Carlston Isaac, right, baptizes his nephew

Celebrating the dedication of a new school building in the Deseret community.

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There are many people in the world confused about their identity, including believers in the church who don't understand who they are in Christ. There are commercials about the importance of our identities and how we need to protect them, especially in this world today. There are many thieves trying to steal our identities, and the whole reason is to steal what we have and what we have worked hard to achieve. They want to rob us of who we are, and that's exactly what Satan wants to do to us.

The Bible tells us that Satan is a thief and comes to steal from us. (John 10:10). He wants to steal our identity and who we should be identifying ourselves with, Jesus Christ. So it's important that we understand these next few things when it comes to our identity.

In Genesis, we see how Satan has always wanted to steal man's created identity (Genesis 1:26 -28; 2:7-9). God's original intent for man was that he would know Him personally and know his unique purpose on earth, and to always identify himself with the One who created him. He would have a divine relationship and fellowship with God.

At creation, man was divinely made to have a relationship with God, but we all know what happens when man thinks he doesn't need God. Life falls apart and man becomes his own worst enemy. In Genesis 3, we find the story of the serpent, who is Satan himself, who comes along and deceives Eve with lies and ultimately causes the fall of man from God's original purpose. Remember in the beginning, it says that God put man in the Garden and when we read Genesis 3:8-10,23-24 we find Adam, who originally identified himself with God, now not identifying himself with God in this fallen state. He finds himself hiding and separated from his original purpose in the Garden with God. When man looses sight of his God given purpose and the reason he was created, he looses sight of who he is. He spends hours wasting time, full of pain and guilt from not walking in what God has for him.

Here's just a few more examples of men in the scriptures who got side tracked from what they were being called to do. We find a young man, Gideon, who did not know who he was created to be until the Lord told him who he was. He said, "I am the least in my clan," but God saw a man of valor. Jeremiah saw himself as too young and just a child, but God saw a great prophet ready to speak what God had originally purposed for his life.

No one, not even Satan himself, can stop God's divine purpose for our lives when we realize our true identity in Christ.

So now ask yourself, who are you willing to identify yourself with? Don't let Satan or others determine your identity based on your past, but let God show you His original purpose and who you were created to be.

Whenever Jesus was questioned, He always identified Himself with His Heavenly Father. John 10:30,33 “The Father and I are one.”

Until we fully surrender ourselves to Christ and make a practice of prayer, studying the Word and seeking the Holy Spirit for a revelation of Jesus and who we were created to be, we will struggle knowing who we are. It is impossible to find your identity in the world. The truth is, a person will never find out their true identity until they surrender to Christ. He is the maker of all. (Colossians 1:16-17) If we would begin to believe this, we would have no need to be looking to anyone or anything in this world to find our identity. The Bible tells those who are born again, “We are the church on the Rock that the gates of hell cannot stop. (Matthew 16:18) We are more then conquerors. (Romans 8:37) We are overcomes of this world and Satan. (1 John 5:4,5; 1 John 2:13; Isaiah 54:17). We are New Creations and this is one of the most important things for a New believer to know and realize. (2 Corinthians 5:17) Therefore if any man [be] in Christ, [he is] a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.
On Saturday, June 7th the Indian Ministries team spent a wonderful day in the Bogue Chitto community of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. Along with our family, team members on this trip included Lindsey Slaughter of South Carolina, James Fowler of Georgia, and members of the Center Hill Baptist Church of Alabama including Pastor Johnny Crumpton. We began the day with part of the team painting at the Pentecostal Church of God Indian Mission and ended the day with Movie Night at the Community Gymnasium. During the afternoon, we hosted a Kid’s Fest in the gym for the children. This included face painting, games, Bible stories and much more. Later we moved to the outdoor Pavilion where we grilled hot dogs, ate cotton candy, gave out water, juice, Gatorade, food, candy, clothes, diapers and more. There were about 300 people from the community that joined us for food, fellowship and fun! During the fellowship at the Pavilion, Christopher Hughes and Lindsey Slaughter sang Praise and Worship songs and Pastor Johnny Crumpton of Center Hill Baptist Church delivered a challenging message. It was so great to visit and fellowship with so many of the folks from the community. The children played and it was wonderful to hear the laughter and see the smiling faces, some faces dotted with cotton candy and chocolate! After we concluded activities at the Pavilion, we moved over to the Community Gymnasium where everyone played basketball and volleyball until time to start the movie. We had a truly wonderful day in the Bogue Chitto community. It was IMNA’s first visit back since partnering with the community Christmas celebration in December. It was great to see some of the folks we met during that visit, and a special Thank You, to Kendall Wallace, Director for Community Development in Bogue Chitto for allowing our team to partner with him, and for all his hard work in coordinating these events. We can’t wait to get back to the Bogue Chitto community for more fellowship, fun and ministry.

