Indian Ministries of North America, Inc.

Winter 2013
Volume 12 – Number 1

Founder
James A. Hughes

Executive Director / President
Johnny K. Hughes

Vice President
Rodney LaVallie

Director of Ministries
Rodney LaVallie

Secretary
Peggy Harmann

Directors
Fred Carder
Troy Dailey
Ken Davis
James Herring
Doug Payne
Chief Anne Richardson
Rock Slaughter
Tommy Walker

Office
Indian Ministries of North America, Inc.
P.O. Box 3472
Cleveland, TN  37320

Physical Location
911 Keith St. NW
Cleveland, Tennessee

Phone: (423)479-3831
www.indianministries.org

Three Inspirational Native Flute Releases

Request your copy today
Email:
JohnnyHughes@indianministries.org

Spirit Rain - $10.00
Breath of Heaven - $15.00
Altar of Praise - $15.00
Recently I was awakened around 3 a.m. following an extremely unusual and thought-provoking dream. After a time of lying there wondering and praying about the meaning of the dream, the Lord began to speak to my spirit about what I had experienced. It was then that I became very disturbed, disheartened, and disappointed.

I was standing at the edge of a large field and to my left I saw a giant of a man bound by ropes and staked to the ground. I could see that he was struggling to get loose and free himself. As I approached, I noticed that it was a Native American man, and as I looked closer I could see that the ropes were inscribed with words such as: hopeless, alcohol, drugs, suicide, anger, fear, depression, unforgiveness, abuse, etc. I wanted to help, but the things that bound him were bigger than I could do alone. It was then that my attention directed to another giant figure lying nearby in the field.

I cautiously approached this figure, because there were no constraints or bindings that I could see. The figure was lying there as if it were sleeping. It was not being forced to stay in that position, but it appeared that it had chosen to lie down. All I could see was the words “My Church” written across the chest.

As I prayed for a meaning, God began to bring to my memory many prophetic words that had been spoken over the Native American people and about the latter day revival that is coming to those nations. I recalled the words spoken by Rev. Billy Graham several years ago that referred to the “awakening of the Brown Giant.” It soon became clear to me what I had seen in the dream.

Working in Native American ministry is a real challenge at times, because it truly feels that they are a forgotten and overlooked people group by most churches. I have even been told by “church people” that what we do is really not missions, since we are working within the United States. The dream was so clear. We have an awakening of the Brown Giant taking place, but we have a church in America that seems to be sleeping and not taking notice of the bindings that are so tightly constraining a people.

The Giant of a Church must wake up, get up and speak life and strength into a giant that is desperately trying to arise. We have the power of the Holy Spirit to loose the constraints and to see an outpouring take place among America’s First People. We have two giants that need to arise: One is bound and One is sleeping!

ARISE, ARISE
"I felt no pain. The cutting was numbing to my spirit, and the voice continued to urge me to cut more and deeper."

"Cutting built me up to greater steps toward suicide."
The following is from an interview with Shanel Tsosie from the Navajo Nation. Shanel has been a part of IMNA’s youth mentoring and discipleship training for the last five years. She is now in her second year at Lee University in Cleveland, Tennessee, studying to be a missionary.

Shanel Tsosie has become an important part of Indian Ministries of North America, Inc. She is a real inspiration and her enthusiasm for learning all she can about the Bible and living a Christian life has been exciting. Shanel was raised in Gallup, New Mexico, and faced many of the tragedies and challenges of the typical Native American youth. Her father died from alcohol when she was very young, and left her mom with four children to raise. “It was really hard when he died,” stated Shanel. “I believe a lot of my life might have been different had he not died. I remember even at that young age that he would encourage us to stay in school and set goals for our lives.” It wasn’t long before Shanel’s mom had another man in her life and the children began to feel neglected.

Much of Shanel’s life began to fall to pieces. With her dad gone and her mom’s attention focused elsewhere, she began to feel unwanted and worthless. “I longed for my mom’s attention, like any young girl does, but it was as if I didn’t even exist anymore,” she stated. “My siblings remained drunk or high and fought all the time. Soon I was willing to do anything for my mother’s love and attention.” Shanel found her escape in cutting herself. She began at the age of 12 and hoped that she would cut herself deep enough for her mom to take her to the hospital. “I would hear a voice telling me to continue to cut, more and deeper. I was numb when I would cut and would feel no pain. I know now that it was Satan trying to cause me to take my own life,” she stated. Cutting soon lead to other thoughts and plans of suicide. At least twice, she attempted suicide by overdosing on pills. “I remember once my mom was so focused on her boyfriend that she just fed me some crackers and told me to move on,” stated Shanel.

