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Throughout history, wells were often the source of contention and power struggles. Israel’s enemies were noted for filling up their wells with dirt. In Genesis 26, we read where God tells Isaac not to go to Egypt during a time of famine. He instructed him to stay in the place where He placed him and to plant his seed for a harvest. God blessed him with a bounty of crops and herds. The Philistines became very jealous of Isaac, and they filled all the wells with dirt. These were the wells that the servants of his father Abraham dug many years earlier. After his bountiful harvest, Abimelech, king of the Philistines, asked Isaac to leave the country stating, “You are mighty, and have become too rich and powerful for us.” Isaac then moved to the Gerar Valley and began to re-dig the wells of Abraham. He called them by the names his father had given them. However, as he opened the first well, local shepherds came and claimed the fresh water as their own. Isaac’s servants then opened another well, and again there was a fight over the rights of the water. Abandoning that well and moving on, they reopened a third well and the local people left them alone. Isaac named this well Rehoboth, meaning “Room Enough,” for God made room for them to thrive.

As I was reading through these scriptures, I realized the same thing happens in our spiritual lives as well. Following a spiritual breakthrough or victory, our spiritual enemies will immediately come behind us and begin to fill in that flow of fresh, invigorating water with the garbage and trash from the world; likewise, the enemy will also try to fill up the spiritual wells of our ancestors that are rightfully ours. These wells represent the living waters of their past ministry, as well as their unfulfilled promises.

I can see the connection between Isaac’s story and the dream that was given to my father, James Hughes, over 40 years ago. The Lord showed him a multitude of Native American faces and said, “Take my Gospel to your people.” Throughout the years, I have seen many highs and lows in relation to that dream. Many times the enemy would fill in the flow of that dream to the point you wondered if the vision would ever come into its fullness. However, over the last 12 years, God has shown Himself mighty and we have seen His promises constantly fulfilled. My father passed the mantle and anointing to the next generation, and we continue to clean out the wells and springs to release the power of the flow of the Holy Spirit and see the unfulfilled promises come to life.

It takes persistence to see the promises of God become reality. Isaac didn’t stop after opening the first well, he moved on to the second. When he

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Altar of Spiritual Heritage

In the summer of 2010, Chief Anne Richardson of the Virginia tribe of the Rappahannock began to hear the call of God to cross over the Jordan. God impressed on her to remove the pole with the animal skull from the center of the tribal dance circle. He told her it was an Asher pole and the tribe would not experience the fullness of His blessings until it was removed and an altar built in its place. The IMNA Release team had the privilege of assisting with the building of the altar, by removing them from the Rappahannock River, the river of their inheritance. However, at a later date, an individual removed the altar and scattered the stones. In a fall trip to the center, IMNA representatives found the stones and rebuilt the altar. We are planning a project to construct a prayer garden around the altar in the near future.
Dear Friends and Partners,

Greetings in the name of the Lord! As the year 2012 has arrived, Indian Ministries of North America, Inc. would like to thank you for helping to make 2011 an awesome year through your prayers, financial support and time. Because of you, we were able to reach many of our Native brothers and sisters through revivals, benevolence, outreach and youth programs.

What an awesome year it was! Revival is breaking out among the Native people as never before with salvations, rededications, healings, refreshing and deliverance. God continues to open new doors as the hunger for an outpouring of His Spirit grows among our people.

There is an excitement in the air for 2012 as God is birthing many fresh, new ideas within us for reaching His people. We are working on the calendar and budgeting to see what we will be undertaking as these plans come together. These are new opportunities for you and I to add souls to the Kingdom and strengthen those who are spiritually weak.

Consider helping us “jump start” 2012 with a special blessing for the Native people. We know that the revival outpouring will increase in the coming days, so pray for us to hear clearly the voice of God for His plan, that there will be no doubt in the directions to go and that the financing will continue to flow to meet His mandate for this ministry.

It is a pleasure to serve our Native brothers and sisters, to reach out to the lost and hurting, to bring those who don’t know Jesus into the fold and to minister to their needs. Thank you for allowing us to go as partners, and we look forward to bringing you great reports in the months to come.

The Vision

In 1967, God gave Indian Ministries of North America (IMNA) founder, James A. Hughes the vision that sparked the beginning of this ministry. That morning as he sat on the edge of the bed, it was as if the entire wall changed into a large screen. He saw before him a multitude of Native American faces from all nations looking back at him and the Spirit of the Lord spoke these words, “Take My gospel to your people.”