Top Right: Smiling faces of the children. Top Left: Phillip Crauswell grills hundreds of hotdogs for the festivities. Left: Johnny Hughes distributes items from the IMNA trailer to community residents.
Above and left: Scenes from the Bogue Chitto community outreach in Mississippi. Painting the exterior of the Pentecostal Church of God Indian Mission and then worshiping with them on Sunday morning.

Below: Diapers, clothing and candy were a big hit at the afternoon cookout.
Greetings friends of IMNA...recently our church had the incredible opportunity to partner with a ministry here in America that is attending to an almost forgotten mission field within the borders of our great Nation. That mission field is the various Native American Reservations and service areas where our Native brothers and sisters are in great need of the Gospel and the love of Heavenly Father.

Our church, with its new vision and missions directive, recently journeyed to share the Gospel with the great people of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. We were able to help with various construction projects, but most importantly sharing the Gospel through the preaching and teaching of God’s Word. It has become our desire to become deeper connected with IMNA as we partner with them in taking the Gospel to all the Native American people that we can. It has truly been a great blessing to all of our church family embarking on this mission, as we not only planned to be a blessing, but were deeply blessed by the Choctaw people in return.

Currently, we encourage all of our fellow Baptist churches to join us in this effort to reach the once forgotten people of the various Native American Tribes. May this become a great focus among all of our churches in our own borders here in the U.S., as we work to fulfill the Acts 1:8 directive to take the Gospel to all the people of the world.

Many Blessings to all that have laid their hands to the plow and are refusing to look back...for the Kingdom of God is at hand!

Dr. Johnny Crumpton
Pastor, Center Hill Baptist
Hanceville, Alabama
Over the last few months, IMNA teams have been conducting services at the Red Water Faith Center in Carthage, MS. Under the direction of Ruth Ann McDonald, this store-front church is experiencing a real move of the Holy Spirit. It is becoming increasingly evident among the youth that there is a genuine hunger growing for a true relationship with God. We have seen several salvations and rededications since the first of the year, and on the most recent trip to the church, 7 young people accepted Christ. Please continue to pray for the Choctaw people of Mississippi as IMNA continues to press on with our vision of discipleship and service. The enemy would love to hinder this move of God, but he is defeated and God will reign triumphant among the Choctaw.
During the month of April, representatives from IMNA traveled North to minister in Minnesota and North Dakota. We were greeted by the glistening white of a frozen Lake Superior at our first stop in Two Harbors, MN. Following a great Sunday morning service, we quickly traveled to the Leech Lake Reservation for an evening service. Many lives were changed as the Holy Spirit moved in a mighty way.

Accompanied by Pastor Wayne Guilliams and members of the M.I.S.S.I.O.N. Church of God from Florence, KY, we then traveled to the Turtle Mountain Reservation and Dunseith, ND. We had the privilege of partnering with the Turtle Mountain Community College to conduct a community outreach. We were blessed to be able to serve over 1,000 people from the reservation with new clothing, new children’s books and toys, and other miscellaneous items.

Each evening we held services at the Pentecostal Church of God in Dunseith. We concluded our trip with services at the Beulah Church of God in Beulah, ND. God moved on the hearts of the people and all total we saw 13 people accept Christ, numerous rededications and one man came forward to be set free from the grips of suicide. One tribal elder accepted Christ and was called Home to Glory two weeks later. Thank you to all who gave of your resources and covered us in prayer as we took the Gospel to the Chippewa people.
Shanel Tsosie has been a part of IMNA’s youth mentoring program since the summer of 2009. She accepted the Lord at an IMNA youth rally in Window Rock, AZ. Shanel is an example of what God wants to do with our Native American youth. She has completed her third year at Lee University, studying to be a missionary to her Native people. The following are excerpts from her Facebook posts about her current 10 week internship in South Africa. Please continue to lift her and her team up in prayer. We are so proud of Shanel and her accomplishments and desire to see other youth follow in her footsteps.

