



VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS

Stories from the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation

"They shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31

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Wings As Eagles Ministries Newsletter

Dream Center Field trip to Rapid City!!!



So fun! We took over 50 children and some parents with us to speak at First Assembly of God, Rapid City and then treated them to Mc Donald's for lunch! They played at the play park and loved getting away from the rez for a day! It went so well WAEM has decided to try and make this a monthly event to help the children clear there little heads and see some of the world around them. It was truly a God idea. Thank you for helping to make this happen. They all got up at the church and wanted to tell about how much they love the Dream Center. It was so sweet!



Eagles Wings

This New Year has brought many new challenges along with many, many blessings. One blessing has been the warm weather here in South Dakota! The other is the beautiful bald eagle that was at the Dream Center. Being the name of the ministry Wings As Eagles it has been especially uplifting for Lori, who just returning from surgery saw the largest and first bald eagle. I have also had the blessing to see one at the Dream Center sitting near the pavilion one day then flying over the Dream Center the next day. This occurred the day after it flew to the ministry truck windshield where Lori was sitting at the time. It truly is a majestic beautiful bird, not only our countries symbol of freedom it is referred in the Bible as in Isaiah 40:31 and Psalm 103:5...who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. Many people would say it was a sign, yet more than just a sign it was a blessing to see such a beautiful creation of our God in heaven, on that represents strength!

Joe Mixer, Director of Facilities

Words from Staff and Family

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“But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength: they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint.”

Bald is Beautiful

Lori is recovering from surgery in which she had a complete thyroidectomy, and parathyroid removal. All of the post surgery reports have revealed that there is absolutely NO CANCER! She is struggling to recover faster than her body is able, ignoring most of the doctors orders! She is however beginning to regain her footing, as she is already doing as much as healthy people! But, that 's our Lori! She is doing what committed and courageous people do! They jump in the saddle and “take care of business”. She is not letting this get in her way!

As she deals with this major life change, God has revealed once again that He is with her, with us and with the ministry. On the way to our first post-surgery staff meeting, a huge bald eagle landed in front of the truck, paused for a look (I am sure that it was talking to us), then flew over the truck and off into the horizon. A couple of days later, another (or the same) bald eagle was sighted at the Dream Center! ***What a beautiful way for God to reveal himself!***

These little signs of old testament proportions are what help to show us that God is truly with us and give 's her and us the strength, hope, and grace to fight the “good fight”. This year has many exciting plans.

I (Gary) ask you all to pray with her and for her often, and to speak healing to her body. It means a lot to know the ministry that we give to each other is alive and well! These things together help us to remember that whether we feel it or not, we are NEVER ALONE!

I Thank God for a beautiful job by the doctor, for Lori 's speedy and complete recovery, and for who and what He is to all of us! The eagle represents a cool new meaning to the expression: “ *Bald is Beautiful* ”!

Love to all, Gary

Words From the Staff and Family!

What a journey and it continues.....

God is good and Lori is healing. It is hard to keep her reasonably quiet. She does not follow Drs. orders very well, as you can imagine. She speaks in a whisper and was advised it would take six months to get her normal voice back.

On the way to the first staff meeting upon returning home, a bald eagle landed on the road in front of the truck. It lifted its huge beautiful wings and flew closely in front of where Lori was sitting. It was such a clear and remarkable message from our Lord as the main verse used by the ministry in Isaiah 40:31. Lori was blessed and found the strength and peace of waiting on Him.

I have been blessed to see what you, ministry partners, have accomplished at the Dream Center. Its not only amazing but a great blessing for the children on the reservation. I live in Missouri and was able to come and help her through this season. As Lori's mother I personally thank you for the concern and prayers for her speedy recovery. When we visited the villages many children ran to her with open arms and told her they had missed her. This is what keeps her and all of you going, I am sure in this most difficult of ministries.

God Bless, Mae

[Teams who are interested in coming to the Dream Center this summer please contact us as soon as possible with your dates! We are looking forward to a busy and productive 2012 for our Lord!!! We welcome you and pray to be a blessing during your stay with us. Please continue to pray for our Lakota children and this ministry. God bless and thank you!](#)

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