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... from the heart



Johnny K. Hughes

There is always something refreshing about the Fall season. My favorite time of year!

The air is crisp, the winds begin to nip a little, and the smell of burning leaves and fireplaces fill the air.

Animals sense the change, and they show a little extra spirit in their daily activities, gathering to store up for Winter.

I witness some of God's most majestic artistry, as He paints the landscapes and the sky with the colors of fire.

He always reminds us in subtle ways, that He will always be our warmth and refiner.

As the leaves begin to fall, and dance one last dance, the trees are stripped of the old, and are preparing themselves for new life in the Spring.

It is the same with us. We must allow the refining fire of Holy Spirit to strip us of the impurities that have taken hold in our lives. We must prepare ourselves for the New Life that only God can bring.

Proverbs 17:3, "In the same way that gold and silver are refined by fire, the Lord purifies your heart by the tests and trials of life."

This time of year, we see the leaves of the silver maple begin to glisten like fine gold, and the sweet sugar maple begin to blaze like roaring flames.

Prepare the way for a fire of revival to blaze across this nation, like the shifting colors a crisp Fall morning.

Here are the words that Holy Spirit impressed upon my heart:

I hear the sounds of drums filling the air,

I hear the sound of the gates shaking and the walls trembling.

I hear the sound of war cries piercing the air, from earth to heaven.

I hear the shouts of victory ringing clear through the valleys, through the mountains, and across the plains.

I see the glow,

I feel the heat of revival fire burning.

The "giant" is stirring and a hunger abounds.

Deep cries unto deep, as the First Nations people begin to awaken.

I hear the sounds of the drums beating, echoing the heartbeat of God.

Get ready, GET READY!

The gates are swinging open and the walls are crumbling.

FIRE, FIRE, REVIVAL FIRE IS HERE!

We still have a need for Bibles,
but our greatest need currently is
for the following:

Essential Teen Study Bible

Explorer Bible for Kids

GIFT A BIBLE





World Vision

Blessings to the Homeless... IMNA and Joe White of Outside the Walls Ministry, partnered together to bless numerous homeless individuals with sleeping bags, tents, and hygiene items, donated by World Vision, North Texas. (See page 11 for the full story)

New Roof for Grace Point

After several years of fighting the leaks in our Grace Point Ministry Center, a new roof is being installed over the main structure. This project has been made possible by our faithful ministry partners throughout the United States.

A team from the Friendly Holiness Church, Atmore, Alabama, made the thousand mile trip to Hammon, Oklahoma, to begin the installation. Under the direction of IMNA Board of Directors member Randall Ward, the team of 5 pressed through the lingering heat





Ministry Center

of September to complete their work. All that is left is to complete some trim and frame in the outside walls of the warehouse section of the facility.

Thank you to all of those who gave of their time and resources to see this job completed.





Where Wood Takes Shape CONEHATTA, MS

David Klocke and Johnny Hughes met with five students from the Macedonia IBC in Conehatta, MS, to sharpen their woodworking skills. They repurposed scrap wood to create a small knick-knack shelf for their collectibles, and were able to use saws, sanders, and nail guns to build their craft. Each month, the Impact Warriors mentoring program teaches life-skills and trade-skills to help the next generation develop their interests and talents.



Hygiene Backpacks for Homeless

The Impact Warriors Youth at the Macedonia Indian Baptist Church, Conehatta, Mississippi, began sewing drawstring backpacks for the homeless. The bags will be filled with personal hygiene items and encouraging notes from the youth.

The program will be a part of teaching the youth about missions, and will be a part of the church's WMU projects. Lynn Drost, House of Prayer,



Blairsville, Georgia, has been instrumental in leading the sewing skills classes for the Choctaw youth. We look forward to great praise reports from these blessing bags.



Holy Spirit Fire in the House

The firewood splitting teams joined with the Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church in the Wolfstown Community in Cherokee, North Carolina, to hold worship services after a day of splitting wood. The message was preached by Johnny Hughes, with music and testimonies by Tim Dove, Noqwisi

Crowe, Brian Miller, and Sunale Crowe.

On Friday night, the power of God was evident, as the “Now” generation prayed over the “Next” generation. Then peers began to pray for each other and sharing the words that God gave them for each other. What a mighty God we serve!



“A remarkable time! What a gift to have experienced this move of the Holy Spirit.”

Brian Miller



Warmth of Fire and Love

Sharing the warmth of a fire and the love of a Heavenly Father is the goal for the IMNA teams that participate in the firewood splitting projects each year. This Fall the team comprised of a group from the



Community Family Church, Independence, Kentucky, along with a group from the Summit Church, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

We partner with the Cherokee Family Support Services, Cherokee, North Carolina, to provide wood for the elders, low-income families, and families of special needs. We were able to leave them with about 200 loads ready for delivery. We pray blessings on each recipient family.



A New Path Forward

The Southwest Indian Ministries (SWIM) is a ministry of the Church of God, Cleveland, Tennessee, to the Native People of the Southwest. The leadership of the ministry has been placed under the Administrative Bishop, Mike Newcomb, of the Church of God State Offices of New Mexico, El Paso, Southwest Indian Ministries. The offices are located in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

IMNA has been involved with the work at SWIM for 26 years, with some of our volunteers and leadership serving

there for over 32 years. The SWIM campground, located in Manuelito, New Mexico, will continue to serve the people for ministry. However, under the direction of David Galindo with Operation Compassion, West, it will also serve as the base of operations for the Living Waters Initiative, a ministry to supply clean drinking water for the Reservations of the Southwest and around the world.

IMNA is excited for the new vision and the opportunity to begin leading ministry teams once again to our Native brothers and sisters of the Southwest.

