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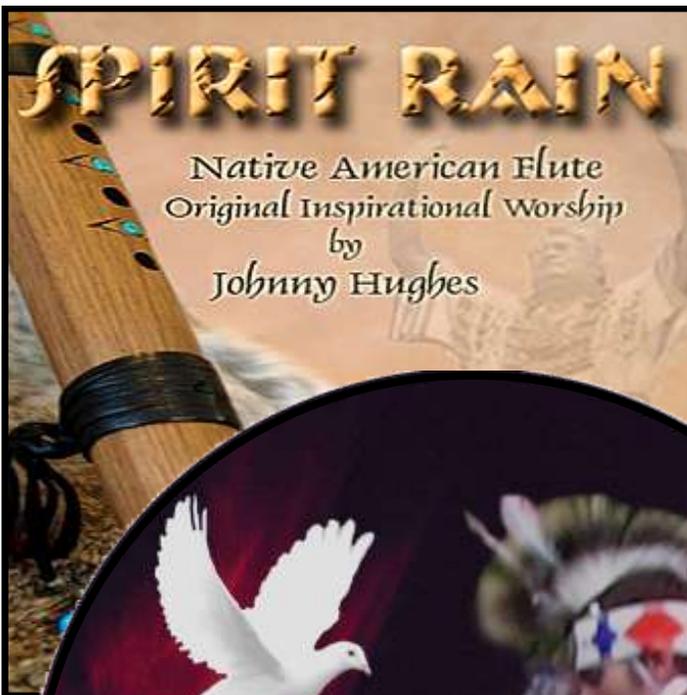
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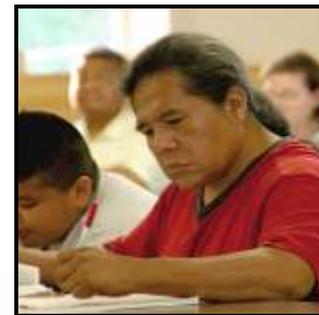
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# Warriors of the Word Bible Institute

In May, Indian Ministries of North America, Inc. (IMNA) began Warriors of the Word Bible Institute. This training has been on the hearts of the IMNA staff for several months. There is a lack of deep teaching and fundamental Biblical training on many of the reservations. The curriculum has been made available to IMNA through a partnership with United Christian Church Ministerial Association in Cleveland, Tennessee, fulfilling the vision of its founder, the late Rev. H. Richard Hall, that all should have the opportunity to learn the teachings of the Bible.

It is the purpose of Warriors of the Word Bible training, under the direction of Indian Ministries of North America, Inc. (IMNA), to equip Christians, particularly Native American Christians, through continuing education to be effective in ministry to God, the Church, and the world. The program is conducted primarily by Native American instructors, and is taught on-site, one weekend each month.

## Programs of Study

Warriors of the Word offers an in-depth study of both the Old

and New Testaments, as well as other various topics vital to a full and productive Christian life. The curriculum is designed as a two-year course, but can be completed sooner based on the Biblical background of the student. Upon completion of each division, Old and New Testaments, the student will receive a certificate of completion. Following the completion of the entire course, a graduation ceremony will be held and the student will receive a diploma.

*IMNA chose the Choctaw Reservation in Pearl River, MS as the site to begin this training. In partnership with local churches, over 40 people, ages 14-74, have signed up to participate in this pilot program.*

## Philosophy of Education

Warriors of the Word Bible training and Indian Ministries of North America, Inc. holds the concept of education as cultivating growth spiritually, intellectually, socially, and physically. Every effort and objective of this Biblically based training focuses on the Christian philosophy of learning. We believe that all wisdom and knowledge comes from God and that His Spirit is ever present to reveal this wisdom and knowledge to man. The Word of God is the foundation and the final authority in all courses and programs conducted by Warriors of the Word and Indian Ministries of North America, Inc.

## Objectives

Upon completion of Warriors of the Word training the student will:

1. Demonstrate a comprehensive knowledge of and deep appreciation for the Bible as the infallible and inspired Word of God, affirming the Bible as the only infallible guide for Christian faith and practice, possessing habits of devotional Bible reading and private prayer, and be able to share God's Word to both the saved and unsaved.
2. Become a mature, informed, and effective Christian leader in a complex and diverse society, which will provide for an effective ministry.
3. Identify and understand personal spiritual gifts and use his or her gifts effectively in the ministry, developing ministry skills and determining personal ministry strengths and gifts, and giving evidence of skills for effective spiritual leadership.
4. Exhibit a commitment to Holy living under-girded by an understanding of the fullness of the Holy Spirit, producing one who is a committed Christian; growing in Godly character, personal discipline, and spiritual discernment, obedient to the Word of God, and driven by a passionate heart for God and ministry. Demonstrating a commitment to ministering to the spiritual, physical, and social needs of others, in a way that leads to the betterment of humanity.



# WARRIORS EMPOWERING WARRIORS



By: Johnny K. Hughes

## Commissioning Native Leaders for Kingdom Impact

I am so excited to announce the beginning of a new endeavor for Indian Ministries of North America, Inc. (IMNA). Our goal is to reach America's First people, more specifically for this encounter, to reach our Native young people, 16 – 25 years of age. God laid on the hearts of the IMNA staff a mandate to begin raising up young warriors, empowering them to walk out their destiny as the leaders of their own people; to give them a hope for the future, an understanding of life principles and Biblical training. All of this being accomplished under the direction of Native Warriors for Christ who have already stood the test of time. These seasoned warriors for Christ have conquered many of the same battles that bring a sense of hopelessness and despair to

this younger generation. They have many stories to share and victories to proclaim to the next generation. Thus, **Warriors Empowering Warriors 2012 (WEW)** was birthed, a united gathering of First Nations' warriors from the Southeastern tribes!

