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On March 15, I had the privilege to accompany my son, Johnny, on a 16-day, 4,300 mile journey to minister the Gospel to our Native American brothers and sisters. We left Cleveland, TN at 10:30 a.m., making our way to IMNA’s Grace Point Ministry Center in Hammon, Oklahoma. This was not just another ministry trip, but this was the beginning of my 51st year of preaching the Gospel.

Johnny and I have always enjoyed traveling together throughout the years. These times together have been key to our close relationship. The close father-son relationship that we share is something that I longed for as a child, but never received. In my early years, I made a vow to myself that if I ever had children, they would know beyond any doubt that their father loved them. I have done my best to always share my love with both of my children, Johnny and Angela. It is the sharing of love in our family that has contributed to our tight bonds. Following services in Hammon, we traveled to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where we visited with our friends, Bill and Joy Claypoole, Administrative Bishop for the Church of God in New Mexico. From there, we traveled on to Gallup, New Mexico to meet Elston Bingham and his team ministering to the homeless. We were able witness and pray with the men and women attending lunch. While in Gallup, I had the honor to minister to the congregation at the Manuelito Church of God. We saw a mighty move of the Holy Spirit as He ministered to the Pastor and his family, as well as the others in attendance.

From Gallup, we traveled to Farmington, New Mexico where we ministered at the Living Spirit Church of God. I preached the Sunday morning service and Johnny preached the three night services. We were blessed to have Darren Nez, from Shiprock, New Mexico assist with the worship music. The Garfield family that pastors this church have been long time friends of the ministry. It was great to witness God minister to their needs, especially after the loss of their mother, Direne.

Johnny and I have always loved history, especially our Native American history. One our stops while on the trip was to the ruins of Aztec, New Mexico. Since Johnny had never visited here, we took some time for the side trip. These ancient dwellings were built centuries ago and the remains that are still intact are amazing. Stone walls still stand, ancient logs are still visible and household artifacts still remain in their places. The engineering of the Pueblo people is still amazing.

Throughout this trip, God blessed and gave us much to be thankful for. He supplied our needs and ministered through us. I will cherish this trip forever.
The 2015 sessions with Impact Warriors of Conehatta, Mississippi have been quite productive. We have been concentrating on acts of Service. Leadership has been teaching that even as young people they can impact their family, community and the world around them. In January, they completed the solar light project which assisted with a medical missions trip to Nicaragua, and the lights were left with the clinic for their continued use.

In February, the youth expressed their appreciation for the elders by putting together 102 Valentine Care Packages. They included handmade Valentine cards, fresh baked cookies, and other items. With the help of Ryan and Rose York, the care packages were delivered and distributed to the residents of the Choctaw Elder Center.

During the month of March, the students learned about the servanthood of Jesus, and what the Bible has to say about service. Mark 10:42-45 “…the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.” They learned the true definition of being Christ-like and modeling a life of service. Their project was to give back to the program’s host church, Macedonia Indian Baptist Church by performing various tasks, such as, cleaning lights, windows, and fans of the fellowship hall where the mentoring sessions take place.

The April meeting was a time of discussing the characteristics of productive teamwork and conflict resolution. The youth were addressed by Shanel Tsosie, of the Navajo Nation and one of IMNA’s former mentees and currently at student at Lee University. She discussed the importance of working as a team member in ministry, from her experience in South Africa.

We are looking forward to growing the Impact Warriors program and have plenty of activities in store for the coming months. Please continue to pray for leaders, students, and the upcoming activities and events. If you are interested in participating in the Impact Warriors program, please email Elizabeth@indianministries.org or Lindsey@indianministries.org. If you have specific skills or crafts that you would like to teach please include it in the email. If you are just looking to generally assist with the Impact Warriors program, we can send you a mentor application and see where we can utilize your talents.
As Pastor of Center Hill Baptist Church, I can’t express what a joy it has been to partner with Indian Ministries of North America. As we reach out to the world in fulfilling the Great Commission as the hands and feet of Jesus, favor has been shown to us all while ministering alongside our Native brothers and sisters.

Recently, an opportunity was given to our church in a medical mission relief trip to the Nation of Nicaragua. There myself and our missions’ director/evangelist Tim Wallace were able to partner with Voice of Hope Ministries to take the gospel of Jesus Christ to the remote jungle mountains of Nicaragua. There would be no running water or electricity; therefore our time to minister with medicine and the gospel would be shortened due to the day’s light.

So that our ministry time and effectiveness would be enhanced, IMNA, along with their partner, New Vision Renewable Energy, partnered with us and VOH Ministries to provide assistance through the Impact Warriors youth from the Choctaw Reservation in Mississippi. The youth assembled solar lights for us to use and leave in the remote areas of Nicaragua. This was a truly great blessing, as many of the people we ministered to was done so by the solar lights.

Scripture teaches us to let our lights shine in this world for Jesus. This was a literal example of allowing light to shine in the darkness, so that people could be helped not only with medicine but with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

On behalf of CHBC, and the Nicaraguan people, I would like to thank IMNA and the Youth from Choctaw that helped to make this possible. With their help we were allowed to shine not only the light of Jesus on these people, but those lights allowed us to minister to their physical needs when otherwise the opportunity would have been lost.

