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# ARISE -

In a past issue, I shared a dream that I had about the tale of two giants. In that dream, I saw the figure of a giant Native American warrior staked and tied to the ground by ropes. Each labeled with strongholds and entrapments that held him down. He was struggling to loose himself to no avail. However, lying across from him was another giant, which I saw labeled the church. This dream comes to mind often and I have continued to pray for clarification of the dream.

Recently, while studying in the book of Acts, the Lord led me to Chapter 3. As I read the account of Peter and John and the lame man at the gate called Beautiful, God began to show me a clearer definition of the dream. The man, who had been lame from birth, was carried to the gate each morning to beg for alms. I immediately saw a parallel to this and the generational curses and entrapments of our Native American people. A Spirit of Poverty carries our people to the gate to beg for a handout.

I asked myself, “What got us to this need for dependence on others?”

On a trip to the Washita Memorial Museum in Cheyenne, Oklahoma, I read where troops had forced the plains Indians, such as the Cheyenne, Arapaho, Lakota and others onto designated lands or reservations. They were nomadic hunters that followed the buffalo and hunted the land for their survival. After being forced to live in one designated area, the game became overhunted to near extinction, and the people were starving. The government then sent seeds and other farming supplies and told them to fend for themselves. However, you



# For Such a Time as This

By: Johnny K. Hughes



have a people who were great hunters and not farmers, forced to learn a new lifestyle to keep from starving.

This transition was not as severe for the tribes who were from agricultural areas, such as the Southeastern tribes. To appear to assist the plains tribes, the Federal Government began to send food rations and supplies to the people. This caused a dependency on the government, the very ones who placed them in these open prisons or land trusts. America the Beautiful, the gate to freedom, had now become the place where our proud brothers and sisters were forced to beg to survive. Unfortunately, many of their needs were met with blankets laced with infectious diseases and bundles of rancid meat to feed a family.

The poverty that exists among our Native people is one of physical, but more importantly spiritual. The generational spiritual strongholds that bind our people, have many of our people believing that this is life and there is no escaping it. This opens the door to alcoholism, drug addictions and suicide. The Church has the answer, and like Peter and John, we must affix our eyes on America's First People, the First Fruits of this nation, and speak forth, "Look on us."

I have been there to see churches going out in the name of Jesus, many times tripping over each other, to give a hand out. Don't get me wrong, I am not against benevolence and caring for the physical needs of the poor, but we must not lose focus on the whole picture. I have yet to see a young person commit suicide, who was starving and naked. What good are we doing when we send out armies of people into neighborhoods to hand out sack lunches or put a fresh coat of colorful paint on the exterior of a home, knowing the inside is ruled by darkness and is collapsing from within.

There comes a time when it is more about the souls and finding a way to disciple and train people in the ways of Jesus, than it is to put a feather in our missions' cap. I've seen my fair

share of groups, going into a neighborhood to build a church and return home to show off the photographs of the beautiful exterior. They fail to advise that the interior has no electricity, sheetrock or flooring. Whose Kingdom are we building?

It breaks my heart to minister in a community where we find spiritually hungry people, but no one there to disciple them when we leave. Church we have the answer. Like Peter and John we must say, "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have, I give to you." As the people reach out for the hand out, we must extend our right hand of strength and declare, "ARISE."

Then as the Holy Spirit within us rises up, we will be able to see the strength return to their spirit and bodies as our Native American brothers and sisters take their rightful place as spiritual leaders in these last days.

Arise my brother...Arise my sister. The time has come to check into your destiny. Your Reservation has been confirmed and now by the power of the Holy Spirit I speak life into the plan that was to bring death. You have been Reserved for this time, now **ARISE!**





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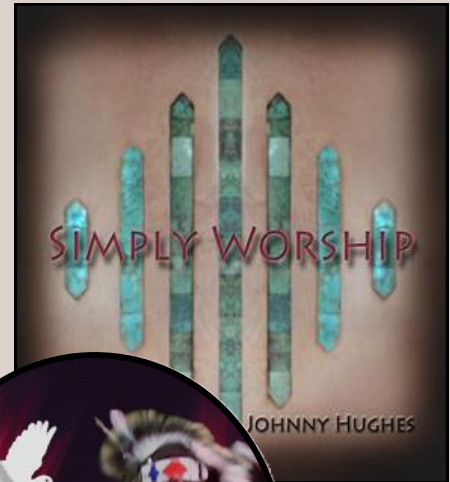


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# Anointed Praise at Grace Point

IMNA had the honor of having long-time friends, Steve and Melinda Holder with Anointed Praise Ministries at the Grace Point Ministry Center. They were a real inspiration with their music and testimonies. We saw different denominations and cultures come together to worship the King of Kings.