...Thus began IMNA.

Many years were spent ministering and serving our brothers and sisters among the Native People through many avenues. In 2002, IMNA was incorporated in Tennessee and received their federal 501c3 non-profit status in 2003. Partnerships with a variety of humanitarian organizations enable IMNA to provide clothing, blankets, coats, food, gifts for Christmas, and household items for families, schools and communities in need. The ministry also provides supplies to various tribal schools throughout the country as funding and items are made available.

The Mission:

To be frontline Warriors impacting lives, restoring the broken, healing the wounded, and setting the captives free.
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On November 30, 2011, the IMNA ministry team headed out for Oklahoma and New Mexico to celebrate Christmas. Our first stop was Hammon, OK at the IMNA Ministry Center, Grace Point. We were blessed this past Christmas to receive donations of toys, clothes, blankets and other items for distribution from three different corporations. Moore Freight donated a truck and driver for the trip as they faithfully do each year. The first morning after arriving, our team of 13 wonderful volunteers began to unload the items from the truck that were to be distributed in Hammon. They worked hard sorting and organizing everything to be ready for the distribution on Saturday, December 3, 2011. On Thursday and Friday of that week we held revival services in the evening in which we had several salvations and rededications. On December 5, 2011, we headed toward Gallup, NM with the threat of winter weather closing in on us. By the time we reached Amarillo, TX the snow and ice had gotten treacherous. Authorities began the process of closing some areas of the interstate due to weather related accidents, so we decided it was best to get a few motel rooms for the evening until they had a chance to clear the roads. There was a really close call with our truck, but God kept us safe. We had time to get to know each other better, and get unified with the task ahead. We arrived at the Church of God SWIM campground on the evening of the 6th.

Our first full day in Gallup brought a lot of hard work. Once again we unloaded the truck, sorted clothes, toys and other donations into separate sections for all the locations where distributions would be made on our journey. This year we were blessed to be able to touch 7 different tribes with donations.

- The Cheyenne community in Hammon, OK
- The Navajo in Gallup, NM
- The White Mountain Apache in AZ
- The Zuni in NM
- The San Carlos Apache in AZ
- The Choctaw Community of MS
- The Eastern Band of Cherokee in NC

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We were able to distribute a variety of items to several Indian boarding schools, a senior adult center, to the homeless in Gallup, and several other locations in NM and AZ. We accompanied a senior center representative and helped as meals were distributed to the elderly shut-ins and offered prayer for their needs. We also gave away toys, clothes, shoes, and filtrated water pitchers for the Southwest Indian Ministries (SWIM) pastors to distribute to their families and congregations. God blessed us to touch many lives, and in doing so, our whole team’s lives were touched tremendously! As the saying goes, it truly is “more blessed to give than to receive!” While taking photographs at one of the boarding schools in NM, one of my favorite moments was when a young girl, sitting on the gym floor with all her gifts surrounding her, looked up at me and asked, “Will you play with me?” That melted my heart and I knelt down to take a moment to spend with her.

During our stay in Gallup, we were in revival from December 6 through December 9 at the Manuelito Church of God. We saw a mighty move of the Holy Spirit with several salvations, rededications, and deliverances. Young people came forward to surrender their lives and empty their pockets of those things of addiction that were holding them to this world. God moved radically and lives were changed! Help us pray that they continue to stand strong.

IMNA had a team recently return from a trip to the Standing Rock Reservation in South Dakota. They also visited the Four Winds Ministry Center in Big Timber, MT. The team delivered coats and other supplies on this trip. Evangelist Rodney LaVallie held services in South Dakota and Montana, with plans to return for revivals later this year.
Indian Ministries would like to express our deepest gratitude to all those who prayed, supported through your financial resources and everyone who supplied gifts for the Christmas distribution. We were able to go above and beyond because of you!

World Vision
- National Domestic Disaster of Humanitarian Emergency Affairs
- North Texas Storehouse

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Moore Freight Services

First Book

Pictured are scenes from the Christmas outreaches that IMNA conducted during the month of December. Over 1500 people were impacted by the generosity of our many volunteers and donors. Hard work led to a lot of smiling faces all around.
During the fall of 2011, the evangelistic team of Indian Ministries of North America was invited to the land where the United States began, the eastern gate where the colonists first landed. The descendants of that famous Native American peacemaker, Pocahontas, greeted our team at the Rappahannock tribal offices in Indian Neck, Virginia. We were on a mission to see an outpouring of the Holy Spirit’s love, power and fire on the homeland where this country began. Chief Anne Richardson asked the team to come to the tribal center to hold a revival so that God could supernaturally intervene in the lives of her people.