Shanel began to represent a local gang at the age of 14 and her life continued to spiral out of control, but it was then that a friend invited her to an IMNA youth rally in Window Rock, Arizona. “I grew up in church as a young girl, but I never really knew who God or Jesus was. I just went to the rally to escape my drunk siblings; however, I heard God’s voice of love replacing the voice that tried to convince me to Escape into death.” I felt so refreshed and alive!”

“I want every young Native to know that no earthly love can fulfill you, but there is a Father in Heaven that loves you and doesn’t want you going down the wrong path. On our reservations, love is missing. Many parents do not know how to truly express love. My mom never said I love you very much, but I found a greater love than a mother and father in the scripture. Had it not been for Indian Ministries of North America and the message of Hope that they brought, I am sure that I would be dead. I want to be a missionary to my people and others to share my story and the story of the One who sacrificed His life for mine — Jesus.”
The photos on this page are from the Christmas outreaches at the Hunter’s Point Navajo Boarding School and the Navajo community of Lukachukai.
The photos on this page show the IMNA outreach to the homeless in Gallup, New Mexico.

Under the direction of Elston and Renae Bingham, approximately 100 individuals are fed each week.

IMNA is honored to be a blessing to this community each time we go to Gallup. Thank you Elston and Renae and to the volunteers that help you.

“Giving in His name transforms lives … transformed lives reform generations”
Indian Ministries of North America, Inc. (IMNA) is one of thirteen sites selected by New Vision Renewable Energy to participate in a nationwide youth mentoring program in the United States. Under the direction of Johnny Hughes, IMNA will be overseeing the Impact Warriors Project in Cherokee, North Carolina. IMNA has entered into a strategic partnership with New Vision Renewable Energy, who is one of three national organizations that are partnering together to support mentoring programs in 38 states involving over 3,000 students in a variety of mentoring activities. The United States Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) announced the award and details in December 2012 to the partners of the Leadership Foundations Mentoring Initiative: Leadership Foundations, headquartered in Tacoma, WA, New Vision Renewable Energy, based in Philippi, WV, and COPHANI, based in Boston, MA.

The Leadership Foundations Mentoring Initiative includes the successful approaches of COPHANI, New Vision Renewable Energy and Leadership Foundations to strengthen and expand mentoring programs for youth age 17 and under in 38 states and Tribal communities. The program’s goal is to reduce juvenile delinquency by increasing protections and lowering risks for America’s underserved and at-risk youth through mentoring relationships. These goals will be achieved through (1) one-to-one, group, and peer mentoring relationships; (2) increased educational achievement, job readiness, and social skills; and (3) strengthened mentoring programs through collaborative community approaches. These best practices will guarantee decreased juvenile convictions and offenses and that youth will exhibit positive change in targeted behaviors. The Leadership Foundations Mentoring Initiative will use systems and tools created by Wilder Research (St. Paul Minnesota) to track performance measures.

The partnership consists of the following national and international networks: New Vision Renewable Energy, a Christian Community Development Organization working to ReEnergize Communities both locally and globally. New Vision evolved from a rich 50 year history of ministry and development in rural communities in Appalachia and around the country. COPHANI, a Fellowship of Hispanic Pastors of New England, representing over 80 Latino churches, promotes collaboration of Latino churches and faith-based organizations with the aim of sustaining and mobilizing these organizations to promote social transformation that will improve the lives of Latino families throughout the region. Lastly, the Leadership Foundations leverage impact in cities, takes innovative model programs to scale, and serves as a distribution system for best practices and resources.

“It is very exciting to be connected to so many great community organizations in this national demonstration project and to host folks from across the country here in Philippi, in seeking ways to effectively bring out the best in young people and the adults who are working to invest in them,” said Ruston Seaman, President of New Vision Renewable Energy. New Vision will be overseeing community-based projects in 12 states including Alaska, Colorado, Kansas, Iowa, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Carolina and West Virginia. Leaders from these sites came to Philippi, WV January 19-25, 2013 for orientation and training.
With 1.3 billion people living without the benefits of electricity, many of our world's most vulnerable families and communities can be identified by the absence of modern energy alternatives. In the 21st century there remains a sad reality that people have to use fire or kerosene or candles to navigate in the night. Imagine all the changes that would take place in your life if there were no electricity. On some of our Native American Reservations, over 50% of homes have no electricity or running water, and in many other countries around the world it is much higher. In Kenya, 40% of the childhood deaths are related to respiratory disease, and major contributors to this problem is the absence of clean energy options for cooking food and lighting homes.

