Son and Holy Spirit are always there. Before Release, I never knew the relationship I had with God. I never knew how to worship God and give thanks to Him. It really speaks to me that I am a different person in God. That He does make all things new and beautiful, for in Him we have the strength to do what He wants us to do... I am so amazed at how far God can take us, and how much Power He has. Release has gotten me much

closer to knowing my call...To think that I would be called into being a Missionary big deal, I was still lost on the passages of God, and was still getting out of my shell, but I know that now, I can do it and I am ready for what God has in store for me. I am waiting to see my family turn their lives around. I attend Lee University and I am studying to get my Bachelor of Arts in Intercultural studies, to go and make a difference. I never knew I would be here, I thank God for how far He has taken me and for loving me so much. With God by my side the whole way, I can make a difference in my life. I love God with my whole heart and I am ready to start the journey of being in His will. I am a vessel

and He is the Vine, without Him, I am nothing.”



Shanel Tsosie

**Ron
Hutchcraft's**

Warrior Leadership Summit

Warrior Leadership Summit in Roach, Missouri was a great experience for me this summer. This was my first year at WLS, the Release team's third year. I witnessed a great move of God among the Native young people as they encountered the Lord and His presence. There were around six hundred Native people from all over the United States and Canada. It was truly awesome to see all the Native young people crying out to God for their people and asking God to use them to impact their reservations. As I was observing what was taking place, the Lord spoke to my heart. I believe He was showing me that this was just the beginning of what His hearts' desire is for the Native people. The Lord truly wants us to believe for more than a casual time together, but a consecrated time that will move His heart. As the Native people begin to move in the Power of the Holy Spirit, He will begin a mighty revival in Native country, like never before. Before Christ returns, This is the time to begin gathering together the harvest into one of the greatest moves of God ever witnessed. This is the ministry God is calling us to in Indian Ministries of North America. We are believing God for a great harvest among the Native people, and I believe God is calling us to help lead the way as a part of this great move of God.

The Power of the Cross crushes the addictions of drugs, alcohol, and sex. It destroys the yoke of depression, rejection, hopelessness, no self-worth, and loneliness. It breaks the chains and looses the shackles of suicidal thoughts. There is victory in the cross, salvation through the cross and eternal life through Christ who died on the cross and rose again on the third day.



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POWER IN THE CROSS

Sisseton Wahpeton

South Dakota



Pastor Don Stanton

A team consisting of people from Alabama, Arizona, North Dakota & Oregon, traveled to the Lake Traverse Reservation in June. Although we have been ministering there for over fifteen years, this was the first time for many in our group. God richly blessed as we ministered to the children in foster care, the elders at the senior center and a basketball tournament for the youth. We were joined by Bro. Johnny Hughes and the Release Team, from Indian Ministries of North America. This proved to be a wonderful blessing to the people of Lake Traverse and especially to the members of our group. During our evening evangelistic service, the team led in worship and Bro. Johnny preached a message about the satan's plan of attack for our lives. We experienced two miraculous healings of people in our group. My wife, Johnnie, was healed of a knee injury and Sis Debbie Cohen was healed of complications from an earlier back surgery. Praise God for His healing power! Prior to the end of our stay, God miraculously saved several of my family members who live on this reservation. This is the breakthrough I have been praying about for several years. I believe we are beginning to see the start of a mighty revival among the Native people and to God we give all the glory. I would like to thank Bro. Johnny and the Release team for being obedient to the Lord and we look forward to them meeting up with us again next year.

Don Stanton
Quinton, AL

***“People Challenging,
Life Changing,
Soul Saving,
God Thing!”***

***Debbie Cohen,
Evergreen Baptist Church***



Dream Center on Pine Ridge

Jesus Loves the Little Children

IMNA volunteers, along with members of the Release team, traveled to Pine Ridge, South Dakota to participate in a two day kid's camp at the Dream Center on Pine Ridge. This was a partnership effort with the Wings as Eagles Ministries under the direction of Lori and Gary McAfee. Children from various communities were surprised when a large charter tour bus showed up in their neighborhood to give them a ride to the facility. As the bus came to a stop, children enthusiastically and energetically rushed into the facility, ready to interact with the ministry team.

