



# 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



## A Call to Action to help the ministry of Wings As Eagles

Greetings this month in the great and wonderful name of Jesus! We come to you with a vital need for the sake of the ministry here on the reservation. We have prayed about sharing this with our friends and partners. We have such a great team in you all that it would be unfair not to let you know that the ministry, right after the first of the year, was robbed. This was the first time in 18 years that we have been broken into. Sometimes sharing the bad with the good stuff is real life! Some of this writing was in a letter we sent out to partners whom we have email contacts. We will share it here:

### Up and Coming!! March 15th– 22nd

University of MN Christian Campus Fellowship team to assist in our outreach in the village of Manderson to help build the "Breakout" discipleship program among the students in that community!

- \*Basketball Camp
  - \*Nightly teaching with praise and worship
  - \*Pizza party at the Dream Center for the students
- Please keep this week in your prayers for many youth to see Jesus through us and believe!! Love ya!



Dear Friends,

We have prayed about writing this letter to you as we don't do very often but feel at this time we really need you! Some of you already know and some of you do not. The Dream Center was broken into on Jan. 5th. We are sharing with all our friends as God directs.

It happened right after, sad to say, the ministry gave over 3,000 gifts to the children and families at the Dream Center. WAEM team went Christmas caroling in the communities, giving cookies to the families, even a street outreach and gift giving.

We know that we live in a deeply impoverished, physically and spiritually hurting land that needs the love of Jesus. We are aware that this could have happened at anytime. We keep in prayer the ones who did this and that the Lord will use it to bring them to Him.

They cut the padlock at the gate, busted in doors to the sanctuary, office and shop building. They stole everything on our platform, all our worship equipment is gone. Gary's amp, all the PA equipment, speakers, mics, 16 channel sound board, EQ's, power amps, foot pedals, freezers, laptops and so much more. They also broke into the shop building and stole all the construction tools, table saws, kids supplies, bikes, drywall tools, and many more misc. tools.

We were devastated. They loaded it all up on our 18 ft. flat bed trailer and stole it too. Tribal police have not been very helpful and say they have not had any leads. Unfortunately as we all know the state police have no jurisdiction here on the rez.

We have insurance coverage on the buildings, not so much on contents because of the cost of insurance on the reservation is so high. The flat bed trailer is not covered under the building coverage.

We are coming to you for help. It is vital that we live on the property and obtain some good solid missionary housing to bring others to the Dream Center on a long term basis. We have missionary couples interested but we can not currently provided housing. After we lived in a camper on the reservation for many years we have moved from rental to rental mostly over an hour away. There is not any adequate housing within 100 miles of the reservation for rental. We have been looking at Menards home kits, purchasing materials only as we have some precious skilled teams that have volunteered to build the home if we had the materials. Time frame being around April. Materials estimate at \$48,000.00 and foundation is estimated at \$25,000.00 (this includes septic, heating and cooling). The basement, roughed in plumbing and electric work would need to be completed by the end of March for the home to be built in this time frame for the skilled team.

We have always had the faith that God will provided. We are leaning on God and in prayer that He will do it! Just asking for your help took faith! We pray that the Lord will lead you in compassion to help is some way. We know this sounds like a lot but with God all things are possible as we have proven over the years! We have accomplished much in the past years only through the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray to accomplish much more for the native children this year. We have plans for the Circle of Love children's home. It is necessary before we can go forward we need a home. We need to protect that which God has so faithfully given. If you can help in anyway we would be grateful and blessed. Thank you for reading our message! God Bless you!

Much love, Gary and Lori



# Looking forward to Spring and Summer!

Already our spring and summer plans are heating up! We are so very thankful to all the teams who come and labor and serve along side of us each year. Your faithfulness to Christ is amazing and welcome! If you would like to bring a team from your church to help at the Dream Center this year please contact us at [wingsaseaglesmin@earthlink.net](mailto:wingsaseaglesmin@earthlink.net). We would love to have you. You are planting seeds that will continue to be fruit bearing in the lives of these precious kids!



*OOPS! We apologize that some of you did not receive your January newsletter or if you did it came with the wrong name. There was a computer error with the data base program last month and many names were switched around! Sorry! You may view the January newsletter online if you did not receive one! Thank you!*

## Heart Notes

by Lori

As we have begun this year of 2013 we go forward to obtain the goal that one day the Lord will say to us "well done my good and faithful servant." What enables us to do good and be faithful? Are we ever good, are we ever faithful? To me in the natural I say a big NO!. Why can we never seem to obtain the faithfulness and goodness we all so consciously desire to do?. Why would we ever seek anything outside the Kingdom of God and His righteousness? Why do we offend others? Why do we go through life burdened down with all the junk the world wants to throw at us? He says "my burden is light and my yoke is easy." Do we not believe? Why is it not light and easy? Are we so arrogant that we have to take it on ourselves when He has freely offered to do so? We have so many questions and we have the answers, but we many times go through life like we never heard them. Sometimes I find that we are so busy trying to do right and good things in our own strength and our own eyes that we overlook the road that He has called us all to travel on. There is so much strength that comes from the Holy Spirit that there isn't anyway to describe it. To have real joy is to find Him and to find Him we must seek Him. (Isaiah 54 v. 13-14). To find the daily road to abide in Him and live for Him.

I believe it is to take care of the widows and orphans and help the poor. (James 1:27). This is where I see Him daily, in all walks of life. The drunken man lying on the side of the street, a child looking for food, and older lady wheeling her wheelchair for miles in the cold wind to go visit her sister and the list goes on. When I focus staying on that road where the unfortunate and forgotten people are and not look at whether I am doing good and right in the eyes of others and what the world sees as good and right, which most times leads to evil, but only in His eyes should I be concerned. When we stay on course to His will which is adequately spoken of in the Holy Scriptures we stay in His righteousness, His unwavering love and care.

Do you look at the native children's faces above and ask if they are fed? Are they safe? Are they warm? Are they thirsty? Are they being abused? Do they know Jesus loves them? Do they know I love them? Is there something I can do? We then have the heart of Jesus. This is what matters to Him. (Matthew 25).

Our righteousness before God matters to Christ, who prayed that we and God would be one as the Father and Son were one. It matters to humanity and to the injustice spoken of in Isaiah. (who will stand for justice.. Isaiah 59 v 4.). It should matter to each and everyone personally. Our walk with the Lord is a super personal matter. It doesn't depend on others, solely on each of us and what we choose to do in each moment of our lives.

This is my hope and prayer for all of us as a family of God. Have the power to move mountains and the strength that only He can give you for each of those moments! "In my weakness and my failings in this hour oh Lord, I pray You can be my strength to do more and be more for You because of You." Love you, Lori

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