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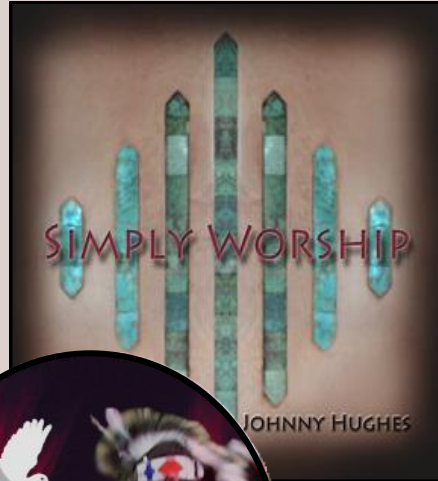
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Looking back on the year 2020, we can definitely reflect on the old saying, “hindsight is 20/20.” It was definitely a year that none of us will ever forget.

The year started out with most ministers preaching that this was the year that God’s plans and visions would become clearer, and that the church, especially in America, would be launched into revival. America’s economy was booming, unemployment was at record lows, industry was expanding, and it all seemed to be ready to breakthrough for everyone.

However, there was a storm brewing on the horizon. A tsunami, like never before, was about to reach the shores of America! A virus, known by COVID-19, reached our shores and began to spread like a wildfire across America. All of a sudden that clear vision that everyone was excited about, became blurred and distorted, just as if we had been swallowed up by a tsunami wave. America came to a screeching halt.

We were told to stay at home, lock-down, close businesses, churches, and all activities. A few weeks turned to a few months. Extension after extension increased the tension, the stress, and the fear. The economy began to crash, unemployment sky-rocketed, and all of America’s gains, seemed to vanish.

This was totally new to America. Churches had to close their doors and find new ways to gather for worship. Families began to gather in their living rooms to watch church on online, through social media, television broadcasts, and even the radio. Then churches began to gather in parking lots, parks, and other outdoor venues. Longing for the companionship of gathering with like

believers. This was so foreign to most Americans, and extremely troubling.

As the weeks turned into months, and we were told that there was no end in sight, trouble began to increase. Riots and unrest began to break out in several cities across the country. Racial unrest became the headlines, and a cavernous divide began to split America. Rumbblings were being heard, and questions being asked, “What can we do, the churches are closed, and the world is falling apart?”

I remember praying and asking God, “Where do we go from here? Many of your children are getting anxious and crying to return to their facilities, and they are allowing the enemy to question the reality of the church.”

In my spirit, I heard God say, “My Church is not dead. It is not closed. My Church is alive within each of my children. They are the Church. If they will open their eyes and see, I have taken what the enemy meant for destruction (the virus and the civil unrest) and used it for My glory.”

I remember He then impressed this into my spirit, “My Church is crying to return their building, but I have them where I need them for this season. I moved my Church into the outdoors and the streets. I placed them there before the harvest (the riots) began to flood the streets.” He continued, “The harvest is in the field, not in the barn. You must leave the barn and go into the field to gather in the harvest.”

2021, the year of HARVEST!

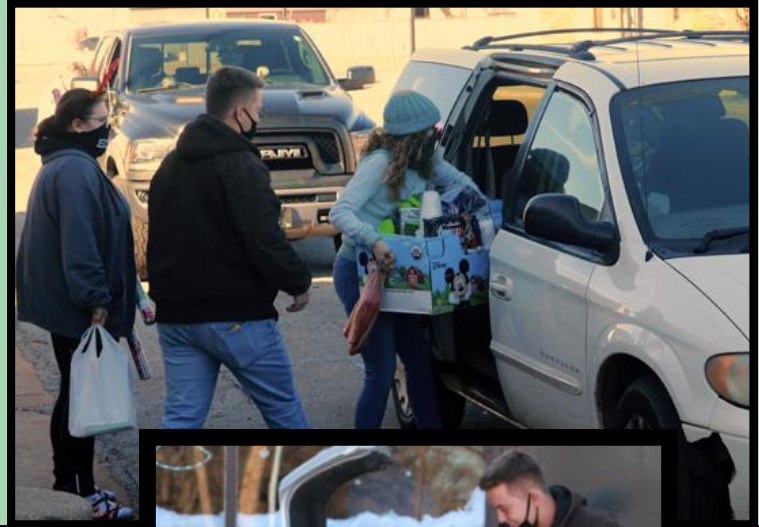


# Drive Through Christmas

## Hammon, OK

The annual Christmas Celebration at IMNA's Grace Point Ministry Center in Hammon, Oklahoma, was held the first Saturday in December 2020. Like most events this year, it looked considerably different.

Due to a spike in the COVID virus in the Hammon community, this year's event took on an entirely different format. Instead of our normal worship services and in-house distributions, we conducted a drive-thru distribution. Each household received a large box containing food and other essentials. They were also blessed with stockings, wrapping paper, books, and diapers, if needed.







# Mississippi Choctaw Henning Community Christmas



IMNA was blessed to have the privilege of partnering with the Choctaw community in Henning, Tennessee to provide them with gifts and essentials for a community Christmas giveaway. Families were able to stop by the community facility and walk through the outdoor giveaway area.





# STANDING ROCK CHRISTMAS



I am so excited that Life Spring International, Inc. had the opportunity to partner with Indian Ministries of North America this past December to take toys, clothes, snow gloves, socks, devotional books and many other items to Carl & Anna Nobles, pastors of McLaughlin Church of God on the Standing Rock Reservation in South Dakota. These items were such a blessing.

Large stockings filled with gifts were also provided for the children by other ministries in Alabama. Our ministry, Life Spring, brought gifts for the teenagers. However, as we were organizing and putting the gifts together for each family, we were far short in what was needed to provide Christmas for every family. Because of the items sent by IMNA, we were able to put together stockings, bags, or boxes of items to complete the gifts for each family.