The days consisted of Bible studies, games, crafts, outdoor activities and of course, their favorite, 3 great meals. The children were allowed to stay the night for a

large lock-in. That was an experience for all! Through it all, the volunteers were able to love on the children and begin forming lasting friendships. Several children sat and listened as Lori McAfee and Johnny Hughes shared the salvation message and several prayed to ask Jesus into their heart.

A celebration service was held on the last night in honor of the new conversions. Many of their family members attended and enjoyed praise and worship by the Wings as Eagles team and the Release team. They were blessed by the testimonies of the teens and the singing of the children. We appreciate the opportunity to partner with the Dream Center and look forward to many more outreaches together.

Members of the 2011 RELEASE team are pictured below sharing their love with the children on Pine Ridge. The team traveled over 8000 miles this summer to various reservations and ministry locations. With each stop, they shared what Christ had done in their lives and the call he has placed on them. Their spiritual growth has been immense over the last three years and their hunger for God continues to grow.



2011 Itinerary

July 31 - Aug. 4, 2011
Wings as Eagles Ministry
Family Camp
Pine Ridge, South Dakota

Sept. 18, 2011
Madisonville COG
Morning Worship Service
Madisonville, Tennessee

Sept. 21-25, 2011
Princeton Pike COG
Missions Conference
Hamilton, Ohio

Oct. 18 - 22, 2011
Perry Stone Ministries
Fall Main Event - Abba's House
Hixson, Tennessee

Gathering of Nations

Beginning in October 2011
A time of Worship, Prayer and Unity
Gathering as One People in Christ

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A Ministry of IMNA

Nov. 30 - Dec. 3
Christmas Celebration
Grace Point
Hammon, Oklahoma

Dec. 4 - 11
Christmas Celebration
SWIM Campground
Gallup, New Mexico



Nopalitos Con Chile (Prickly Pear Cactus)

4 sm. Nopalitos (firm, 5 in. dia., top sprouts of plant)	1 lg. clove garlic, minced
3/4 lb. chuck (chuck steak)	1 tbsp. chili powder
1 tbsp. vegetable oil	1 c. tomato puree (29 oz. can)
1 med.-size onion, chopped (1/2 c.)	1 c. water
1/4 c. chopped green pepper	1/2 tsp. salt
	1/2 tsp. leaf oregano, crumbled

1. Wash nopalitos, watch for small thorns, use potato peeler to smooth over and remove sprouting thorns. Cut nopalitos into small cubes, wash again, drain. Set aside.
2. Brown steak in oil after you have cut it into 1/2 inch cubes. Use large skillet. Remove cubes with slotted spoon as they brown. Add onions, green peppers and garlic; saute stirring often, until tender. Add nopalitos to mixture, cook 3 minutes. Sprinkle chili powder over mixture; cook and stir one minute.
3. Return meat to skillet; add tomatoes, water, salt and oregano; bring to boiling. Low heat; cover; simmer 30 minutes, stirring occasionally.
4. Drain beans, reserving about half the liquid. Add beans and reserved liquid to skillet; simmer, uncovered, 15 minutes. Serves 4

Native American Recipes

Posole, Navajo -- serves 4-6

2 cups blue dried posole (dried whole hominy)
1/2 cup mild fresh green chiles, roasted, peeled and chopped or 1-4 oz can
1-3 fresh or canned jalapeños, peeled, seeded, chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 onion, chopped
1-2 peeled, seeded, chopped tomatoes (about 1 cup)
2-3 lb boneless pork roast
2 tsp dried oregano
1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
Salt to taste

Rinse posole in cold water until water runs clear. Soak for several hours or overnight in cold water. Place posole with water to cover in large heavy covered pot or Dutch oven. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to low and simmer, covered, till posole pops, about 1 hour. Roast the peppers (if fresh) in a paper bag in a 400° oven for about 10 minutes, remove, cool, peel (skin slips off easily). If using canned posole (about 8 cups) or frozen (3 lbs), omit the cooking step. Add everything but the herbs and salt. Simmer, covered, 4 hours. (3 if using canned or frozen hominy). Remove meat, shred, return to pot, add herbs. Taste for seasoning, add salt to taste. Simmer, covered, 1 more hour.

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Together We Can

THE MISSION OF INDIAN MINISTRIES OF NORTH AMERICA, INC. IS TO ENCOURAGE, EMPOWER AND EQUIP OUR NATIVE AMERICAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS THROUGH RELATIONSHIP, DISCIPLESHIP AND CHRIST'S LOVE.

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