- We arrived safe and sound. Thank you for all the prayers, love and support! We are so in love with all that is here.
- Hello everyone. I hope all is well with you! My team and I have been in South Africa for about a week now. It has been absolutely amazing with loads of blessings! Thank you for all the prayers and support! Praise Jesus
- Being here in Africa is so amazingly beautiful! The People are great and welcoming. Feels like home being here.
- First full day in J-Burg we visited the Apartheid Museum. Great day of information. We learned of the Country, and continue to learn of everything and everyone, very powerful and humbling.
- So, I have been in Africa for about 2 weeks now. It is absolutely amazing. I have learned so much from what the Lord is teaching us all, as a group and individually. We have preached, taught English, built relationships, ate so many amazing African dishes, and learned so much of the languages. We will be continuing with great ministry soon in Mozambique, Tonga, as well as another mission base in South Africa. It is truly a blessing to be captivated by these people and their love for Jesus. I am so excited to continue on this path the Spirit is guiding us on. Please continue with prayers for our group, and we greatly appreciate you all! Thanks! With love and blessings! SHANEL

Shanel spends time with a new friend.

South African sunset
During the Spring, the Indian Ministries of North America Board of Directors met for their annual meeting and elected Larry Timmerman to serve as the newest board member. Larry, and his wife, Jan, reside in Cleveland, Tennessee and have been associated with IMNA for several years. He served as the Assistant Director of Evangelism and Home Missions and then later as the Director, with the Church of God. He and Jan have always held a special place in their heart for the Native American people. They faithfully raised funds, especially at Christmastime, to support the pastors, evangelists and the children associated with the Southwest Indian Ministries in Gallup, New Mexico. IMNA was involved with the Christmas distribution for 12 years and the Timmerman’s loved to assist our volunteers in distributing toys and gifts to the children and their families. It is truly an honor to have Larry serving as a member of the IMNA Board. His leadership experience and wisdom in ministry is a great asset in advancing God’s vision for IMNA’s future.

Thank you World Vision for your commitment to assisting the needs of the Native American people. Through your generous donations, powdered milk was distributed to the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (above left) and to the Chippewa people on the Turtle Mountain Reservation of North Dakota (above right). Below are images of the pallet house constructed for Missionary Carlston Isaac on the Choctaw reservation. All the insulation for the structure, along with doors and selected fixtures, was donated by World Vision.
Lindsey Slaughter is the daughter of IMNA board member, Rock Slaughter. Serving in various ways, her family has been in ministry for over twenty years. Her journey with the First Nations People began in 1992 at the age of 4. Her grandfather, Alfred Slaughter, had traveled to Gallup, NM, where he felt God’s calling to return with his family and serve the Lord through painting, plumbing, insulating, and various other projects. What started as a summertime family tradition, turned into a life’s ambition for Lindsey. Before her junior year of college, Lindsey served in a youth camp that IMNA hosted at the Southwest Indian Ministries' campground in Gallup, NM. At the base of the cross on Prayer Mountain, the same cross that her grandfather had placed on the mountain, she responded to God’s call to ministry. From that time, Lindsey has been working with IMNA in various roles, including youth mentoring, music and outreach. She truly loves Jesus and strives every day to please Him and love others. She has a degree from Columbia College in Psychology with an emphasis on life, and has worked in the Aiken County schools as a Social Behavior Therapist and teacher’s aide. “I am excited about this new chapter that God is writing, and I can’t wait to meet the rest of the characters and experience the rest of the adventures along the way,” stated Lindsey.

Following three years of training and discipleship with IMNA leadership, Carlston Isaac recently earned his certifications for ministry from New Life Christian Fellowship. During a revival at the Red Water Faith Center in Carthage, Mississippi, Johnny Hughes and Rodney LaVallie presented him with his certificate and commissioned him into the ministry. He is a member of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians and is a true testament of the faithfulness of God. Following 25 years of alcoholism and drugs, God has radically changed the direction of his life. Carlston is now preaching the Gospel and leading his people into a deeper relationship with Christ. He organized Shalombish Himona, a family support group, along with a Bible study at his local church. He is now being asked to speak at area churches, lead Bible studies, and traveling with IMNA as an official Home Missionary to the Native American people.
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