“The IMNA has been like a breath from Heaven for the Rappahannock community. We have seen miracles in a community that was taught they didn’t happen any more.” 
Chief Anne Richardson

The team consisted of Johnny Hughes, Rodney and Nic LaVallie and Uriah Thomas. They visited the local Indian Baptist Church on Sunday morning and began revival services at the tribal center that evening. For the next few nights, a move of God was experienced by all in attendance. Repentance and forgiveness heavily permeated the atmosphere as everyone cried out to Jehovah, the creator of the universe. Manifestations of His Spirit were witnessed as people were delivered, healed and filled with the Holy Spirit.

Voices were raised and cries of restoration for the land, the government and the people rang out. Different tribes, cultures and denominations had come together in unity to cry out for an outpouring and a great awakening in America. What better place to begin a GREAT AWAKENING than at the Eastern Gate where it all began in 1607.

Read Connie’s miracle testimony from the Rappahannock revival on page 15.

Top Left: IMNA’s Uriah Thomas, along with Chief Anne Richardson and friends, pray for Carol Lambiotte.

Left: A replica of the Ark of the Covenant is carried into the tribal center by representatives from IMNA and the tribe.
By Johnny Hughes

In April, 2011, I shared with a group from the Eastern Band of Cherokee about a word that the Lord had strongly impressed on me just nights before. This was shared at the Indian Ministries of North America’s annual Kindred Spirits gathering at the House of Prayer in Blairsville, Georgia. That word was as follows: As I was preparing to go to sleep, I heard the Lord speak two topics to me. He said, “Jubilee” and “Trail of Tears.” I began to question what this meant and how they were related. I know from the Bible that jubilee represents 50 years and from history the Trail of Tears took place from Cherokee homelands in the Southeast to the Indian Territory in Oklahoma.

Now I had to find the connection. The Indian Removal Act of 1830 signed by President Andrew Jackson was the center of much discussion, anger and battles, in and out of the courts and congress. After President Jackson’s landslide victory of 1832, removing the Southeastern tribes was one of his highest priorities. He found a few hundred of the over 16,000 Cherokee to enter into a treaty to sell the Cherokee land for less than 5 million dollars in exchange for moving to Oklahoma. This was signed on December 30, 1835 and the Cherokee people had a 2 year grace period to move starting in 1836.

The year of Jubilee in both the Jewish and Christian traditions is a time of joy, the year of remission or universal pardon. In Mosaic law, each 50th year was to be celebrated as a jubilee year, and at this season every household should recover its absent members, the land return to its former owners, the Hebrew slaves be set free, and debts be remitted. This was a time when God’s mercy was powerfully manifest. With the official start of the Cherokee removal beginning in 1836, I asked myself what event happened that was significant for their tribe and homeland. Then I recalled from my Pentecostal background that the experience of Pentecost fell in and around Murphy, North Carolina in the year 1886. The Great Smoky Mountain area around Murphy was one of the major establishments of the Cherokee people and those mountains remain the home of the Eastern Band of Cherokee today. This manifestation of the Pentecostal experience was the Jubilee for the Cherokee land and its people. A people who were beaten, spat upon, rounded up in corrals and stockades and treated lower than animals found mercy with God. Those who were seen as last, were the first to experience the outpouring of the Holy Ghost.

The above was confirmed in October, 2011 by Perry Stone. The following page highlights excerpts and summaries that were shared during his Friday evening service at the 2011 Main Event Campmeeting at Abba’s House in Hixson, Tennessee. The following is used by permission:
Cherokee Link to the End-Time Outpouring: The Spiritual Nation within the Political Nation

Long before Columbus is accredited with discovering a new continent there were Indian tribes on the North American continent. They are called the First Peoples. The one group that has always fascinated me is the Cherokee. They were very well established in the Southeastern part of the United States at the time of the founding of America in 1776. Their population was the strongest in Georgia, East Tennessee, Northern Alabama and North Carolina, covering a total of 8 states, including perimeter states, and totaled approximately 144,000 square miles.

