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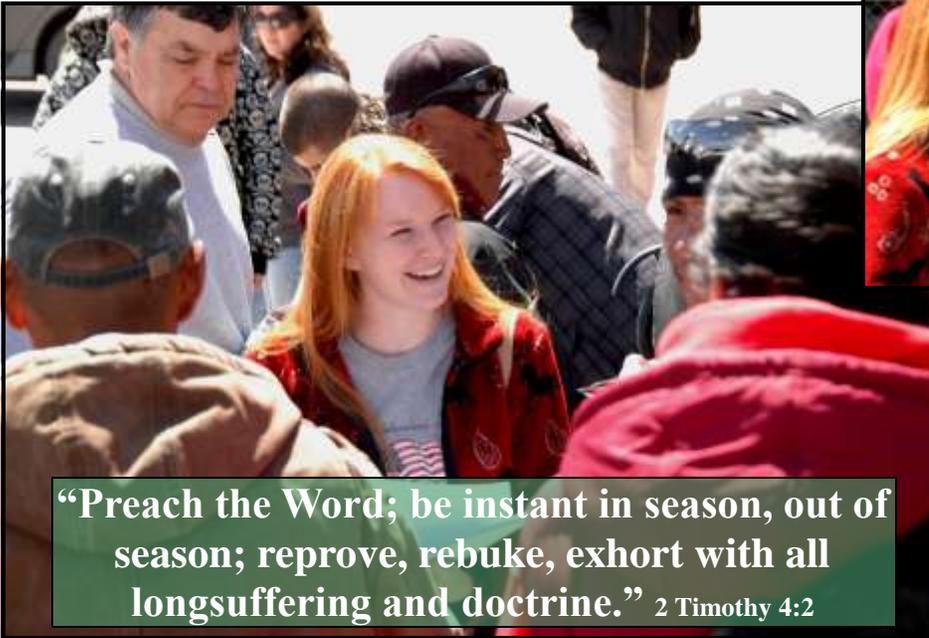
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Sharing the Bread of Life



“Preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.” 2 Timothy 4:2



Emelia Spiva, a teen from Blairsville, Georgia, visits and shares the love of Christ with a group of homeless Native American men and women in Gallup, NM. She shares her heart in the following story.

My experience going to the Navajo Nation was amazing and thrilling as I got to see God at work. I praise Him for all that He does and He never ceases to amaze me. When we were in New Mexico, we were able to minister to the homeless, which was a different experience for me. At the gathering place, they shared Christ with them and then fed them lunch. What amazed me the most about the homeless there was the lack of hope in their eyes. They turn to their Native religion and spirits and have no hope of anything else. To tell them about the one true God, that He is the only way, was very powerful.

God showed me there are lost and dying people out there. Why are we sitting around and not sharing this truth within us? Why do we keep silent when we should be heard? We should take every opportunity to share Christ. Nothing should stop us. Every time I go on a mission trip I think I'm going to minister to them and, yes, that is true, but on this trip I received so much that lifted my faith, and I was lifted in God.

Through this trip God has confirmed my call to missions and showed me that we need to proclaim Him and serve Him with all that is in us. He died for us and saved us. The least we can do is serve Him all the rest of our days and not keep this truth to ourselves, but tell other people. My prayer is that you realize the importance of your part in God's kingdom. It is so amazing serving God and living for Him. So get out there and let people know about our risen Savior!

The Native Americans are such a special people. They have such a destiny. Satan is trying his best to bring them down with cultural tradition, religion and with suicide. But we have come to tell them that they don't need that stuff anymore, that they need Jesus and that's all they need. They don't need to worship different spirits. They only need one and that's the Holy Ghost. Praise the Lord! We don't need all the stuff of the world we only need Him! **"We have not come to change their culture or who they are, but to change their destiny..."** That is what Jesus Christ has done for us, changed us and now our destiny is to be with Him.