I would like to encourage all of our fellow Baptist Churches, as well as other denominations, to join with IMNA in reaching our Native American People and helping them in fulfilling the Acts 1:8 commission in taking the Gospel to all the World!

Many blessings and God’s favor to IMNA and all their ministries as they lay hold to the plow and refuse to look back…for they know the Kingdom of God is at hand!

*Pastor Johnny Crumpton*
Revival Tour

By: Johnny Hughes

In 1964, my father, James Hughes, Founder of Indian Ministries of North America, Inc., preached his first message at a small country church in North Georgia. Now, 51 years later, he is still ministering the Gospel with a fire and anointing that breaks the strongholds of the enemy.

I was privileged to arrange a 16-day father and son revival tour to the Southwest. We left on the 4,300 mile journey on March 15 and stopped at the Grace Point Ministry Center in Hammon, Oklahoma, where we ministered for two nights among the Cheyenne people.

From there, we traveled to the Navajo Nation where we met Pastor Tom White from the Flame of Fire Church and blessed them with chairs and communion table for their sanctuary. We then partnered...
with Elston Bingham and his ministry to feed the homeless of Gallup, NM, and share God’s love with them. We were also able to bless the Sun Valley Indian School, Hunter’s Point Boarding School and the St. Michael’s Senior Center with gifts.

We then ministered at the Manuelito Church of God for three nights. Numerous people came forward for healings; physical, spiritual and mental. On the last night, a group of eight teens came forward who were being tormented by the spirit of suicide. One young girl had even planned to hang herself just days before and a friend talked her out of the ordeal. But God met her that night and she was set free of her torment. Suicide still remains a major stronghold among the Native youth.

We then traveled to the Ojo Amarillo community in Northern New Mexico for four services at the Living Spirit Church of God with Pastor Garfield. God moved in a mighty way as we saw Him transform lives and bring peace to the turmoil that many were facing.

After leaving the Navajo Nation, we then traveled back to Oklahoma where we finished the trip with services Hammon, and then with the Choctaw congregation at the Cornerstone Full Gospel Church in Caddo.

This trip will be cherished forever. It was an awesome time to spend with my father, and minister alongside him to people we love. Thank you God for my heritage and the faith that was instilled by parents who love You dearly.
In February, a team of IMNA volunteers from Cleveland, TN and Aiken, SC, headed to the Smoky Mountains of North Carolina to “bust some wood.” That was the request of Donovan Crowe, the Cherokee Family Services wood lot supervisor. He and his co-worker are responsible for all the firewood for the elders and low income families on the reservation. The logs are brought into the yard and they have to cut, split and haul the firewood to the homes of over 150 families from October through April. The team began work on Thursday morning and continued through lunch on Saturday. During that time an estimated 40+ loads were cut, split and prepared for delivery. Crowe expressed his sincere gratitude for the work and explained, “This allowed us to have loads in reserve when the weather got extreme and we could not cut and split. We delivered over 500 loads this season.” IMNA will begin regular trips to assist with this project this coming fall and winter.

If your church is interested in working with this project, contact BeckyHughes@indianministries.org
Activities are increasing at IMNA’s Grace Point Ministry Center in Hammon, Oklahoma. Karen Johnson has been serving with IMNA as a Bible teacher at Grace Point. She has been very active in scheduling events and revivals with Native ministers from across Oklahoma.

During March, Johnny and James Hughes ministered followed by Ponce Leon, Senior Pastor of Victory Faith in Anadarko, OK. And Mary Serapwo of Grace Fellowship, also from Anadarko. Later in the month, Renee Smith from Alaska ministered, followed by Clayton Williams of Grand Prairie, TX.

The coming months will be teaming with activity as we have a resident minister coming for the month of May. Brian LaVallie, along with his wife, will be ministering, teaching, and training for the entire month at Grace Point. Brian is the brother of Rodney LaVallie who serves as (Vice-President) of IMNA. They will be conducting a joint revival the first week of May.

Also, joining the team for the month will be IMNA’s Home Missionary and Mentoring Coordinator, Lindsey Slaughter. She will be working in conjunction with the local school system and community leaders to establish a more structured youth program at Grace Point. She plans to volunteer at the school to build relationships with the youth and then begin afterschool training and teaching sessions.

Later in May, a construction team will be arriving to begin phase one of a new restroom addition to the dorm facility. Then on July 4th we will partner with area churches for a Community Celebration, and then another construction team will begin phase two of the restroom project.