“Thanks to Johnny and Becky Hughes for allowing us to be part of this DYNAMIC ministry at Grace Point! It was a highlight of our lives,” exclaimed Melinda. “We were so blessed to see the prayers for deliverance of those attending, and to hear such a powerful message by Pastor Johnny,” she added.



Steve and Melinda Holder

## FEEDING THE MULTITUDE

IMNA had the opportunity to join with Ministry in Action and Master’s Touch in their monthly homeless outreach in Oklahoma City. The outreach fed over 150 homeless individuals and families. IMNA was able to provide new socks, new underwear, shoes, and other clothing items. The ministries and volunteers that come together to feed and clothe anyone in need, represent several tribes from Oklahoma and other states as well. We were blessed to share a part in this outreach and look forward to returning to participate in many more... **Being the hands and feet of Jesus!**





# Hammon, Oklahoma



**ABOVE:** Johnny Hughes assists in the construction of wooden stools with the children. **BELOW:** Showing off their handiwork.



The Tuesday afternoon Impact Warriors Youth Mentoring Program at IMNA's Grace Point Ministry Center has been very busy over the last few months. Under the leadership of Betty Eaton and Myrna Chambers, the youth are learning to cook and bake, they are learning to make beautiful paper flower arrangements, as well as flower arrangements from recycled water bottles. The youth have made their own no-sew pillows and wooden stools. In the coming weeks and months they are planning to cook a meal for their parents, learn how to use sewing machines and some are beginning to learn to play the keyboard. Thank you God for the lives of these youth!





# Conehatta, Mississippi

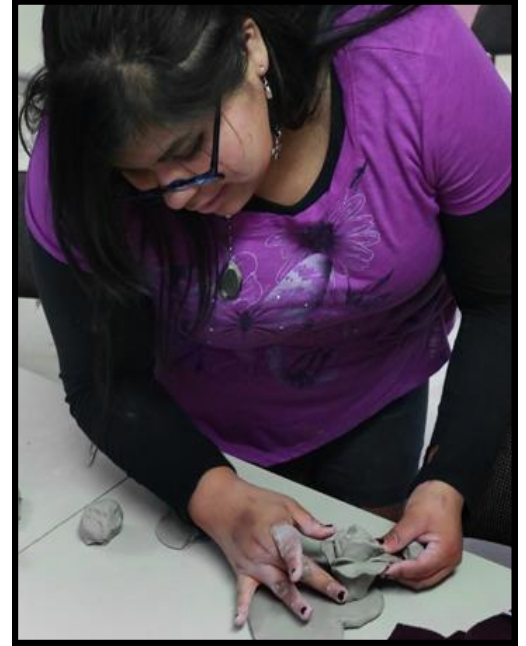
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The Impact Warriors Youth Mentoring with the Choctaw youth in Conehatta, Mississippi, has been enjoying a variety of projects the last few months.



They have created their own unique pottery crafts; enjoyed a Saturday Kidfest VBS with Bible studies, puppets, and crafts; and attended a youth language symposium. A few unique talents are being discovered and we will be working over the next several months to develop them further.



## **Yakoki Chihowa** *(Praise God - Choctaw)*



**BAKING**

**SEWING**

**FLOWER-MAKING**





# Navajo Nation



IMNA recently returned from a trip to the Navajo Nation. While there, we were able to bless several families with clothing, hygiene



items, household items and much more. Our first stop was the Sawmill Senior Center located high in the mountains. We were able to bless the homeless in Gallup with new socks and new underwear. The community around the Window Rock United Methodist Church, Arizona, was blessed with a large load of clothing and household items. We also had the honor of ministering at the church that night. Our benevolent outreaches concluded in the community of Prewitt, New Mexico.