When you delve deep into Cherokee history there are some fascinating parallels between them and ancient Jews. The name Cherokee means “Principle People” or as we would say today “Chosen People.” The original colonists in the U.S. believed that the Cherokee were some type of descendants of the Jewish people, and we find 3 historical writers who wrote about this belief from 1700 to the early 1800’s. One of those writers was James Adair who lived with the Indians for over forty years. (Find more of Adair’s observations in Perry Stone’s CD of Cherokee Parallels to the Jewish people at www.voe.org)

There is a spiritual inheritance that the Cherokee people have not understood. The Cherokee people were easier to reach for the Lord than almost any other of the 5 Civilized tribes in the South. This is the part that got me on a journey to Cherokee County, North Carolina to the town of Murphy. In the early 1800’s this area was a main center for the Cherokee people. Why were the Cherokee so easy to win? What was there about the land that the missionaries could use to point to Christ? God has always used the emblem of a cross as a sign of redemption in nature, and in the Cherokee land there are natural formations called “Fairy Crosses.” The Cherokee legend of these small stone crosses states that God sent His son down and they killed him and there were Little People in the mountains that cried and their tears fell to the ground and formed the crosses. So, when the missionaries came to Murphy and began to wear the big wooden crosses around their neck, they would point to the land and say God has put in the land the story of the cross: His son was crucified on a cross and raised from the dead and if you will believe Him you can have redemption.

In 1839, the Cherokee were forced off their land during the Trail of Tears, where 4000 of the 16,000 people died. During the 800 mile march to Oklahoma, the Cherokee would pray to God to please help them. There was a small group that escaped and went into hiding in the mountains of North Carolina, and remain there today in Cherokee, North Carolina.

Forty-seven years later, God began to initiate something through people with Cherokee blood. R.G. Spurling, a Baptist minister, along with a small group of Baptists and Methodists experienced a revival breakout. Something unique happened in the Spirit in 1896, when 120-130 people gathered near Murphy, North Carolina, where the Cherokee people were forced from their land and where they cried out to God, “What is going to happen to our inheritance?” God took a group of people and started baptizing them in the Holy Ghost. They began to speak in tongues and didn’t even know what they had received. They went to the Bible and researched it, and began to say, “This is the last day outpouring of the Holy Spirit.” Ten years before the Azusa Street revival of California, the first outpouring was in the headquarters of the Cherokee.

Then in Oklahoma, where the 5 civilized tribes settled, God said “I have heard your prayers. I have heard your cries.” In 1948, where the Trail of Tears ended and they wept for the last time, God raised up a Cherokee descendant, Oral Roberts, to take the gospel of healing to the nation. God took from out of the wounded people and made a healer to the nation. The legacy of the First Peoples, especially those 5 tribes, is not land, it’s a spiritual inheritance. Their blessing is the outpouring and the healing that is in their nature…

This is only a summary of the message. Get your copy of the full message at:

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During the month of November, IMNA was given the privilege to travel to the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indian reservation near the Pearl River. The team consisted of Johnny Hughes, Rodney and Nic LaVallie, Uriah Thomas, Angela Ruiz, David Klocke, as well as Larry and Connie McIntosh. We were excited to also be joined by the youth group from the Yellowhill Baptist Church in Cherokee, North Carolina. The invitation to come was given by area pastors, along with Alan and Jackie Winters of the Choctaw Bible Translation Office. They asked the team to hold a community revival at the Hopewell Baptist Church in the Standing Pine community.

The crowds increased each night as we saw God’s Holy Spirit begin to manifest His presence. Through singing and worship by area churches and the IMNA worship team, hearts were stirred into an intimate encounter with God. As God began to pour out His Spirit, we saw unified kindred spirits among multiple tribes represented. During the second night, following worship by the Yellowhill youth, Rodney challenged the congregation with a powerful word from God. The altars quickly filled and lives were transformed. The evidence of God’s power was there as people gave their hearts to the Lord and prayed for freedom from addictions. This is a great door that God has opened for IMNA and we continue to believe God for more breakthroughs and favor in that community. IMNA plans to return soon for more services and Bible training for the churches.

