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2019 Navajo Nation Day of Prayer
As the sun began to interrupt the dark of night on June 22, the blast of a shofar echoed through the Window Rock Memorial Park. Located in Window Rock, Arizona, and the capital of the Navajo Nation, this was the location for a sunrise prayer for the Navajo Nation. I had the honor of joining with Pastor Jerry Tom, Brother Ron Harvey, Navajo Nation Vice-President Myron Lizer, and other local residents praying for God’s divine guidance. As the sun broke through the “window in the rock,” the sounds of prayer and intercession could be heard.

Prayers for favor from Jehovah, favor from the state and U.S. government, and favor for the families. There were declarations made and decreed for the breaking and destruction of the strongholds of addictions, bitterness, unforgiveness, etc.

One of the most touching moments during the prayer time, was when Vice-President Lizer, came alongside a Navajo elder and laid hands on her and begin to pray for her specific needs. That moment and that morning, was a time that I will cherish forever. To God be the Glory!
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IT’S THAT EASY!
The Window Rock United Methodist Church on the Navajo Nation experienced a revival of the power of God and His faithfulness in breaking strongholds, delivering the bound, healing the sick, and saving the lost. Johnny and Becky Hughes had the honor of conducting the four days of services and experiencing a move of the Holy Spirit that left the small church spiritually energized and revived. Many were bound by fear, depression, and oppression, but we saw the power of God set them free. Two people prayed to accept Christ and others received miraculous healings in their bodies. Under the leadership of Pastor Patricia Joe, the church is excited about the future and she challenged the church to “keep the fire on the altars burning.”

IMNA had the privilege of partnering with ministries in Gallup, NM, and Oklahoma City, OK, this summer to feed, clothe, and pray with the homeless in those regions. It was a blessing to be the hands and feet of Jesus to those who are suffering.

Thank you to all who served!
IMNA’s Impact Warriors Youth Mentoring Program wrapped up this school year with special events for the youth and families. At Grace Point Ministry Center in Hammon, Oklahoma, the youth held a special event for their Mothers and Grandmothers. They demonstrated their new cooking skills by preparing a pancake dinner. The youth also made flowers for table decorations from recycled bottles and tissue paper.

Bobby and Hannah Morrison, Boha Tribe, stopped by Grace Point in Hammon following their trip to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. They blessed us all in a night of worship with their unique musical sound and powerful anointing. Since their marriage, they have traveled the country spreading the love of Christ inside the churches, under the bridges, or on the streets.

They were accompanied by their friend, Promise, who was raised in Nigeria. She shared her testimony of hope with the people and encouraged them to stand strong for the Lord.
At the Macedonia Indian Baptist Church in Conehatta, Mississippi, the Choctaw youth in the program enjoyed a fun-filled day of outdoor activities. They participated in the potato sack race, the three-legged race, softball throw, relay obstacle race, and archery. At the end of the day, ribbons were rewarded for the different activities for First, Second and Third places. Thank you to all of our adult mentors for your hard work this year!

Following the visit by Boha Tribe, Rodney LaVallie, Pastor of Chief Cornerstone Ministry Center in Bryson City, NC, and member of the IMNA Board of Directors, conducted revival services at Grace Point Ministry Center. He ministered on changing your life, by changing your mind.

He was accompanied by a young couple from Radiant Life Community Church in Sioux City, Iowa, along with a group from Bryson City, NC. They conducted an afternoon youth event and distribution of food boxes prepared by the Radiant Life Church.
June and July was a really exciting time at the Grace Point Ministry Center in Hammon, Oklahoma. We conducted two Vacation Bible Schools at the facility this year and was able to impact the lives of over 40 children.

During June, the children studied about Paul’s trip to Athens. We were joined by volunteers from Cleveland, Tennessee, as well as, World Vision, North Texas.

The July event studied the idea of being “Heroes for God.” The group from Summit Church in Sevierville, Tennessee, really connected with the youth and taught the basics of what it takes to be one of God’s heroes.
The Riverland Hills Baptist Church from South Carolina partnered with IMNA to conduct a Vacation Bible School at the Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church in North Carolina.

Over 20 young people gave their heart to Jesus following the week’s activities. The team was so loving and compassionate with the youth, and displayed the love of Christ in every craft, game, song, and Bible study. We are very thankful for this team’s dedication to the sharing the Gospel with our Cherokee families.

Under the direction of IMNA Vice President, Rock Slaughter, and Home Missionary, Lindsey Slaughter Hughes, a team from Grace Covenant Church of God in New Ellenton, SC, assisted with the painting of classrooms, hallways, and bathrooms at the Conehatta Elementary School in Mississippi. The Choctaw school is located in the community where IMNA conducts one of their Impact Warriors Youth Mentoring Programs. The Conehatta community has been so loving to this ministry, and we enjoy blessing them and giving back as often as possible. Thank you to Principal Brian Parkman and the ladies from the Macedonia Indian Baptist Church for allowing us this time to love on the Conehatta Community.
CHRISTMAS COLLECTION
TIME IS HERE!

We will be starting our Christmas Celebrations and distributions on December 4th.

If you are interested in supporting this year’s Celebrations, the following is needed:

NEW Toys (birth - 12yrs)  
Toothbrushes / toothpaste  
Bar soap and body wash  
Shampoo  
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God came through above and beyond during our capital campaign to add a new truck and trailer to our fleet. Thanks to a major donation by the Poarch band of Creek Indians, we were able to purchase the 2018 Dodge Ram 3500 and the custom 24ft. Gooseneck trailer debt-free!

PICTURED LEFT (L-R): James A. Hughes, IMNA Founder; Johnny K. Hughes, IMNA Executive Director; Stephanie Bryan, Poarch Band of Creek Indians’ Tribal Chair and CEO; Becky Hughes, IMNA Assistant Executive Director; Sandy Hollinger, PBCI Tribal Council, Charlotte Meckel, PBCI Tribal Council / Secretary.
### IMNA Itinerary

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**Impact Warriors’ “Camp Tuesday” Youth Mentoring**

Mentoring meets every Tuesday after school at Grace Point, Hammon, Oklahoma.

Youth teaching each Wednesday evening at Chief Cornerstone Ministry Center, Bryson City, North Carolina.

One Full Basket Women’s Gathering every other Friday evening at Chief Cornerstone Ministry Center, Bryson City, NC

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