Imagine the challenges faced by children in the developing world who know that getting ahead means being at school during the day and studying at night, so you light a kerosene wick to have a flame to study by all the while you are huffing the fumes connected to your light source.

A 21st century solution is a simple combination of a small 10 watt solar panel, a compact 12 volt 9.8 amp hours batter and a set of 135 super bright LED lights that provide the light for a family to enjoy some of the quiet hours at night. As a part of the Impact Warriors Mentoring Project, Indian Ministries of North America is partnering with New Vision Renewable Energy to manufacture and distribute lights to villages around the world who have no access to electricity. New Vision has developed a portable solar power pack and light that will allow families to harness electricity every hour of a sunny day to be used at night. Amazing what a change it can make into the educational development and personal safety of families simply to have a renewable light that can charge cell phone or run other small devices as well as provide a portable light that can be used every night.

Not only will the at-risk youth that IMNA mentors are working with be impacted by this program, but these young Native Americans will be impacting other families and communities, not only on Native American land, but in countries around the world. They will learn the value of making a difference in the world around them.

ABOUT NEW VISION:
New Vision Renewable Energy is a nonprofit 501(c) 3 organization launched in Philippi, West Virginia on September 11, 2009 and is growing as a grassroots community-based organization working to ReEnergize Communities to implement renewable energy solutions in their own neighborhoods. New Vision is an educational and innovation movement focusing on applicable technologies within the emerging “green” economy and serves as a hub of collaborative discussion, training and invention bringing together renewable energy innovators, community leaders, youth, companies, organizations as well as public and private partners. www.newvisionrenewableenergy.org
A True Dedicated Heart

Tom Swartz of Blairsville, Georgia recently completed a 12 year term on the IMNA Board of Directors. He is a vital part of the ministry team and has been named the Development Coordinator for North Georgia and Southwest North Carolina. God has given him favor to acquire various products, equipment and financial resources for the fulfillment of the vision for this ministry. IMNA has achieved their current level of ministry because of the love and dedication of people like Tom. He has a genuine love for the Native people and longs to see their physical and spiritual needs supplied. He has a real compassion for the tribes of the Northwest, where he has been blessing missionaries even before his involvement with IMNA. We appreciate his commitment and look forward to an even greater time of ministry together. Thank you Tom, we love and appreciate you for all your hard work!

From the Heart of a Young Cheyenne

Dad (God), Thank You for all the love that You have shown me. When I wanted it...when I didn't want it...when I forgot it...and when I abused it. I'm clueless of all the forgiveness You have given to me, I know I've messed up more than I have done good, but You always forgive me anyway. You always provided and still provide for me...in so many ways...quite unreal. Dad you are amazing! I know in my heart what to do, but for some reason, sometimes it just feels like too much. Then I stop and remember what you brought me through, and all that love You had for me in my weakest of times...and my strongest of times...You never left me, and I am so sorry for just now seeing it. I was searching for "something" I thought I didn't have, and all along, it was with me, You were there, You're always there! Dad I thank You for this good morning kiss...this kiss of truth. The kiss that gave me what I need to stand tall, and not only that, but in Your light and with everything that You have done for me and given to me, it is enough! You are enough! This kiss has brought me back into the light and has brought LOVE and meaning to my heart! This kiss is the truth! This kiss has made me fearless! This kiss opened my eyes to see that to love doesn't mean you are weak, but to love is to be strong. This kiss has made me weak in the best way, but has made me strong enough to give you this fight and my fear to love and to be loved! Love is something that not everyone can handle, but everyone wants. This kiss was the kiss that saved my life. The kiss of truth! Proverbs 24:26 says, “…the truth is like a kiss on the lips,” and Dad, I thank you, I thank you for this kiss of truth and the kiss of life! I thank you for my life and all that You bring into it. I’m truly thankful! I believe and I rededicate my life to You, Dad! Thank you for being my Dad.

