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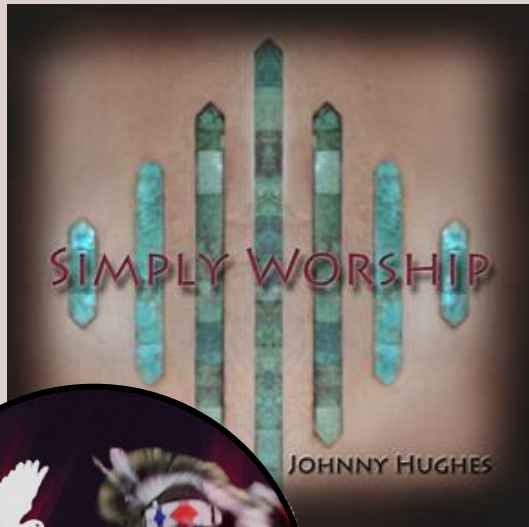
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Running for Life



Kallup McCoy takes a break from his run to visit with Johnny Hughes, Director of IMNA.

Kallup McCoy II is a man on a God mission. A member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee, he was delivered from opiod addiction over 15 months ago. His love for Christ is contagious and he recently retraced the steps of his ancestors along the Trail of Tears to raise awareness of the addictions on the Reservations. He started his journey in Cherokee, North Carolina, and completed his journey on June 28, running 777 miles to reach Tahlequah, Oklahoma. He was accompanied by his mother, Ruth McCoy and his girlfriend, Katelynn Ledford.

"I didn't know what it meant to be Cherokee. I didn't know what it meant to be proud of my culture, my people. Being out on this run, coming from where I came from and just getting up every day like our people had to do on their way out here and having to push through, I know what it means to be Cherokee, strong, resilient, tenacious, and to love and to forgive," McCoy said.

Kallup McCoy. . . in his own words

I have spent the last few days trying to sit and let this life changing experience saturate into my mind, body, and most importantly, my spirit! Whenever I try to wrap my mind around what just took place and the feelings I get...the way my life has been touched by God...I feel like Moses did after spending 40 days and nights with the Lord on Mt Sinai. It's such a humbling experience to have been chosen to do something like this for my people... not by man, but by God! I feel as if I'm glowing, the change in my eye color and the light in eyes can only be explained by the Holy Spirit that so richly dwells within me now. Just like the rock that was chiseled off the tablets of stone the Lord has been purging my fleshly, worldly ways and anything that isn't of Him, all to make me more spiritually fit! It was to make me a better servant and soldier in His army.

This journey had so many ups and downs, mountaintops and valleys! From not knowing if my P.O. was going to even let me go, to not knowing if my mom's P.O. was going to let her go, not having any stops planned, not knowing where we would sleep, not enough training. We experienced thunderstorms for the first 2 weeks, followed by a heat wave of 100 degree temps, lost my aunt to drugs; however, my God was greater than all these storms.

KEEP MOVING FORWARD and reaching for that which is in front of me! Almost getting snake bit, close calls with 18-wheelers, almost getting into a head on collision, running at night with flashlights to get to my goal, stressed out wondering what am I doing out here! My God is greater, Keep moving forward and reaching for that which is in front of me! Keep my eyes up and on the Author of Perfection... that's how I fight and keep pressing towards the mark. You can't have success without sacrifice and some failures along the way.

You can't have the dream without some drama! It's not about the result or the goal, it's about the process and what you learned along the way! You want better? You got a dream? I'm here to tell you that you can do anything you put your mind to. My Bible says I can do ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST! But what are you willing to sacrifice to get there?





UCW OP WMG "One Full Basket"

Lindsey Slaughter

One Full Basket, IMNA's Cherokee women's outreach, which meets bimonthly, took a break for July. Meetings will commence in August, at our new location, Chief Cornerstone Ministries, 4077 US Hwy 19, Bryson City, North Carolina. The ladies will be going through a Bible study, the Women of the Bible.



In addition to the Bible study, the ladies will continue their Zumba class each meeting, and a special event activity will be planned each month. They have really enjoyed painting rocks, pottery and movie nights. Also, we are planning some pampering sessions for the women including facials, manicure, pedicures, etc. One Full Basket is being opened up to the girls and young ladies of the community, so that the foundation for a new generation of Godly women can be established.

BREAKTHROUGH SEASON

A summer revival was held at the Community Fellowship Church in Hammon, Oklahoma. The theme for this time was "Breakthrough." Each service concentrated on personal breakthrough that would lead to a corporate breakthrough for the church body. God was so amazing, as we witnessed hearts opening to the move of the Holy Spirit, and the brokenness of life restored. We declared breakthrough over personal labels, strongholds, addictions and a breakthrough for a mighty move of God.