"We have not come to change their culture or who they are, but to change their destiny"

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IMNA team members recently returned from a trip to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. While visiting the Wings as Eagles Ministry Dream Center, the team delivered and assembled 20 bunk bed sets and mattresses that were donated by Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. The beds are to be used in the new bunkhouse to be built this summer. The Dream Center, under the direction of Lori and Gary McAfee, has become a base of ministry for IMNA on the Reservation. WAEM has been involved with Native American ministry for over 16 years, working in Montana, Wyoming and South Dakota. Their vision is to reach the youth and change their destiny to a life of joy, peace and self-worth in knowing Jesus Christ.

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The team also had the opportunity to visit 2 of the communities on the Pine Ridge Reservation. The first stop was in the Evergreen community. While there the team was able to minister to a very special Lakota grandmother, who was grieving and feeling the pain of losing her grandson, as well as other family members, during the last year. Uriah Thomas, a Navajo youth leader for IMNA, led the group in prayer and expressed the love that we have for her through Christ. She requested the IMNA summer RELEASE team attend her grandson's memorial service this summer and sing for those in attendance. This is an awesome opportunity and a door that the Lord has opened for our youth team.

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Before leaving the Evergreen community to visit our friends in the Manderson Community, the team distributed clothing, boots, blankets, coats and a few furniture pieces to several families in the community. IMNA plans to return this summer to Evergreen and Manderson, forming relationships and sharing the Love of Christ.



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Evergreen Community

Top Left: Community members search through the supply of new work boots for just the right size.

Above: Larry and Connie McIntosh, from the Living Word Church in Cleveland, TN, hand out clothes from their truck to the Evergreen community.

Left: Johnny Hughes and Doug Payne visit with Garrell Little (center). A friendship formed.

South Dakota

MEMORIAL FUND AIDS YOUTH MINISTRY

Indian Ministries of North America, Inc. established a memorial fund in the summer of 2006 to be used for the evangelization of Native American youth. This memorial was named in the memory of Bradley Carder, who went home to be the Lord on April 26, 2006, following an automobile accident. Fred Carder, Brad's father, is a vital part of the IMNA volunteer team, and we were honored to name the memorial in his son's memory.

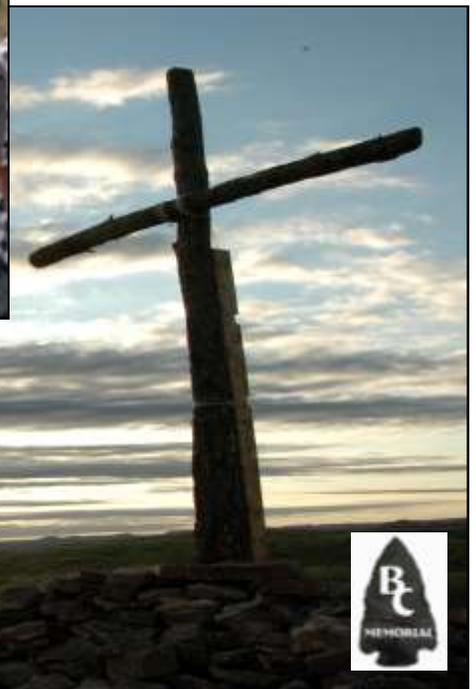
At the age of 16, through his daily devotion and commitment to the values of Jesus Christ, Brad had already made a huge impression on his peers. To those less fortunate, he had a compassionate heart, a "Big Brother" mentality, and his Christian witness shined in a world that was looking for an answer. It is this type of commitment to the Lord, that IMNA is trying to instill in the hearts and lives of the Native American youth. **It is the youth that we must reach, not just for tomorrow, but for today!** IMNA is striving to live out values in a way that teaches the youth what it means to walk in the footprints of Christ. Through discipleship programs, such as the summer RELEASE, youth camps, Bible schools, rallies, and revivals, IMNA volunteers are catching the vision for the future. We must teach, train and release these young leaders back into their homeland to share the Gospel with their peers and families.

