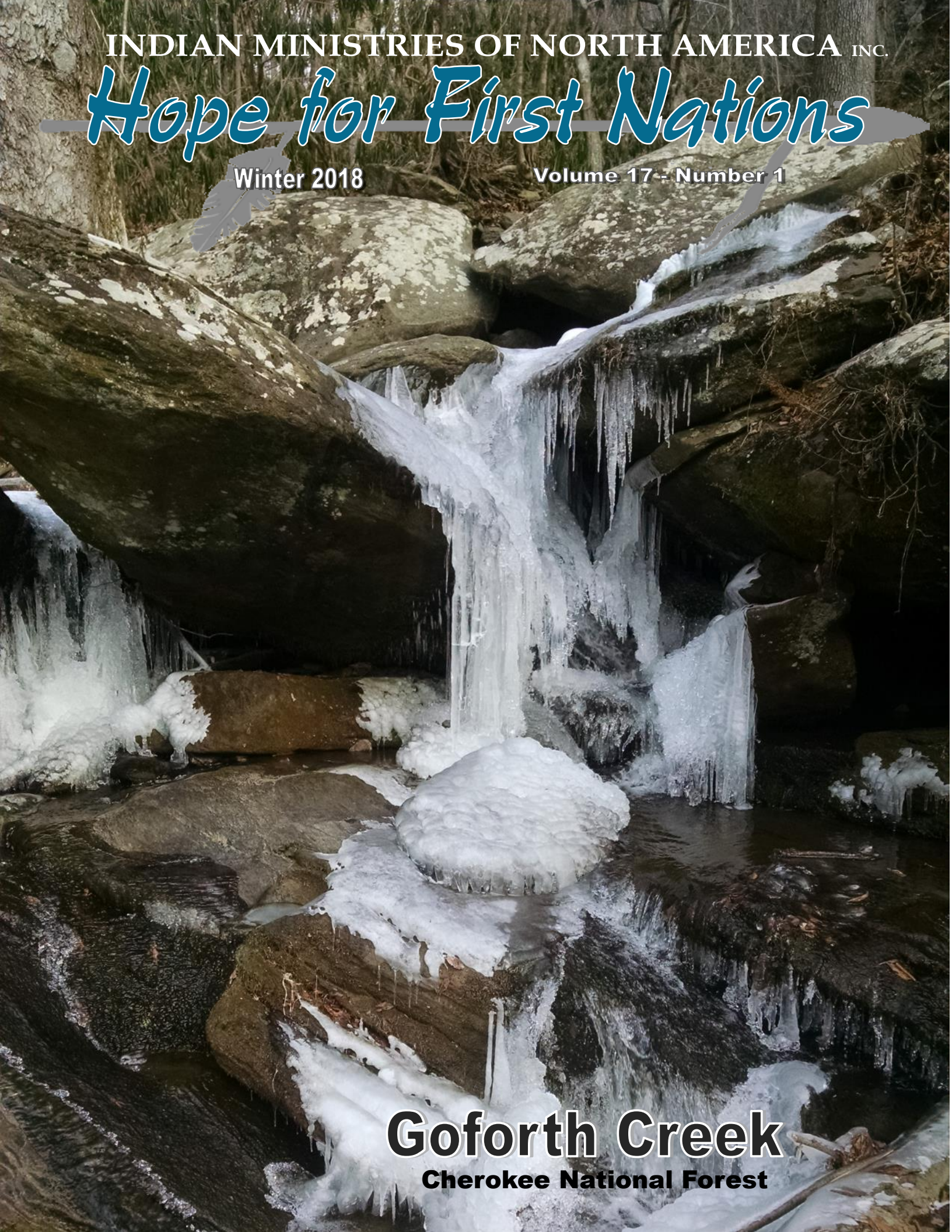


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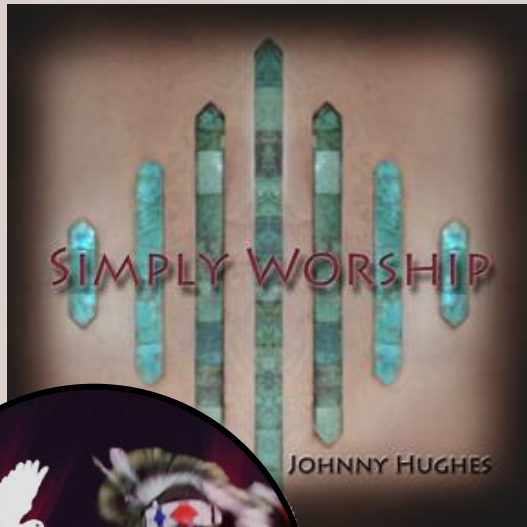


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WHERE ARE YOU?