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The Time is Here

The time has come for IMNA to begin raising funds for the purchase of a new Dodge Ram 3500 crew cab diesel truck. Our current truck, purchased new in 2003, has served God faithfully for over 582,000 miles. It is beginning to need more and more maintenance, so the time is here for a new model to carry a lot of the long-

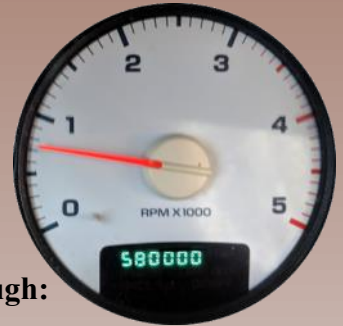


haul tasks. We are believing God for the funds to purchase this truck and maintain our debt-free status. Tens of thousands of people have been ministered to in various ways with this current truck. The hungry have been fed, the naked have been clothed, and most importantly the gospel of salvation has been carried throughout the United States. Join with us today and help us reach our goal.

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GraFted Releases New Project

The band GraFted was formed in 2012 out of IMNA's RELEASE team worship band. The anointing of the Holy Spirit on this group was evident from the very beginning. Most of the members of the band traveled for five years as part of the RELEASE team, a summer mentoring program that gave Native American youth the opportunity to experience hands-on ministry.

This new recording project consists of all original songs, written by the band, and is a unique blend of music styles. The band leads Wednesday night worship, twice per month, at the Chief Cornerstone Ministry Center in Bryson City, NC. They are available for bookings and can be contacted at: info.graftedmusic@gmail.com

PICTURED RIGHT:

From Left:

Uriah Thomas
Blake Justice
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Nic LaVallie



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SUMMERTIME FUN AND LEARNING



Games



Through the heat of the summer sun, IMNA volunteers held two Vacation Bible Schools at the Grace Point Ministry Center in Hammon, Oklahoma. The summer heat didn't stop the youth from enjoying their time learning the Word of God and trying their hand at some very unique crafts.

First, the youth traveled to Mt. Everest and learned about God's mighty power that assists us in



Worship

VBS 18



Memory Verse winners



... Hammon, Oklahoma

conquering all the mountains that we face in life. They learned that He has the power to provide, to comfort, to heal, to forgive, and to love us forever.

During the second VBS, the youth traveled back to Hometown Nazareth, where they learned about the life of Jesus growing up as a child. They learned that their life mirrored his in many ways, and that his childhood experiences

were a lot like the ones they face each day.

The youth learned a variety of tasks from Jesus' childhood, such as how to plant seeds and watch them grow, how to make soap, pottery and carpentry. Jesus was a real boy, just like them.



ABOVE: Signing for worship

BELOW: "Mary" teaches about Christ as a child

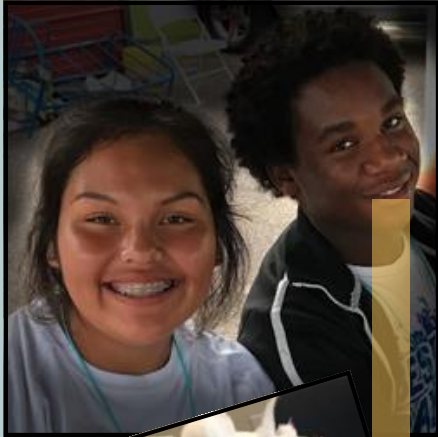


Perfect Attendance winners



GAME ON with Mississippi Choctaw

*"It was very rewarding to work together as Christians to make a difference in this community, but what was even better, was to know that we planted a seed in many hearts in hopes they will come to know our Savior."
Stephanie Matlock*



If you ever want to work hard, both day and night, then you need to go on a trip to Mississippi with this crew from First Baptist of Jackson, South Carolina. They brought some dedicated people who, by God's strength, knocked out work projects and VBS all in one week.

We worked at the Macedonia Indian Baptist Church doing exterior and interior painting, sheetrock repair, pressure washing, cleaning, and wasp removal. After working all day, the crew would clean up, eat, and be ready for VBS with a group of 70-83 eager kids, youth, and adults each night. From music to crafts, Bible story to games, each leader worked hard to share the love of Jesus and keep the "GAME ON" theme fun and exciting.

Another activity that we participated in was at the Conehatta Elementary School. A small group went and helped teachers rearrange their rooms to get ready for the classes to start the following week. The task was quite an under-taking. If you have never moved desks and filing cabinets on a freshly waxed floor that you do not want to mess up, then you haven't lived. It was all worth it when surprised teachers came into their rooms the next day to find the task completed. Every teacher we helped made sure to thank us several times.

Sometimes, we can minister in multiple ways without even knowing it. I am hoping that these teachers start off the year feeling blessed, so that they can be a bigger blessing to their students. After getting the rooms set up, we painted the main hallway and middle school hallway, so the kids could come to a fresh start in this fresh new year. Several commented that it was nice to see clean walls after the years of finger prints, pencil and pen scuffs, and everyday wear and tear. I think these simple acts of kindness we were able to accomplish will have lasting effects and hopefully further connect us with the school.