Let the memory of your loved one live on through a memorial contribution to the Bradley Carder Memorial Fund for Youth. Through your memorial gift, a child or teen will have the opportunity to hear the gospel and have the chance to accept Christ as his / her personal Savior.

Send your memorial contributions to:

IMNA Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 3472, Cleveland, TN 37320

Let their memory live on in the lives of the children

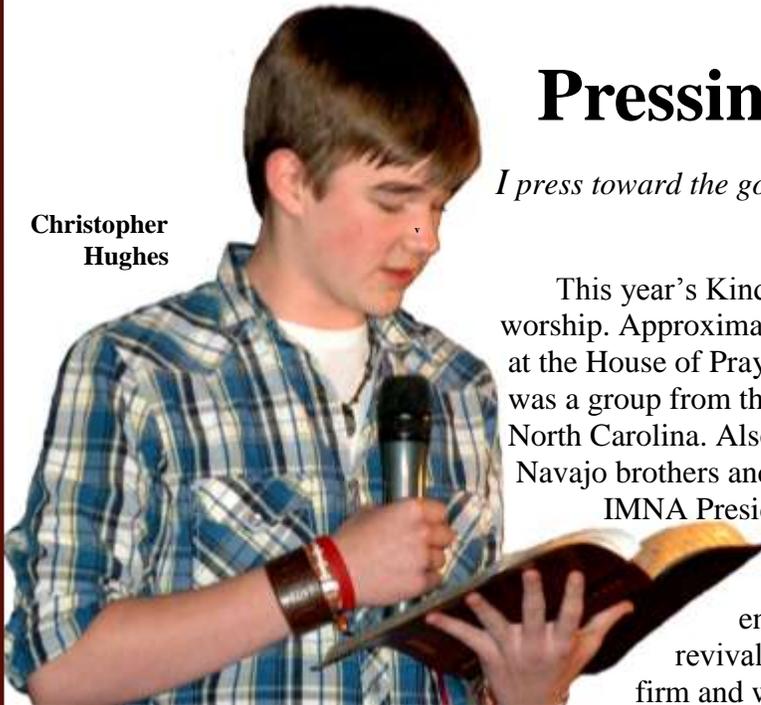


KINDRED SPIRITS 2011

Pressing On to the High Call

I press toward the goal for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus
Philippians 3:14

**Christopher
Hughes**



This year's Kindred Spirits was a very intimate time of fellowship and worship. Approximately 80 friends came together Friday evening, April 29, at the House of Prayer in Blairsville, Georgia. Among those in attendance was a group from the Yellow Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Cherokee, North Carolina. Also attending was the Lily family and Uriah Thomas, our Navajo brothers and sisters now residing in Cleveland, Tennessee.

IMNA President Johnny Hughes shared his vision for reaching the Native youth throughout America and promised that "as long as there is breath in my body, I decree that the enemy will not win in this battle of killing the seed of revival among our Native Youth." He urged the youth to stand firm and wage the war, and press in to receive all that God has for

them. "You are not identified by your circumstances or your past. Do not allow the world to label you, but identify yourself with Christ," stated Hughes.

Matt Knipp of Cleveland, Tennessee led the congregation in worship, and following the sharing of the IMNA vision, Christopher Hughes, the 16 year old son of Johnny and Becky Hughes, delivered his first message following his acceptance into the call of ministry. He brought a word of encouragement and challenges for the people. "Keep pressing forward, you can't see in front of you, if your looking in your past," stated Hughes, "The race is not over if you are still alive and breathing." He challenged them have a "Damascus encounter" and let God change their lives forever.

Saturday morning, the youth gathered for a special time of worship. They heard a foundational teaching of the Holy Spirit filling you to overflowing, and then using the overflow in spirit to bless others. They were then challenged to fulfill their true destiny in Christ with an intimate encounter of the Holy Spirit, and letting Him reign supreme, consuming them to the point of possession. It is not enough to have Him walking with us, He must be

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Yellow Hill Missionary Baptist Youth Singers

allowed to work through us. Our bodies are merely vessels to be filled, not just to the full mark, but to the overflow. The satisfaction of being full leads to stagnation and evaporation. We must allow ourselves to be constantly filled, and it is through the flow of the Holy Spirit that our body, soul and spirit remains fresh and vibrant. A constant flow keeps us pure, flushing our vessels of all impurities.