My son, Jordan, and I drove from Seneca, SC, to McLaughlin with a



car so packed full that every time we opened one of the doors, something fell out. Every nook and cranny inside the car had something packed in it.

The day we participated in the gift delivery, we loaded up the church van and our car, along with my son as Santa. It was a cold, windy day, but when we knocked on the doors of the houses, and the kids saw Santa, it wouldn't have mattered if it had been -15 degrees. The kids ran outside, threw their arms around Santa shouting, "Santa, Santa." They were so excited to see him. We found out that for some of the families, the gifts their child received that day would be their only gifts for Christmas.

Carl & Anna usually host a huge celebration at the church to pass out gifts to the children, youth, and the

adults; however, due to COVID, the in-person celebration was canceled. Pastor Carl contacted each family that attends, or has connections to his church, and we were able to deliver the gifts to their homes.

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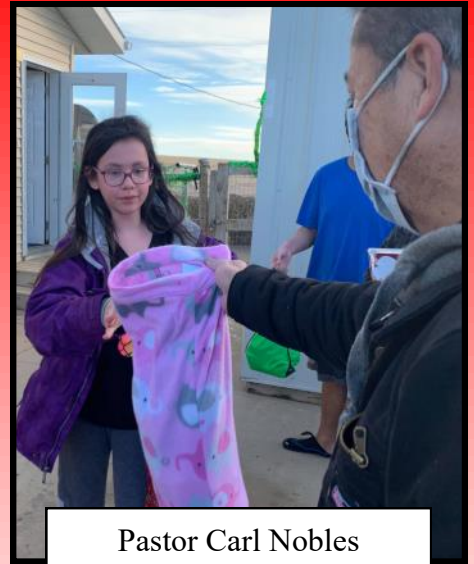




Seeing the smiles and the excitement, even from moms, dads, and grandparents, it was worth every mile we drove and the expense to be there.

Today is January 12. It was one month today since we set out on a 2 day drive, to bless the people of Standing Rock for 2 days, then to drive the 2 day drive back home. My son and I talked today that we wouldn't trade this trip for anything and can't wait until next year. Thank you to IMNA for blessing the ministry in South Dakota.

*Belinda Ross, President  
Life Spring International, Inc.*



Pastor Carl Nobles distributes Christmas boxes and stockings



IMNA was able to bless youth on the Ft. Belknap Reservation in Montana with new winter gloves. They were shipped to our friend, Charlie Kidmin Slaughter, and his wife Jenn, to be distributed to the youth in their community. It is truly a blessing to be able to pass on God's provisions.





# CAMP

## Hammon, Oklahoma

# TUESDAY



Impact Warriors is the youth mentoring program of Indian Ministries of North America. We are serving youth among the Cheyenne / Arapaho, Choctaw, and Cherokee with this program.

In Hammon, Oklahoma, Camp Tuesday meets each week after school. The youth that are enrolled in the program are learning life-skills and artisan projects. Classes are being offered in cooking, sewing, beadwork and art. We are also teaching keyboard and music theory, as well as, woodworking and mechanical classes.





# Conehatta, Mississippi



Tyler and Leah, mentees from the Conehatta Impact Warriors in Mississippi, work on their wood project of making an art cross from clothes pins.



The boys of Camp Tuesday work on their wood craft projects. They built wooden vehicles and then painted their own designs.

To the right, some of the girls are learning the skill of sewing, both by hand and on sewing machines.





# Feeding the Multitude

Oklahoma City, OK

What a very, merry Christmas for the folks downtown (Oklahoma City), as Feeding the Multitude's annual Christmas dinner was served. Thank you so much Indian Ministries of North America for the tents and sleeping bags to keep warm from the very cold nights we've been having. They were very much appreciated. This year's menu consisted of ham, dressing, buttered corn, rolls, pumpkin pie and cake. Also a special treat: An old-fashioned Christmas sack with fruit, brittle, chocolate clusters and old-fashioned Christmas candy. Everyone was so blessed by the smiles, laughter, encouraging words, prayers and the love of God that was shown. It was overwhelming! Thank you all for your donations and your time!



A special Thank you to World Vision, North TX for your donations!



We thank you so much Johnny, the folks appreciate it so much. Just to see the joy and smiles is worth it all, and they all know it comes from Gods love! Appreciate you brother!  
~Kristopher Redbird







# FIREWOOD

The volunteers from Indian Ministries of North America once again partnered with the Cherokee Family Support Services, in Cherokee, North Carolina, for our annual firewood splitting projects. We were able to complete two trips this Fall / Winter season. Each year the wood yard produces firewood for the elders, low-income families, and handicapped tribal members. These annual projects are a highlight of the Fall and Winter seasons and is open for anyone 18 years old and above. Please make plans to join us next Fall and experience the joy of hard work, fellowship, and blessing those in need.



## Romans 6:4

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. ~NIV

I had the honor of baptizing three of my brothers in Christ this Fall at Foss Lake in Hammon, Oklahoma. Following a week of construction work at IMNA's Grace Point Ministry Center in Hammon, these three decided they wanted to be baptized into their new life and callings for the Kingdom...Byron Spiva, Jerry Hurst, and Blaine Adkins.



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GIVEN TOWARD OUR COVID-19 RELIEF.  
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### **The Mission**

**To be frontline Warriors impacting lives,  
restoring the broken,  
healing the wounded,  
and setting the captives free.**

### **The Vision**

**To encourage, empower and equip  
First Nations people to impact their  
community for Christ,  
through relationship, discipleship,  
and continuing education.**



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