I would like to thank First Baptist of Jackson, Conehatta Elementary School, and Macedonia Indian Baptist Church for being willing to work hard, be available, and let God move. Can't wait for another successful trip!

PERSONAL REFLECTIONS: LINDSEY SLAUGHTER



Conehatta, Mississippi



Summertime Fun



The Choctaw Impact Warriors in Conehatta, Mississippi, have been busy this summer learning life lessons and skills from their mentoring meetings. IMNA volunteer mentors from Alabama and Georgia, along with local community volunteers came together to teach hands-on skills to these school age youth.



They learned how to construct birdhouses during May, and they learned how that God clothes, feeds and shelters the animals, just as He will provide for each of us on a daily basis. This continued our focus on learning the skills of tools and the proper way to use them. Along with these crafts, some of the ladies from the church began their instruction on traditional beadwork.

We concluded our summer mentoring with a family cookout and fishing derby. It was great to come together for fellowship with families...but the fish were NOT BITING!



RIVERLAND HILLS

VBS 18 CHEROKEE NC



This year was an exciting adventure. God opened doors for IMNA at the Cherokee Children's Home, Tsali Manor Senior Center, and Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church. Volunteers were able to spend some quality time with people of all ages and all walks of life.

At the Children's Home, time was spent with the children having fun and beating the heat, through water balloons and swimming. The children and staff were so welcoming and expressed their openness to our outreach. This summer helped to further strengthen our connection with the home, and we are looking forward to more adventures and fun times.

This was our third year working at the Tsali Manor. We were the only group to be there during this time and we were able to

connect more intimately with the folks. They were so excited that we had returned to spend time with them, and even play a little bingo. The friendships that are made here are so sweet and endearing, and they are looking forward to our return.

Vacation Bible School was a big hit! We averaged 25-37 youth in the four days, "GAME ON" extravaganza. The youth were active in music, Bible stories, crafts, and of course snack-time. The adults and pastor of the church were very active in participation and encouragement for the youth. Their presence added to the success of the VBS.

Thanks to Riverland Hills Baptist Church from South Carolina for your hard work and enthusiastic labor for the Lord.



"It's always a privilege to serve God in any capacity. This was especially true on my recent mission trip to Cherokee, North Carolina. It was both fun and inspiring to interact with the children at our VBS. They seemed eager to learn which made it all the more rewarding. They were a wonderful group of people and I look forward to returning next year," stated Donna Mangum.





God is Faithful to His Vision

Congratulations on the dedication of the new Corinth Baptist Church facility in Tucker, Mississippi. Under the leadership of my Choctaw brother in Christ, Pastor Mark Patrick, we saw this church begin a building program with primarily youth attending the services.

When the building project began, many of the adults left the church, and Pastor Mark said, “That’s okay, I will build it with the youth and teens, if that is what it takes.” It was so impressive to see the dedication of those youth and the handful of adults, as they broke ground and began the construction process. Then God, in His faithfulness, began sending volunteer work crews from various states, to stand with them to the completion.

Indian Ministries of North America, Inc. was privileged to have been a part of this project. From the windows, fixtures, insulation, flooring, drums and other miscellaneous materials, it was all seeds sown for a harvest of souls.

It is an honor for IMNA to stand alongside and partner with this church to see our Choctaw brothers and sisters find the love of Christ in their hearts. We look forward to many more times of ministry with the Corinth church family, and they are to be commended for their dedication to the Kingdom, their pastor, and their community. We pray blessings and favor upon this congregation. To God be the Glory!



Dedication Day Choir

IMNA Itinerary

Morning Service
New Covenant Church
Thomasville, GA
Aug. 12

Impact Warriors
Youth Mentoring
Hammon, OK
Sept. 3-7

Mission Conference
Princeton Pike COG
Hamilton, OH
Sept. 26 - 30

Impact Warriors
Youth Mentoring
Conehatta, MS
Nov. 3

Revival
Friendly Holiness Ch.
Atmore, AL
Aug. 26 - 29

Morning Service
Parkway COG
Sevierville, TN
Sept. 16

Youth Service
Macedonia IBC
Conehatta, MS
Oct. 5

Youth Service
Macedonia IBC
Conehatta, MS
Nov. 30

Impact Warriors
Youth Mentoring
Conehatta, MS
Sept. 1

Fall Revival
Shady Grove UMC
Blairsville, GA
Sept. 23 - 25

Impact Warriors
Youth Mentoring
Conehatta, MS
Oct. 6

Impact Warriors
Youth Mentoring
Conehatta, MS
Dec. 1

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Women's Ministry August: 16th and 30th
September: 13th and 27th
October: 11th and 25th
November: 8th

Firewood Splitting
Family Support Service
Cherokee, NC
Oct. 10 - 13

Christmas Celebration
Grace Point
Hammon, OK
Dec. 7 - 9

Youth Service
Macedonia IBC
Conehatta, MS
Nov. 2

Christmas Celebration
Choctaw
Conehatta, MS
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