

A Voice in the Wilderness

Stories from the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation

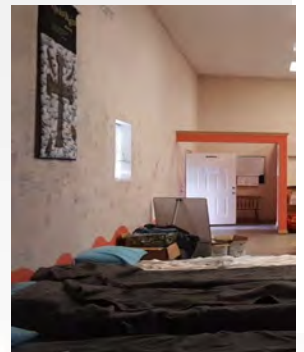
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Wings As Eagles Ministries Newsletter

March brought floods, wind, snow and blizzards..... along with **HOPE!**

Wings As Eagles provided shelter, water and meals to Lakota families, children and seniors. Working in cooperation with the Oglala Sioux Tribe Emergency Management and with the assistance of our partner's financial blessings we are assisting as many who are stranded as possible. Everyone of those the tribe brought to the Dream Center pitched in and assisted in cooking, cleaning, filling water jugs, and bagging groceries and watching the little ones..

Food, supplies and meat has been given to 200 families.



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The Dream Center
on Pine Ridge

...They shall mount up
with Wings as Eagles...

Isaiah 40:31

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Footprints in the Mud

The blizzard earlier in the month of March had some devastating effects for us here on the Pine Ridge Reservation. The storm according to satellite maps resembled an inland hurricane, with wind gusts of over 75 miles per hour! The snow drifts left residents stranded for days with widespread power outages, damage to homes, and lack of water and basic necessities. However, the aftermath of snow melt from the storm have had, and are having even more far reaching consequences. The Cheyenne River, White River and Cottonwood Creek (all of which surround the Dream Center) have swelled well above flood stage. New challenges such as flooded homes, sink holes causing underground water lines to come apart, and impassable roads making rescuers unable to reach those in outlying areas have arisen. There are hundreds without shelter, food, or general respite from these conditions.

Miraculously, we did not lose power here at the Dream Center or sustain any major damage. As part of the community and in cooperation with the tribal emergency management we have opened up the Dream Center facility for emergency shelter for the displaced families and elders. We are using all resources we have to help meet the needs of the people here in cooperation with the Oglala Sioux Tribe. We are helping to supply food, water, showers, and a warm place to sleep.

The ministry has advocated for help in constructing an indoor cafeteria! These types of emergencies have reinforced the need for such a facility. We currently are feeding people outdoors or transporting large quantities of food to the sanctuary or by any other way we can through very muddy conditions. An indoor cafeteria has the ability to meet in a variety of ways including feeding children year round, being a beacon during emergencies, an engaging the people of Pine Ridge for the purpose of ministering the Gospel.

We thank God for counting us worthy to help many people in need according to Matthew 25. It is also all of you..... who believe in us and participating in these efforts.

You know the old saying, "When the going gets tough, the tough get going!" Thank you for standing with us. God Bless You.

Gary



HOPE... our hope during this time is always in Christ and His saving Grace to help in times of despair and troubles.

Many Lakota families were without water for days, over 8,000 to be exact. food was scarce and the flooding is continuing as I write this. With the quick snow melt after all the feet of snow we have received rivers began to flood and with sifting soils the water lines began to break.

During the times when we have families to shelter we witnessed such a great coming together of the people. Helping one another, coming together in silent in prayer, singing and fellowship. In all disasters which this is and continues to be, there is HOPE.

Thank you Lord Jesus for being with us in times of complete exhaustion, from cooking to cleaning to preparing beds. In all this we give you Praise. May we continue to be your light and a place of shelter in all you give us to do. The sun will shine again. Amen and Amen! Love you....Lori

March Happenings:

Bad weather hit us in many ways, high wind, snow, blizzards, flooding and mud. Keep the reservation in prayer please as we try and assist those in need of food and shelter and clean up from really difficult winter months. Thank you!

Thank you to St. Matthews Lutheran Church and Pastor Mike for having us visit the first weekend in March. It was so good to bring the good news of all the Lord Jesus is doing here at the Dream Center through us and in us. We love you all!

Urgent Request!!

The ministry washer and dryer went out and we are hoping for a new washer and dryer to wash linens and towels for the families at the Dream Center. The cost is 860.00, any amount to help us reach this goal would be a blessing! Much love....