“Friends, I just want to share with you that the Lord was showing his presence at our revival these past few days. I got down on my knees and cried in joy as my Spirit was lifted. God is awesome and there is nothing He can’t do. When the Holy Spirit gets a hold of You, You know that God is in control. Thank You Jesus! God bless our new friends at IMNA and Thank You.”
There was more than a physical change of seasons this past October. There was a definite shift in the Spiritual realm and the seasons are changing for IMNA as God is pouring His Spirit out everywhere we go. We had the honor of conducting a revival among the Eastern Band of Cherokee in North Carolina, and it was there that we saw two churches, of different denominations, come together in unity. The Yellowhill Baptist Church and the Cherokee Church of God came together, not just for a revival, but for an inner awakening. The revival was extended beyond its scheduled time as God miraculously worked in the lives of those in attendance. Rodney LaVallie and Johnny Hughes ministered each night and the words were like arrows pricking the hearts of everyone. We witnessed young children, teens and elders laying before the Lord in the altar for hours. Alcoholics and drug addicts coming forward and being delivered by the power of God from all their addictions. This was truly a picture of God’s CHURCH. The hearts of the youth were turned to the elders, as they Lay hands on them in prayer. The elders’ hearts were turned to the children as they knelt beside them in the altar. A fire was started, an awakening is being experienced and together IMNA and these churches have committed to “Take it to the Streets” this year.
While we did not expect to be back on the road again until December, the Lord kept prompting us about an idea that our brother, Garrell, from the Lakota Pine Ridge Indian Reservation had mentioned to us while we were traveling together this past summer. When asked how we could help and minister to his people, he mentioned that some of their elders could really use firewood during the long winter months. The problem was, no one had chainsaws to get it done. So, we decided to put it before the Lord and His people to see what He would have us do. Within three weeks, we had the funds we needed, plus TWO donated chainsaws and a loaned log-splitter. It was a real faith-builder for us to see how the Lord will provide for His work to be done!

So early Friday, we hit the road for South Dakota...again! With the experiences we’ve had on some of our trips, you are probably waiting for me to tell you of some harrowing stories of broken-down vehicles, near-death experiences and the like. Honestly, it was just about as flawless a trip as you can get (sore muscles and backs excluded)! We had great weather, found plenty of wood to cut (we delivered about 10 truckloads of split firewood) and had a great time building relationships, having Bible study and encouraging young and old believers. We had opportunity to pray with each recipient when we delivered firewood and word spread quickly about what we were doing. We were able to meet with a couple on Friday night, who with Garrell’s help, will be starting a weekly Bible study in their home. So encouraging! As they’ve requested, we are sending some discipleship materials to help them get started. The Lord is really up to something great in Pine Ridge! Many thanks to all who responded so quickly in making this trip happen! Who would have thought that a chainsaw would be a tool for spreading the gospel! Also, many, many thanks to Garrell, his wife, Yvette, his family and a great team of about 10 really hard-working, Lakota guys who helped with the wood. Keep up the good work! We could never have done it without you!
Laura Payne

Testimony of God’s Miracle Working Power

I have been praising God for IMNA ever since my ankle was supernaturally healed on Oct. 9 at the Sunday evening service at the Rappahannock Cultural Center in Indian Neck, Virginia. The deep sincerity and commitment you have for God and the call He has on your lives is so evident in the purity and sweetness of His Spirit in your meetings.

I have been praying for a reconstructive miracle since 1994. The arch on my left foot had fallen, causing my ankle to fall over. After 17 years like this, the ankle bulged over the shoe and had become stiff, basically frozen. When I walked, it would not bend forward to provide for a smooth walking stride. I have had it prayed for many times throughout the years, but nothing happened.

However, on this night I went up for prayer and Johnny asked me to take off my shoe to be anointed with oil. When he touched my foot with both hands, I felt the wonderful healing warmth that seemed golden. I sat in a chair as he continued to pray. As the warmth pulsed through my ankle and foot, I felt movement in my heel...like a crunching of bones and ligaments. This was so different that my mouth dropped open as I looked at my husband in amazement. I could feel something happening in that foot and ankle.

This continued for several minutes and then Johnny asked me if I could move my ankle. It swung around easily, left and right, up and down, forward and back, and around in circles. All the while, the warmth was like oil lubricating and loosening my ankle. My crooked, frozen ankle had been made straight!

Amazing God.
Amazing Grace.
Amazing Servants.
God bless you and the ministry.

Connie, Atlanta, GA

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*Prayer, talents/skills, finances and trips*

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