P.S. I forgive those who have hurt me, I pray my family will forgive me for letting them down or hurting them in any way. I love you and I ask forgiveness from you!

Chayil
Fred Carder

Fred is a native of Cleveland Tennessee and has been married to his high school sweetheart, Janene, for 30 years. They have 3 sons; Josh who graduated college last year, Will who is a sophomore in college preparing for ministry, and Brad who now lives with Jesus. The Carders are long time members of First Baptist Church in Cleveland where Fred has taught adult Sunday School for more than twenty years. He has served as a deacon at FBC for over 12 years and is a member of the drama ministry team. He has been involved with construction mission work in Mexico and evangelism mission work in Africa, as well as other places. Fred earned a BS degree in Mechanical Engineering from Tennessee Tech University and started his engineering career working for NASA. Throughout his career he has worked in various industries in engineering and management and is currently working in the corporate engineering office for TVA’s power generation division. He enjoys missions work, hunting, fishing, building, and automotive work. Fred has been involved with IMNA for over 10 years supporting ministry in several areas including Hammon, OK and Gallup, NM. Ministry to our native Americans has a special place in his heart, growing from his own heritage with the Cherokee in North Carolina and also in Henrietta, OK.

Dr. Troy Dailey

As a teenager, Dr. Troy Dailey had many prophecies pertaining to his call to ministry. Since then, he has been involved in various ministries, promoted to leadership positions, pioneered and pastored three churches, hosted Trinity Broadcasting Network, preached on radio and internet, and served as a spiritual advisor to federal, state and local candidates from all over the country. He is Founder of Faith In His Word Fellowship, located in Palm Beach County, Florida. Prior to joining the board of IMNA, he and his wife, Teresa, recently moved to Tennessee where they have planted another ministry, Warehouse 360. He is working with troubled youth in changing their lives and getting them on the right track. He counsels to save marriages and help families recover from hurt and tragedy.

Ken Davis

Ken currently serves as the Vice-President of Institutional Advancement for the Pentecostal Theological Seminary in Cleveland, Tennessee. He has been associated with the Seminary since the 80’s when he served on its Stewardship Commission, and has served on the Seminary's Board of Directors for the past four years. Ken grew up in Northeast Ohio. He received his undergraduate degree from Kent State University and his juris doctorate degree from Duke University School of Law.

From 1978 through 1997, Ken served as an assistant director of law for the City of Akron, and has served in leadership roles in the Akron Bar Association, and his local, state and national church. He has received numerous community service and leadership awards for service to the community and his church. Ken was the first Caucasian to be invited to join the Akron alumni chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, the oldest African American fraternity in the United States. In 1998, Ken retired from the practice of law and became the associate pastor at Canton Temple of Praise in Ohio.

In August of 2001, he became the assistant director of Stewardship Ministries for the Church of God and was appointed its director in 2004. Ken is an Ordained Bishop in the Church of God and is a frequent speaker and teacher in local churches and state camp meetings, prayer conferences, and tools conferences. Ken has been married for 31 years to Debbie and has a son who is a student at Ohio State, studying to be a teacher.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Event Type</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Dates</th>
<th>Organizer</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Warriors of the Word</td>
<td>Choctaw Bible Institute</td>
<td>February 8 - 9</td>
<td>Choctaw Bible Institute</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Revival</td>
<td>Grace Point Ministry Center</td>
<td>March 2 - 9</td>
<td>Grace Point Ministry Center</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Evening Missions Class</td>
<td>Westmore Church of God</td>
<td>February 13</td>
<td>Westmore Church of God</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Warriors of the Word</td>
<td>Choctaw Bible Institute</td>
<td>March 8 - 9</td>
<td>Choctaw Bible Institute</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Evening Worship</td>
<td>Community Family Church</td>
<td>March 10</td>
<td>Community Family Church</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Missions Conference</td>
<td>House of Prayer</td>
<td>March 15 - 17</td>
<td>House of Prayer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Warriors of the Word</td>
<td>Choctaw Bible Institute</td>
<td>April 5 - 6</td>
<td>Choctaw Bible Institute</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sunday Services</td>
<td>Oswego Assembly of God</td>
<td>April 28</td>
<td>Oswego Assembly of God</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Indian Ministries of North America, Inc.
P.O. Box 3472
Cleveland, Tennessee 37320

www.indianministries.org

423-479-3831

Find us on Facebook

Connect with IMNA