In Genesis 3:9 God calls to Adam and says, “Where are you?”

It is important throughout our life to know where we are.

Geographically we have all types of ways to know where we are: landmarks, handwritten directions, maps.

But now everyone seems to be addicted to GPS, a global positioning system. Now, at the push of a button you get directions on getting back home from almost anywhere. Spiritually speaking, when we talk about coming home to God, the road will always lead you to the foot of the cross. When God created you and I, he placed a spiritual GPS in each of us, preprogrammed for home. This is God’s Positioning System.

Genesis 3:9 is a question that demands an answer from each of us. I’m sure when God asked Adam where he was, He knew exactly where he was and why he was there. The question holds much more meaning than a geographical location.

He is asking each of us the same question today:

Where are you in fulfilling His purposes in life?

Where are you in fulfilling your calling?

Where are you in with the goals He has directed?

Adam had violated God’s instructions to him. He had dishonored God’s word and yielded to temptation. He had been given unlimited potential and was enjoying all the benefits that God had given to him, but Adam chose disobedience.

Does any of that sound familiar in your own life?

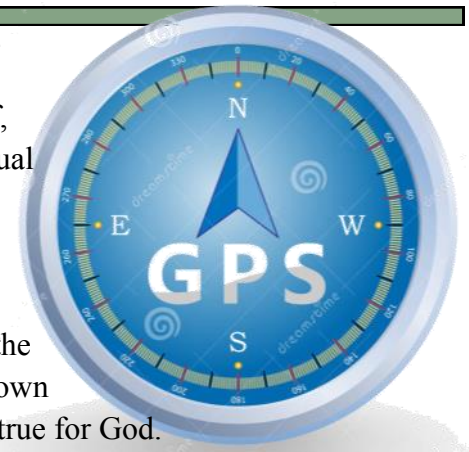
Are we doing what God created us to do?

Are we being all that we can be to bring honor to the Kingdom as we enjoy all His blessings?

Have we chosen a life of mediocrity, when God wants you to travel forward into your promise land?

You may ask yourself, “With a built-in spiritual GPS, how do we get off track?”

With any GPS, you can choose to follow the directions or go your own way. The same holds true for God.



When you choose to go your own way, the voice on your GPS, the Holy Spirit, will begin to say, “Make an immediate U turn, turn right and then go straight.” That road will take you by the cross where Christ paved the way for you to make it all the way to your heavenly home.

Sometimes in life we try to trick our spiritual GPS and make it think we are traveling the right way. You may think it is working, because you are going through all of the motions and saying all the right things, but eventually you will come to a crossroad or a fork in the road. At this time, you are going to have to make a decision.

Remember, through it all, God knows where you are. Are you on the main road or a frontage road?

People, countries, and even churches and denominations face these issues. When society begins to influence our spiritual GPS, it is time to recalibrate or install a fresh word update. We have to decide, do we keep moving forward in political correctness, or follow our spiritual GPS? Sometimes we have to disconnect and choose to follow our personal beliefs, even if it means leaving the group.

You may be saying, “I can’t do this whole life for God thing. Look around us at the attacks coming from every direction. How can I withstand everything that is coming at me, besides, I am only human.