Helping Hands in the Southwest

Rock Slaughter, IMNA Vice-President and Special Project Coordinator, lead a small team of volunteers to assist with projects on the Navajo Reservation. They began by working to complete some renovations on two camp hogans on the SWIM campground in Manuelito, New Mexico. Following this, they were able to paint the interior sanctuary of the Gospel Lighthouse Church, Iyanbito, New Mexico, lead by Pastor Mark Thomas. Following the completion of these projects, the team then assisted the Joshua Generation Ministry with several projects at their ministry center in Gallup, New Mexico.



Helene Relief



IMNA partnered with Caring Partners International to distribute a variety of needed supplies to some of the areas affected by Hurricane Helene in Tennessee and Western North Carolina. We were able to distribute to other partnering agencies who were then getting it into the hands of the people.



First, Jerry Hurst, Chaplain with Fire and Iron Motorcycle Club Station 160 delivered to Southern Iron Motorcycle Club in Greenville, Tennessee. The motorcycle clubs used motorcycles to deliver supplies to areas difficult to navigate with



trucks or cars.

delivering supplies directly to those affected.

Secondly, Barbara Jones, Head of Family Support Services for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, was instrumental in getting supplies to several of families that sustained damage that live further up the mountain.

Eric Moore, Pastor of New Song Church Cherokee, NC has his church set up as a place where those affected are coming and picking up needed supplies. He has also been partnering in Swannanoa, NC, as they continue to take supplies at their church site to serve those in that area.

Then, Tim Melton, Pastor of Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church and Chaplain with Buncombe County, NC delivered his supplies to Burnsville, NC. He partnered with another pastor and they went door to door throughout the community

We are all so grateful to Caring Partners International and their donors for the food and goods that are so needed.

ROCK SLAUGHTER, IMNA Vice-President, lead a team in October to Buncombe County, North Carolina, to deliver essential items to help with hurricane relief. Working with the County Sheriff's Department, who provided a list of needed items, they were able to collect and deliver socks, sleeping bags, blankets, baby bottles, bottled water, MRE's, and clothing.

The items were delivered to the Reynold's Volunteer Fire Department in Northeast Asheville.

Another team is being assembled to once again return in November to help with construction projects, such as tiny homes for resident housing.



Aiken, SC team with Reynold's Volunteer Fire Dept.

Sharing the Word

During this Fall season, we have been busy crisscrossing the country and participating in special gatherings and services. In addition to the Princeton Pike COG conference, see below, we participated with the North Cleveland COG Mission Sunday, Cleveland, TN, and the Community Family Church Native American Sunday, Independence, KY. I also had the privilege of ministering to the youth at Princeton Pike, and Becky and Elizabeth attended the Fearless Women's Conference at the Cooper City COG, Cooper City, FL.



LEFT & ABOVE: Participating in Mission Sunday at North Cleveland Church of God

BELOW: Ministering in song with Pastor Tommy Bates on Native American Sunday

RIGHT: Ministering to Princeton Pike Church of God youth.



Reaching the World for Christ

The Princeton Pike Church of God, Hamilton, Ohio, is a church with a mission to fulfill the Great Commission of reaching the whole world for Christ. Each year, they designate September as a time to honor and bless the missionaries that they financially support. The church is currently supporting over 70 missionaries all

across the globe. Indian Ministries of North America has been honored to be of their sponsored mission organizations for several years. It is always an honor to participate in the annual Missions Conference at the Pike! Thank you to the Pike family and missions committee.



Bags into Beds

Sleeping Mats for Homeless



IMNA was blessed to receive crocheted sleeping mats to distribute to the homeless. These mats are made by the crochet class at the Westmore Church of God, Cleveland, Tennessee. The mats are made from recycled plastic shopping bags.

The project is a group effort by many; one group collects the bags, another group folds, cuts into strips, and ties together to make the yarn, and then several women begin the process of crocheting the mat. Each mat requires 700 shopping bags to complete.

The Westmore ladies continue to be a blessing to those less fortunate, and every individual that has received a mat has been greatly appreciative.

Seeking the Harvest Beyond the Walls

IMNA had the opportunity to partner with Joe White with Outside the Walls Ministry in Atmore, Alabama. We were able to accompany him to distribute much needed supplies to several homeless individuals.

Joe shared his testimony of how God moved mightily on his heart while he was praying about an upcoming surgery, and how he ended up on his face crying out to God for hours. After a time of basking in His glory, out of nowhere, he hears the phrase, "Outside the Walls Ministry." While seeking God about these words,

he began to think about the people who are hurting, hungry, depressed, and in need. Over the next several days, God began to place a real burden on his heart for these people. He then began burdening his heart to bring the churches together in unity, regardless of their denominational affiliation.

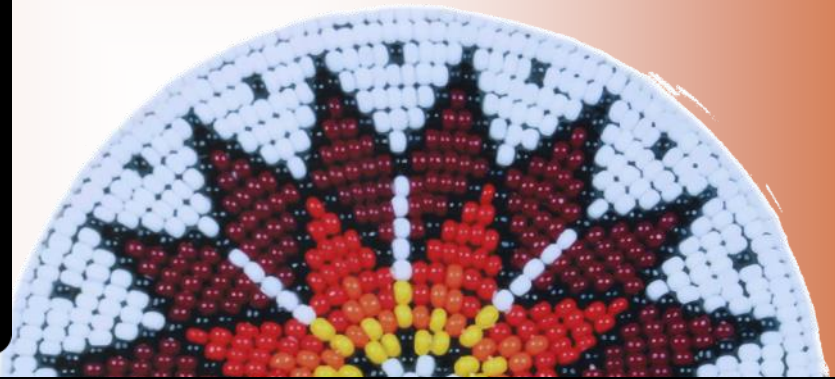


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