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On September 19, the mother of IMNA Board member, Chris Allen, went home to be with the Lord. At the age of 76, Jeanette was the wife of Bishop C.C. Allen, Jr. and the mother of five children.

As a member of the Lumbee Tribe in Eastern North Carolina, she was very active in continuing the traditions of her Native culture, but more than that, her greatest desire was for them to know the saving power of her Lord, Jesus Christ.

Sister Jeanette started working for the Lord at a very early age. Shortly after receiving the Holy Spirit, she had a vision of the Lord carrying His cross and her heart was grieved, because it looked so heavy. It was then the Lord turned and looked at her and asked, “Will you carry my cross?” She answered, “Yes Lord, I will carry your cross.”

Soon afterwards, she began to minister in the jails, nursing homes, and holding cottage prayer meetings with the help of her family, the singing Jacobs Sisters. She stood by her husband’s side in pastoring for over 45 years.

Sister Jeanette shared with a heart of compassion and enthusiasm that brought excitement into the hearts of many who heard her powerful and energetic message of hope and freedom. Her desire was to see the lost come into the Kingdom and lives restored from the kingdom of darkness. She spent her whole life ministering to people all over the United States. She was very good at holding people accountable with the message of salvation. She would ask, “Honey, are you saved? Is it right between you and God, it’s either yes or no, Heaven or hell.” If it was not yes, then she would pray with them about it. Although many years had passed since that vision was first given to her, she continued in “carrying the cross for her Lord.”

In addition to her active ministry, Sister Jeanette served faithfully with the Cumberland County Association for Indian People (CCAIP). She was the Director of Benevolence for food, clothing and homes for her Indian people. She formerly served as the Assistant Director for CCAIP.

Through the years, she traveled to various states, such as Arizona, California and New Mexico, to meet with other tribal workers and learn more in depth the living methodology of the various tribes. She was very interested in foods and cooking methods and introduced many of their techniques and recipes to her own Lumbee people.

Sister Jeanette Allen will be missed on this earth by many. The thousands of lives that she has touched throughout the years will all remember the legacy that she has left for the Kingdom. Soon, we will be rejoicing alongside her once again.
Showers of Blessings

God has been faithful in His provision for Indian Ministries of North America and the people we serve. In the last few months, we have seen God answer desperate prayers for water and clothing for the Navajo Nation. We have been able to provide summer toys for children and building materials for a few churches. It is always great to see the Kingdom of God working together to bless His children.

Thanks to Rick Caywood Ministries, we were able to secure 54 pallets of winter clothing for the First American Dream Center in Manuelito, NM. Following his delivery of the clothing, he then assisted with loads of bottled water.

Thank you also, to World Vision for roofing shingles for a Navajo church and new men’s shirts for the reservations. Also, thanks to K.I.D.S / Toys R Us for a donation of summer toys for the children.

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Lindsey Slaughter, IMNA Home Missionary, led a team from the Riverland Hills Baptist Church of South Carolina to the Qualla Boundary in Cherokee, North Carolina. The team conducted a 3-day Vacation Bible School at Christ Fellowship Church, where the children learned about God’s love and how important it is to “Submerge” into His word. Approximately a dozen children attended each day, ranging from 1st to 5th grades. We are believing for greater numbers next year. Several of the children had never attended a VBS before, so we were able to introduce them to a fun way to learn about Jesus. The team also conducted daily activities at the Qualla Senior Center and held a community outreach in the Wofftown Community. Thank you Riverland Hills!

Find a need and fill it has always been one of my mantras in ministry. On a recent trip to Cherokee, I found out that there is very little for adult women to do that cultivates fellowship. I have prayed, and I believe that God is opening a new door to begin working with women.

Thus, I introduce to you, One Full Basket. This will be a monthly group where women ranging from age 20 to 60+ can meet for 2 hours and fellowship through crafts, exercise, cooking, etc. Free child care will be provided, as well as the materials for the activity chosen by the women. This will be a free group open to any Cherokee woman.

It will be led by myself, along with assistance from Sunale Crowe. At times, a special speaker will come to lead in a specific craft or skill. The goal of the group is for women to have a support and rebuilding time, helping them to cope with the hectic schedules of life. They will receive a monthly devotional to do on their own time, but the main focus of the group will be activities chosen by the members, to encourage relational involvement.

If you would like to financially support this group, please send your donations to IMNA and designate them as One Full Basket. If you would like to donate craft supplies, snacks for the children, or your time, please email Lindsey@indianministries.org. Please pray that we are able to establish quality relationships with these women and begin a journey of positive connections.
This summer, IMNA was honored to be able to deliver solar lights to several Navajo families who do not have electricity in their homes. These lights were assembled by the Choctaw youth in Mississippi.

This project by the youth has become a real blessing to many people throughout the world. It not only supplies them with safe, clean light for their home and school studies, but it also gives an opportunity to share the story of the Light of the World, Jesus Christ.

Native youth from various communities are making a difference in the lives of people throughout the world. Together we can make a difference. If you would like to help sponsor this program with the purchase of a light kit, please contact the IMNA office for more details.