Saturday afternoon we came together for a picnic at the local park. Sina Lily prepared fry bread and the group enjoyed Indian tacos and while they took time to fellowship with friends. There was a time of sharing stories and testimonies from all who had accompanied IMNA on a mission trip. It brought back a lot of memories for all of our team. We were blessed by the singing of the Cherokee youth from Yellow Hill and this was truly the highlight of the afternoon.





The Mission: Covenant Warriors

While diligently seeking for an answer to the lack of young Native Christian leaders who are prepared to carry the torch into a dark generation, God directed the leadership of Indian Ministries of North America, Inc. to begin a mentoring program in 2009. Last year 12 Native teens, who had exhibited a heart after God and a desire to see their generation come to the saving knowledge of Christ, trekked 6000 miles across the U.S. sharing their testimonies, witnessing, serving and leading worship in various communities.

We are asking for you to partner with us once again for the summer of 2011. This year we expect to have a group of 10-12, ages 15-19, representing 5 tribes from across the nation. These young men and women are on fire for God and are seeking a deeper relationship with Him. IMNA representatives, along with various ministers throughout the trip, will be sowing into their lives and giving them guidance on following the Call of God.

RELEASE will last for 5 weeks beginning June 14, and is designed to teach leadership skills, moral and spiritual clarity, financial responsibility and a plan for ministry in their lives. Each teen will be encouraged to develop and share their own personal testimony as a powerful tool of ministry. They will be introduced to various ministries across the country to see a variety of ways that the Gospel can be shared in their generation.

Daily activities will be centered around their personal relationship with Christ. Beginning each day in group worship, followed by a Bible study curriculum. The teens will be receiving guidance from college chaperones and married couples traveling with them. This year, they will have the opportunity to travel to 4 different reservations or Native communities, other than their own, to experience the life of other Native teens. The excitement is building for RELEASE, not only among the teens and the workers, but also from the churches and ministries they will be visiting.

These young warriors for Christ will be participating in hands-on ministry, such as ministry to the homeless and street evangelism in community parks and courts. They will be sharing in ministry at local churches throughout the Midwest and West, from New Mexico to South Dakota and beyond. They will have the opportunity to see the lives of many less fortunate than their own, and be able to speak into the lives of those who are oppressed by suicidal spirits. Last year, IMNA leadership saw families opening their doors to these youth, when normally they would have turned away. The experience of Native youth sharing the gospel and the love of Christ was something that many had not encountered on such a personal level.

Teach, Train and Release into the footprints of Christ

God is raising up teen warriors and showing Himself to be real in their lives

- One teen was bound by demonic spirits when IMNA first encountered him. He **came to a youth camp and was transformed by God's grace and the bonds of Satan were broken**. He is now pursuing a ministry call, both in music and speaking and will be serving as an intern leader for the 2011 program. He now resides in Cleveland, TN.
- Another young lady in the program had begun cutting and was involved in a local gang. She came to a service a few years ago and now is on fire for God. Praying for her friends and witnessing to them in school, and following two summers of the program, she now wants to pursue her call as a missionary and plans to attend Lee University.
- One young lady, who has been involved with this ministry for over 5 years and a member of the RELEASE team for the last two summers, is seeing God open doors in her life. She has traveled to Seattle, WA to represent IMNA at a meeting with World Vision, and she has represented this ministry in several local churches. She now refers to IMNA as her ministry also.

It is the victories like these that keep IMNA doing what we do. There is a harvest, ripe for the gathering, but someone must go. We are here, and we are going! To God be the Glory!