# An Awakening is Stirring

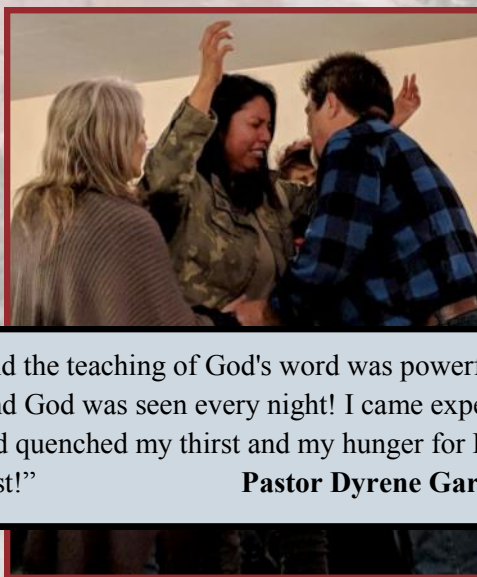
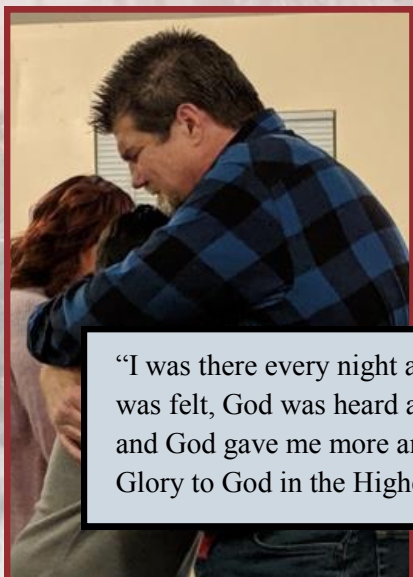
**B**luewater American Indian Mission, Prewitt, New Mexico, is located in the Navajo Nation. We were honored to host Brother Johnny Hughes and his daughter, Elizabeth, in March for a three night revival. People came from all directions of the Navajo Nation, and also other nearby Native American communities. Testimonies continue to come in from young and old alike, of deliverance from fear, hatred, past hurts and general oppression! Many are bearing fruit of growing closer to God in their new found freedom in Christ.

On Saturday, Elizabeth helped to lead an outreach at the Baca Chapter House. The IMNA and the Navajo H2O mission teams worked together to help the people find clothing, shoes, and other items for the families. The people showed their appreciation and thankfulness for the much needed items. We also were able to give out Bibles and devotionals, and we were able to connect and pray with the people. The Navajo Chapter President invited us all back for future ministry opportunities!

The Lord used Brother Johnny's gifting and talents and Elizabeth's sweet loving heart to reach the people that we all so dearly love and serve.

Thank you both for your heart for the Native American People. We also would like to thank everyone who supports, prays and gives to this ministry for without your responsive hearts, we would not be able to do all these things to serve and encourage God's children on the reservations.

*By: Davanna Driggers, Pastor*



“I was there every night and the teaching of God's word was powerful. God was felt, God was heard and God was seen every night! I came expecting and God gave me more and quenched my thirst and my hunger for Him. Glory to God in the Highest!”

**Pastor Dyrene Garfield**



# Chief Cornerstone Ministry Center



On April 18-19, special services were held at the Chief Cornerstone Ministry Center in Bryson City, North Carolina. We were seeking for God to ignite “The Fire Within.” Johnny Hughes ministered each night following the worship of GraFted and Bobby and Hannah Morrison, the Boha Tribe. The power of God moved mightily each night and manifestations of the Holy Spirit were seen all through the congregation. To quote one young Cherokee lady, “Services were off the chain!” God is on the move in Cherokee!