LEFT: Christopher Hughes and Roman Thomas present a family with their light.
Thank God for open doors that allow IMNA to reach into more hearts and see God move on their character and future. While ministering at a local church, Roy Smith, the Director of the dorms at the Choctaw Central High School, approached IMNA to begin meeting with the female students twice per month. On September 19, Lindsey Slaughter met with approximately 30 young ladies at the dorm and had a time of discussions, teaching and crafts. For this awesome opportunity, IMNA has partnered with Chris and Stacey Vowell, the directors of the Mississippi Combine, a ministry to the Philadelphia, Mississippi community. Stacey will be assisting with one of the monthly teachings. We are excited to see what God does in the lives of these young ladies.

Bringing the Generations Together

BELOW: Johnny Hughes challenges the different generations at the Macedonia Indian Baptist Church in Conehatta, Mississippi, to stand with each other and respect one another.

RIGHT: The adults and youth coming together to pray for one another.
On a recent trip to Hammon, Johnny was asked to minister at the Soper Assembly of God, in Soper, Oklahoma. Before bringing the message, a young Chickasaw lady stepped to the microphone to lead some worship. The anointing was powerful as she sang, and immediately the Holy Spirit moved on him to get her to Grace Point. She agreed and God moved mightily. Now Erika is excited about making regular visits to Hammon, Oklahoma, to minister to that community. She is truly an answer to prayer.

Greg and Andrea Nesbitt both grew up in Oklahoma. They were married in 2011 and have two beautiful children, Collin and Hope. Andrea is Comanche and a descendant of a prominent Comanche Chief. Greg has been in Native American ministry since getting saved in 2002, while attending the University of Oklahoma.

In addition to their work in Hammon, they are also actively involved with the Iroquois tribes in western New York, and with the Comanche Tribe in southwest Oklahoma. Their hearts are to see people redeemed, healed, and restored to God’s purpose for their lives.

After Johnny ministered at the Community Fellowship Church in Hammon, Oklahoma, Evangelist Rick Flores became burdened for the Cheyenne people in the community. Rick is of Apache / Hispanic descent and he approached him about beginning Bible studies twice per month at Grace Point. The Thursday night services would be the beginnings of teachings basic fundamentals of living and walking the Christian life.

Rick travels the country ministering the Word and in song, and is in the process of recording a new Spanish worship CD. He conducts regular trips to Mexico to teach and train fellow ministers of the Gospel. We are blessed to have Rick sharing his knowledge with the people.

For the past several months, IMNA has been praying for God to begin a movement at our Grace Point Ministry Center in Hammon, Oklahoma. This summer, God has begun the process. Our paths crossed with Greg and Andrea Nesbitt at the Warrior Leadership Summit in Missouri. They agreed to come and assist with some summer projects, and I felt the Holy Spirit leading me to ask if they would consider facilitating weekly services and teachings. Both are gifted speakers and musicians and are excited about this opportunity...Johnny Hughes

Greg and Andrea Nesbitt

Rick Flores

From Left: Johnny Hughes, Erika Martinez and Pastor Randy Broadwater (Washita Cowboy Fellowship) pray with youth from the Hammon community.

Erika Martinez
A team from the Princeton Pike Church of God in Hamilton, Ohio traveled to Grace Point this summer to conduct Vacation Bible School and to complete various projects on the facility.

Each morning, the team welcomed 20-30 students for a “Cave Quest” to find Jesus, the light of the world. Through stories, videos, and activities, these children were enlightened and some accepted Christ as their Savior.

Also, the afternoon was filled with painting, construction, and preparations for the next team to arrive. Thank you PPCOG for all you do!

Community Family Church in Independence, Kentucky, sent a work crew to Grace Point this summer to reconstruct a deteriorating wall, construct a new awning over the new bathroom addition, as well as other various projects needed.

ABOVE: Earl Utley constructs a new awning to match the existing awnings on the front of the facility.

RIGHT: Ron Shumaker and Ralph Sturdivant adding concrete board to the new wall before the stucco is applied.
This summer, an IMNA team had the privilege of conducting a youth revival at the Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church in Cherokee, North Carolina. During the weekend revival, God revealed his power of deliverance. The first night, three youth came forward to accept Christ as their Savior. It was awesome to see the expressions on their faces as God moved on their hearts.

On Saturday afternoon, we went down to the banks of the river flowing at the foot of the Great Smoky Mountains. There in the shadows of the mountains, we baptized seven individuals who had professed their faith in Christ.

On Saturday night, a message was delivered about the powers of addictions and God’s willingness to loose you from those bondages. We witnessed individuals and families coming to seek God for His intervention. They left that night knowing that God was more powerful than the addictions that had trapped them for years. Freedom was in the house. Praise be to God!
Christopher Hughes traveled to the Navajo Nation this summer to complete his requirements for the Lee University’s Global Perspectives class. During our time there he had the chance to interview several Navajo men and women about their life and culture. We toured local historical sites, museums, and government offices, as well as ministering at local churches and community outreaches.

During one of our stops at the Four Corners Community Church in Shiprock, New Mexico, Christopher was asked to join the Paradigm worship band for the weekend services. Following this, he received an invitation to participate with the band at the 2016 Warrior Leadership Summit in Roach, Missouri. The theme for this year was Hope Rising. We truly saw this manifest during this trip in each of the ministry opportunities that God gave us. “Playing with Paradigm was a once in a lifetime opportunity. Getting to learn from such an incredible group of musicians and people was priceless. I am a better leader and a better person today because of them,” stated Christopher.
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