Will you go with us by making an eternal investment into these lives?
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Just a note to tell you how much we appreciate the ministry of IMNA and the RELEASE Team. The Dream Center on Pine Ridge has focused it's efforts on the Lakota youth and youth suicide prevention. As you know the Pine Ridge Reservation has the highest suicide rate at 200 percent higher than U.S. national average. We are blessed to have your teens come and minister LIFE to the Lakota teens. The testimonies of the RELEASE team members, with their suicide attempts, and how they have been able to turn their lives around, is a great witness to helping our teens see a different way of life. It also helps that the IMNA ministry is cross-cultural. This helps to bridge the gap between the two cultures. IMNA is doing a wonderful work with the Native teens and I pray that it continues. The IMNA team comes prepared and knowledgeable in all areas of worship and sharing the Gospel, reaching our youth and the gangs.

May your efforts continue in God's blessings because your teams are so needed on our reservations.

Lori McAfee - Wings As Eagles Ministries

Pine Ridge, South Dakota

NativeFest 2011



I was privileged to join Johnny Hughes and the Indian Ministries of North America team for their annual youth conference, NativeFest, in Manuelito, NM this past April. Having a Choctaw heritage myself I was honored to be asked to lead worship! After being briefed by Johnny to expect the unexpected I went in with an open mind and heart to what God would have, but even the IMNA team was surprised by the way the weekend would transpire! As it turned out several of the youth group leaders had double booked the weekend with a youth leaders training conference and were unable to bring their youth. Suddenly we went from possibly 200-300 in anticipated attendance to 25-40 in actual numbers! Wow, none of us saw that coming. However, in a way only God can do, the stage had been set for an incredibly intimate conference. Our speaker and my friend, Chad Daniel, who normally speaks to thousands, was actually able to sit on the stairs of the stage and teach to small group huddled in a half circle. One night, instead of worship with lights, video, and sound equipment, we were able to gather in a small room where we could hear each other's voices individually. Being used to large productions myself this was a warm and welcome change of pace. What can sometimes feel like work was suddenly a time of retreat.

Besides the personal refreshing, I was also able to see the heart that God is raising up in a small core of local teens. While small in number, the young people I met were full of passion and fire for their own generation to know the Lord, to be delivered from suicide, depression, alcoholism, etc. They are mature believers, full of God's Word and are equipped to make disciples. Teenagers today usually get a bad rap for their indifference and rebellious lifestyle, but here in the canyons just outside of Gallup, NM, is a group that are postured to retake their land for the Kingdom of God.

Please pray for the people of Manuelito, especially for the teenagers, who are endeavoring to live out the example of Christ. More than prayer, I would ask you to contact Johnny Hughes and join the IMNA team on one of their trips. It will open your eyes to the Lord's work in a new way. Just like it did for me, you will go expecting to serve, but you will actually be the one who is encouraged and refreshed!



Chad Daniel speaks to the youth attending the 2011 NativeFest at the Southwest Indian Ministries campground in Manuelito, NM

"The ministry to the Native American teens is a valuable investment. This community houses some of the greatest concentrations of at-risk teens in the United States. The IMNA ministry team is making a difference in the lives of young and old, bringing the life of Christ to those whom the world has forgotten. I was honored to play a small part in their outreach last month." Chad Daniel

YouthBytes.org With Chad Daniel

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2011 Itinerary

May 1, 2011

Friendship Community
Chattanooga, TN

May 10-14, 2011

Perry Stone Partners Conf.
Smoky Mountain Convention
Pigeon Forge, TN

May 22, 2011

House of Prayer
Blairsville, GA
6:00 p.m.