Beginning in June, Clayton Williams will begin the Warriors of the Word Bible Training at Grace Point. This will be a monthly training on the fundamental basics of Christianity and living a life of holiness. The following dates are scheduled for the Bible training:

- June 6 & 7
- July 18 & 19
- August 22 & 23
- September 19 & 20
- October 17 & 18
- November 21 & 22
- December Break
- January 16 & 17

Please be in prayer for revival in the Hammon community. There is a real need for unity in the community, churches and families.
Indian Ministries of North America is believing for a Gideon’s Army of 300 to commit their support for the next 12 months. Your gift of $1.00 per day will support the mission and vision of IMNA. Your gift will help save the lives of those who are battling the spirit of suicide, which is now the 2nd leading cause of death among Native young people under the age of 25. Through Impact Warriors Mentoring, youth rallies, and revivals, young people are finding Biblical answers and their life’s value as we direct them to Christ.

Email: BeckyHughes@indianministries.org for additional details

A Look Back at History

Fierce Apache Warrior Encounters a Life-Changing Christ

When Apache scouts talked Geronimo into giving up, he surrendered in a bloodless capture in September 1886.

During his time in Fort Marion, FL, Geronimo heard a life-changing message. He heard the message of Jesus. Following his release from prison, Geronimo became a Christian and joined a local church where he taught Sunday School.

The man who never left footprints and was able to escape those pursuing him is reported to have said "I have always prayed, and I believe the Almighty has always protected me."

Freed from prison in 1894, Geronimo accepted a Kiowa and Commanche offer to share their reservation in Indian Territory (today known as Oklahoma).

“I believe that the church has helped me much during the short time I have been a member," Geronimo stated. "I am not ashamed to be a Christian, and I am glad to know that the President of the United States is a Christian, for without the help of the Almighty, I do not think he could rightly judge in ruling so many people. I have advised all of my people who are not Christians, to study that religion, because it seems to me the best religion in enabling one to live right."

Geronimo spent the last years of his life as a farmer near Oklahoma's Fort Sill until his death in 1909.

— Indian Life Ministries, Pembina, ND

Jack Daughtry Takes a Stand for Poarch Creek Children

Jack Daughtry just wanted his seventh grade daughters to be able to get to junior high school. Indian schools only went to sixth grade, and the bus system wouldn’t stop for Indian children.

So one morning in 1947 he took his twins, Earline and Pearline, by the hand. He heard the rumble of the bus and stepped into the road. He stood there, refusing to move until the bus driver stopped and allowed his and other children to ride the bus to school.

Around the same time, Calvin McGee, at tribal leader, brought a lawsuit against the county school board to force buses to pick up Indian children. These actions paved the way for all Poarch Creek children to be able to earn a good education.

— Poarch Creek Cultural Center and Museum, Atmore, Alabama
Creek Grape Dumplings (Pvrko-Afke)

Mix flour, baking powder, sugar, salt, and shortening.
Add grape juice.
Mix into stiff dough.
Roll dough very thin onto floured board.
Cut into strips ½” wide, 2” long.
Drop into boiling grape juice.
Cover and cook for 10-12 minutes.

1 cup flour
1 ½ tsp. baking powder
2 tsp. sugar
¼ tsp. salt
1 tbsp. shortening
½ cup grape juice

Creek Hominy Osafke (sofkee)

Place flint corn in a large pot with water and lye.
Bring to a boil.
Lower heat and simmer for 3 hours or until tender.
Serve warm or chilled.

1 ½ qts. flint corn
½ pt. ash lye (kvpecvfke)
2.5 gallons of water

Creek Hominy & Pork (Svpvnepke)

Combine osofke grits and cooked stew meat in a 5-quart sauce pan.
Add enough water to cover meat, plus 2 extra cups of water.
Cook overnight.
Check after 4 hours to see if more water is needed.
If so, add another cup of water. Season to taste.

2 cups of osafke mix
2 lbs. of stew meat
Salt to taste
Pepper to taste
Water

— Poarch Creek Cultural Center and Museum, Atmore, Alabama

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City on a Hill Church
11 a.m. Service
Cincinnati, OH
April 12

M.I.S.S.I.O.N. Church of God
6 p.m. Service
Florence, KY
April 12

Covenant Promise Church
10 a.m. Service
Cleveland, TN
April 19

Missions Conference
Heritage Park Church of God
Taylor, MI
April 24-26

Spirit of Truth Church
Evening Worship Service
Rockwood, MI
April 26

Impact Warriors Mentoring
Trinity Church Project
Conehatta, MS
April 30-May 3

Impact Warriors Mentoring
Poarch Creek
Atmore, AL
June 7-8

Impact Warriors Mentoring
and Bible Training
Poarch Creek, AL
July 13-14

Impact Warriors Mentoring
Conehatta, MS & Atmore, AL
August 14-18
August 31 - Sept. 1

Community Work Projects
Princeton Pike COG
Choctaw Reservation, MS
June 11-18

Community Family Church Project
Hammon, OK
May 16-23

Grace Point Ministry Center
Construction Project
Hammon, OK
July 4-11

Community Work Projects
Choctaw, MS
Mission in Motion Project
Conehatta, MS
Sept. 4-7

Ron Hutchcraft’s
Warrior Leadership Summit
Roach, MO
June 28-July 3

Cherokee Firewood Cutting
Cherokee Family Services
Cherokee, NC
Sept. 9-12

Impact Warriors Mentoring
Conehatta, MS
August 14-18

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