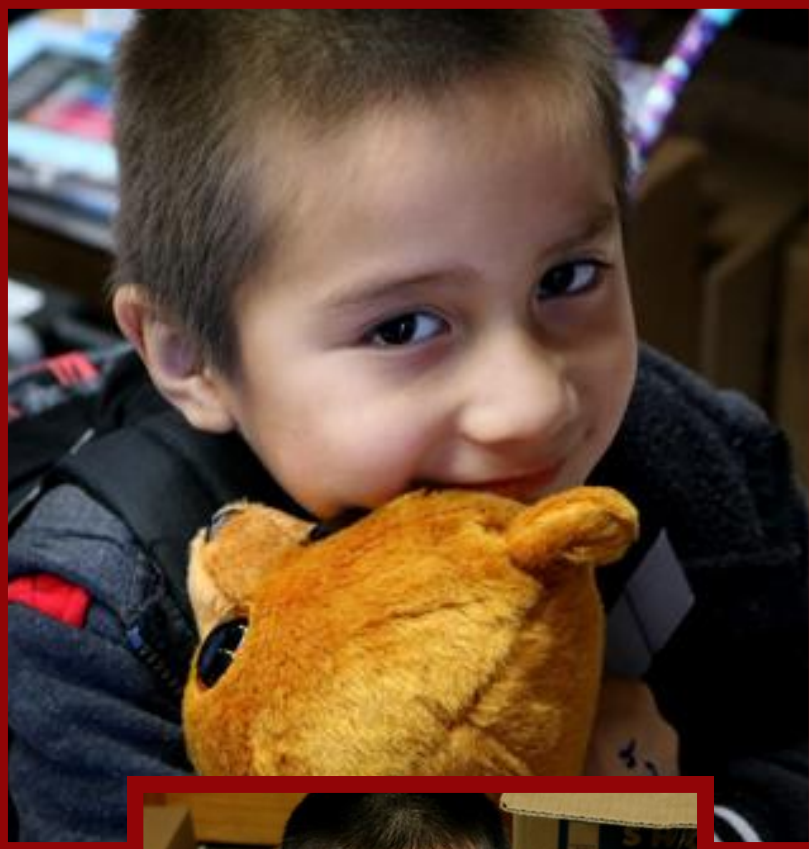
I did mention that you have a GPS in you, but not just God’s Positioning System. He also installed God’s Power System in you...Acts 1:8.

Christmas

Each year, on the first weekend in December, IMNA's Grace Point Ministry Center in Hammon, Oklahoma, becomes the place to be for a Christmas Celebration. December 2017 was no different.

On Friday night, we held a community worship service where Pastor Scott Showers from the Hammon First Baptist Church brought to life the manger scene. He described that it was nothing like what we pictured today. It was more than likely a simple hollow in a rock surrounded by animals and all of the things that we associate with a barnyard. Our savior humbled himself to be born in the midst of the dirt of a stable.

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Oklahoma Style

Following the Friday evening service, the community was blessed with new household items like bedding, small appliances, dishes, bathroom necessities, etc. They were also able to sort through clothing for the entire family.

On Saturday morning, the community came together for a Christmas luncheon, where over 100 people were served. This was followed by our distribution of new toys to the children, food and hygiene items for the families, and new shoes for all who needed them.

God truly supplied the needs for the people of Hammon along with all of our Christmas distributions in 2017. All total, we served over 1000 people and approximately 500 of those were children. Thanks for making this possible.

Thank You to World Vision and Toys R Us for toys and other gifts, and to Feed the Children for the cereal.



CHOCTAW



New Shoes



TOYS



Hot Meal

Christmas in Mississippi

The Conehatta Elementary School was the site for this year's Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indian's Christmas Celebration. In partnership with the school, the Macedonia Indian Baptist Church and the Conehatta Community Club, IMNA was able to bless over 200 Choctaw people from the community. The gymnasium became a packed distribution center with gifts of all kinds for the entire family, including hundreds of new toys for the children.

The smiles on their faces tell it all and some of these children would not have had much of a Christmas had it not been for the love and kindness of our donors and partners. Thank you to all of the volunteers, churches, individuals, and organizations that made this a special Christmas for the

Conehatta Community. In addition, gifts were then sent to bless the Bogue Chitto Community for their Christmas gathering.

Stockings full of goodies



Smoky Mountain Christmas

Encouraging literacy with new books

Trucks, trailers, and church vans made their way across the curvy mountain landscape carrying toys, bedding, clothing, books, and food from IMNA for the Cherokee Indians living in the Snowbird Community of Robbinsville, North Carolina. The Snowbird Gym and Recreation center was already a buzz when we arrived, and there were plenty of hands that joined in unloading the gifts that would make Christmas for so many this night.