Many times our attention is turned to western tribes, but **God is moving mightily and pouring out His Spirit among the Southeastern tribes.** This is a great opportunity for young Native Americans to gather in the heart of the Smokey Mountains and seek God's face for 5 days and 4 nights concerning His will for their lives. They will encounter Him through Worship, the Word, Teaching, and Relationship Building Activities. WEW will be held at the Western North Carolina

COG Conference Center in the town of Whittier, NC just outside of Cherokee, NC.

Native American ministers, teachers and musicians from across the country will be pouring into the lives of the young people. They will be fulfilling the mission and vision of IMNA of being frontline Warriors impacting lives, restoring the broken, healing the wounded and setting the captives free.

Don't miss this opportunity to invest in a life-altering event for hundreds of young people. Through your prayers, resources and financial gifts, you will help us fulfill the vision to encourage, empower and equip First Nations people to be an impact on their communities for Christ, through relationship, discipleship and higher education.



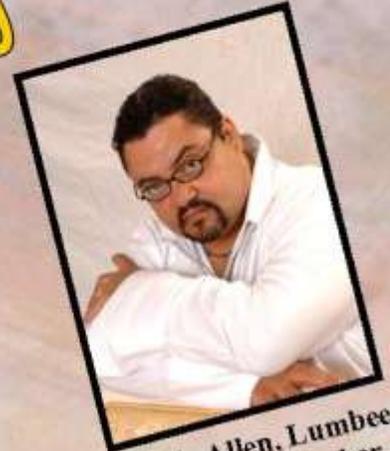
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# RELEASE 2012



**Navajo youth witnesses to a Lakota peer.**

In the summer of 2009, IMNA launched a youth program called **RELEASE**. This is an annual cross-country mentoring and discipleship training program for Native American youth, ages 15-21. Along with a team of adult volunteers, IMNA is working to reach the "At Risk" Native youth. God has commissioned this ministry to fulfill the vision of training young people to step into their roles as the leaders of the Christian church. We have been given a mandate from God to identify and train those willing to take up the challenge, and teach them to reach into the darkness of their world and shine the light of Christ.

Since the program began, some 20 teens and young adults have participated in the summer program. With joy, I am proud to say the original six members are still connected to IMNA today. The participants have all had life-changing experiences while being a part of this group.

**"God has given me a breakthrough and forgiven me of the guilt of my past. The wall, that I had allowed to be built by the enemy around my life, was separating me from the presence and fellowship of God, but now the wall is destroyed and I AM FREE!"**

*Jessica, Navajo*

One of the major focuses of the leadership team is to instill self-worth and self-esteem to help combat the epidemic of suicide among the Native youth. IMNA has made this a priority in our operation. The heartbreaking cry from Native elders, "**Our children are dying,**" is a cry that we strive to end.

God is making eternal changes in the lives of these young people, and we are seeing marked changes in their families. The gifts that you give are not merely a donation, but rather, they are eternal investments that are changing the course of many lives.



**RELEASE members pray with elders during services.**

# Choctaw Banaha

1 Pound dried peas (black-eyed or speckled)  
5 cups of corn meal (plain)  
8 corn husks to use as wrappers



Soak the peas over night, then drain and cook until tender. Use a little juice from the peas to moisten the corn meal. Mix the corn meal and cooked peas together and roll the mixture into balls about the size of an orange.

Flatten the balls, place in the corn shuck. Drop into boiling water and cook for 45 minutes.

## Native American Recipes

### Cherokee Huckleberry Bread

2 cups of self-rising flour      1 cup milk  
1 egg      1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 cup sugar      2 cups berries (blueberries)  
1 stick of butter

Cream eggs, butter and sugar together. Add flour, milk and vanilla. Sprinkle flour on berries to prevent them from going to the bottom. Add berries to mixture. Put in baking pan and bake at 350 degrees for approximately 40 minutes or until done.

Yield: 1 loaf



## IMNA 2012 Itinerary

Warriors of the Word  
Choctaw Bible Institute  
Pearl River, Mississippi  
May 4 - 5

Voice of Evangelism  
Partner's Conference  
Pigeon Forge, Tennessee  
May 15 - 19

Vacation Bible School  
Choctaw Reservation  
Carthage, Mississippi  
June 6 - 10

Warriors of the Word  
Choctaw Bible Institute  
Pearl River, Mississippi  
June 8 - 9

**RELEASE**  
Teen Summer Training  
*June 12 - July 18*  
Homeless Ministry  
*Gallup, NM June 14*  
Street Evangelism  
*Pine Ridge, SD June 16 - 22*  
Warrior Leadership Summit  
*Roach, Missouri June 28 - July 3*  
Training, Cleveland, TN July 4-13

Warriors of the Word  
Choctaw Bible Institute  
Pearl River, Mississippi  
July 6 - 7

Warriors Empowering Warriors  
Native Youth Gathering  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
July 14 - 18

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