**Pastor Rodney LaVallie**



## Warm Homes Warm Hearts





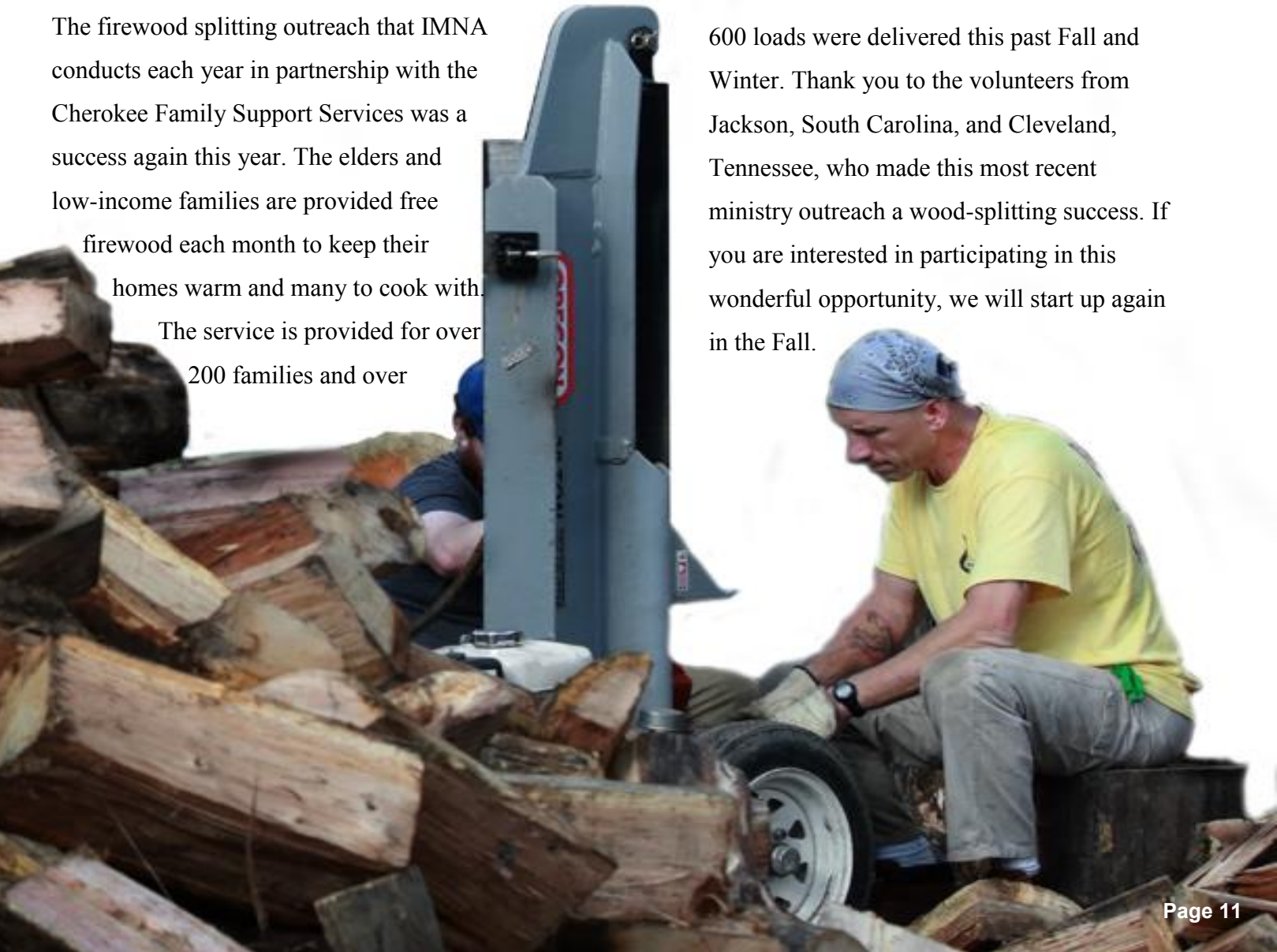
## KNITTED WITH LOVE

Martha Bennett, from the First Baptist Church in Jackson, South Carolina, spent many hours knitting beautiful scarves and hats for Cherokee elders. They were distributed at the Tsali Manor Senior Center in Cherokee, North Carolina. Pictured below are some of the happy faces of those who received this blessing of love.



The firewood splitting outreach that IMNA conducts each year in partnership with the Cherokee Family Support Services was a success again this year. The elders and low-income families are provided free firewood each month to keep their homes warm and many to cook with. The service is provided for over 200 families and over

600 loads were delivered this past Fall and Winter. Thank you to the volunteers from Jackson, South Carolina, and Cleveland, Tennessee, who made this most recent ministry outreach a wood-splitting success. If you are interested in participating in this wonderful opportunity, we will start up again in the Fall.



# IMNA Itinerary

**Work Project**  
Grace Point Ministry  
Hammon, OK  
April 7-14

**Morning Service**  
Fairview Church of God  
Ranger, GA  
April 28

**Work Project**  
Grace Point Ministry  
Hammon, OK  
May 20-25

**Vacation Bible School**  
Grace Point  
Hammon, OK  
July 15-19

**Feeding the Multitude**  
Homeless Outreach  
Oklahoma City, OK  
April 14

**Impact Warriors**  
Youth Mentoring  
Conehatta, MS  
May 4

**Impact Warriors**  
Youth Mentoring  
Conehatta, MS  
May 31 - June 1

**Vacation Bible School**  
Cherokee PHC  
Cherokee, NC  
July 22 - 25

**Missions Class**  
Westmore COG  
Cleveland, TN  
April 17

**Morning Service**  
Cottonport Rd. COG  
Decatur, TN  
May 5

**Vacation Bible School**  
Grace Point  
Hammon, OK  
June 10-14

**Vacation Bible School**  
Macedonia IBC  
Connehatta, MS  
July 15-19

**Revival**  
Chief Cornerstone  
Bryson City, NC  
April 18-19

**Morning Service**  
Regency COG  
Buford, GA  
May 19

**Revival**  
Window Rock United  
Methodist  
Window Rock, AZ  
June 20-23

**Mission Conference**  
Princeton Pike COG  
Hamilton, OH  
Sept. 25-30



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