In just a short time the Gym was packed to capacity as the whole community came out for a night of entertainment, dinner, music and giveaways. Pastor Tom Comacho, of Blue Ridge Vineyard, shared the Christmas story with the children and fully engaged them in the story, some maybe for the first time. It was clear that this event is one of the highlights of the year for this community.

Following Snowbird, the gifts were then distributed at another celebration in the Big Cove Community of Cherokee. Between these two Christmas events, approximately 500 people were blessed and heard the gospel shared. May God Bless the people of these communities and pour out His Presence upon every household.



ABOVE: Pastor Tim Melton, left, of the Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church, and Pastor Eric Moore of New Song Ministries assisted IMNA with the delivery of gifts for the Snowbird Community.

RIGHT: A Christmas lesson for the children by the Blue Ridge Vineyard Church.



New Gloves for the family





In 2017, Indian Ministries of North America, Inc. was able to acquire an additional building at our Grace Point Ministry Center in Hammon, Oklahoma. In the photo above, the section to the far left, is the new addition. It was converted into much needed warehouse space and has already

been instrumental in the operations of the facility. Through God's favor and generous financial gifts from our supporters, we were able to purchase the building debt-free. Thank you to all the teams that worked on the conversion, and your labor of love has already impacted the lives of many families.



Tent Revival

In October, a team from the All Nations Church of God in Cleveland, Tennessee, partnered with IMNA and traveled to Hammon, Oklahoma, to conduct an old-fashioned tent revival. Each night the sounds of gospel music and preaching filled the air of the small community.

Although high winds, cold temperatures, and power outages

tried to hamper the event, the team pressed on. We began to see unsaved individuals drawn by the Spirit into His presence. Numerous individuals came forward to accept Christ that week.

In addition to these, we began to see individuals who were bound by addictions, coming forward seeking deliverance from their demons and habits. Freedom was found for

many that week under the covering of an old-fashioned tent.

There was a definite unifying spirit among the various churches, cultures and the community as a whole. IMNA is honored to be a part of the Hammon community and always look forward to returning to fellowship, serve the people, and minister at our Grace Point Ministry Center.

Back to the Woodyard



Teams from various churches throughout the Southeast are once again partnering with Indian Ministries of North America to serve the elders and low income families of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians of Cherokee, North Carolina. This has become an annual Fall and Winter project for IMNA.

Serving alongside Donovan Crowe and Ritchie Wolfe, employees of the Cherokee Family Support Services, the IMNA teams help to serve hundreds of families with several tons of firewood. It is always a pleasure to work alongside these two individuals, and over the last few years they have grown to be good friends of the ministry.

It has become a challenge over the last couple of years to get teams to dedicate the three days needed for each project. It is a great way to get people involved in a short term mission trip. We have had to cancel some recent dates because of lack of people. Please consider this project for your church or group.

IMNA Itinerary

Grace Point Projects

Mentoring
Hammon, OK
Jan. 29 - Feb. 11

Wood splitting
Family Support
Services
Cherokee, NC
Feb. 21-24

Impact Warriors
Youth Mentoring
Conehatta, MS
Feb. 26, March 12

Missions Conference
House of Prayer
Blairsville, GA
March 16 - 18

Easter Celebration
Grace Point
Hammon, OK
March 28 - April 2

Impact Warriors
Youth Mentoring
Hammon, OK
May 7 - 12

Navajo Nation
Lee University Nursing
New Mexico - Arizona
May 19 - 31

Vacation Bible School
Grace Point
Hammon, OK
June 18 - 23

Warrior Leadership
Summit
Carlinville, IL
July 2 - 7

CHEROKEE, NC

Women's Ministry

Jan. 25
Feb. 8 & 22
March 8 & 22
April 5 & 19
May 3, 17, 31
June 14 & 28

Interpretive Class

Jan. 24 & 31
Feb. 7, 21, 28
Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28
Ap. 4, 11, 18, 25
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
June 6, 13, 20, 27



IMNA's Impact Warriors continue to construct and distribute portable solar lights to families who have no access to electricity. These lights are made available through our partnership with New Vision Renewable Energy in Philippi, West Virginia. Families of the Navajo Nation were most recently blessed to receive some of these lights. Pictured below is a Navajo grandmother showing her light.



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