June 14, 2011

Summer RELEASE Team
Depart from Gallup, NM

June 15 - 19

Yellowstone Park; Mt. Rushmore

June 20 - 22

Sisseton - Wahpeton Reservation, SD

June 23 - 24

COG Campmeeting, Bismark, ND

June 25 - 26

Standing Rock Reservation, SD

June 26 - July 2

Wings as Eagles Ministries

Pine Ridge Reservation, SD

July 3

Oak Park COG, Shawnee, OK

July 4 - 6

Grace Point Ministry

Hammon, OK

Teen Camps — Gallup, NM July 8 - 16

Sept. 22-25, 2011

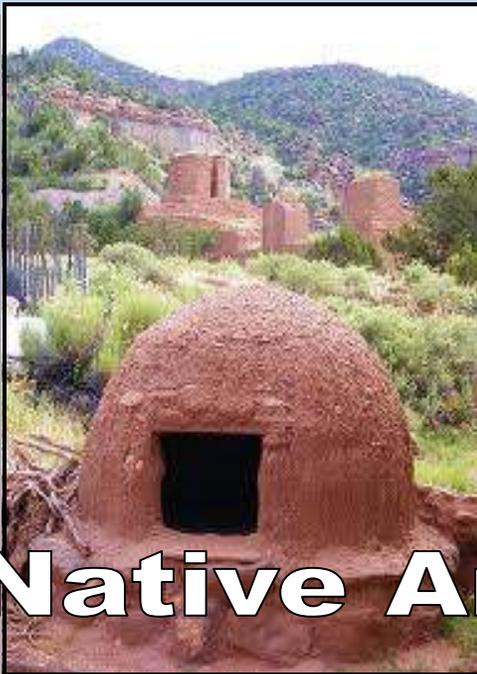
Princeton Pike COG
Missions Conference
Cincinnati, OH

Oct. 27 - 30, 2011

Navajo Nation
Youth Rally
Gallup, NM

Dec. 1-4, 2011

Grace Point
Christmas Celebration
Hammon, OK



The following recipes are from the collection of Mary Kathleen "Kathy" Townsend of Sevierville, TN. Kathy went home to be with the Lord on March 26, 2011. She was a registered member of the East Tennessee Overhill Cherokee Descendants and was known as Little Owl. Kathy is the mother of Dee Townsend who has been actively involved with IMNA for the last few years. Kathy was in the process of publishing her favorite Native American recipes and we dedicate this to her memory.

Fresh Corn Pudding

2 cups fresh corn kernels	1 tablespoon each of sugar, black pepper, nutmeg
3 eggs, beaten	2 tablespoons of butter
4 tablespoons flour	2 cups milk
	1 teaspoon salt

Mix all ingredients. Place 8x8 pan. Bake at 300 degrees with the 8x8 pan placed in another pan of water for 1 hour or until pudding is firm.

Native American Recipes

Cherokee Yam Cakes

1 cup mashed yams / sweet potatoes
2 cups sifted flour
1-1/2 teaspoons of sugar
1-1/2 teaspoons of salt
2-1/2 teaspoons of baking powder
1/2 cup of cooking oil
1/2 cup of milk

Sift flour, baking powder, sugar and salt into a bowl. Pour oil and milk into a cup, but do not stir, then add to yams. Blend well. Add to flour mixture and mix lightly with a fork until mixture holds together. Turn dough onto floured board and knead gently until smooth (about 12 kneading strokes). Roll dough about 1/4" thick and cut into rounds with floured biscuit cutter. Place on baking sheet and bake at 425 degrees for 10-20 minutes. Serve hot. Yields 18 - 3" cakes.

Bean Dumplings

1 Quart plain corn meal
2 cups of cooked brown (pinto) beans
1/2 teaspoon salt

Mix with enough hot water to make very thick dough. Roll into small balls and drop into boiling water and cook slowly until well done..



"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.."

Luke 4:18,19 KJV



Together We Can

THE MISSION OF INDIAN MINISTRIES OF NORTH AMERICA, INC. IS TO ENCOURAGE, EMPOWER AND EQUIP OUR NATIVE AMERICAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS THROUGH RELATIONSHIP, DISCIPLESHIP AND CHRIST'S LOVE.

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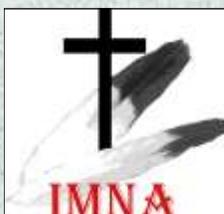
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