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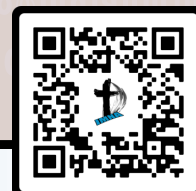


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# ... from the heart

*By: Johnny K. Hughes*

**RESPECT**... This word describes a trait that many lack in today's society. The Bible is very clear about respecting and loving our neighbor, especially our elders.

We show respect because it helps us model obedience. When we are humble and adopt a servant's heart, we model the kind of love Jesus wants. As Jesus said in Matthew 20:28, he "did not come to be served, but to serve."

Recently, while sitting on a stump with the temperature hovering around 12 degrees, I reflected on the idea of respecting our elders. While splitting firewood for the elders of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, I began

to think about the servant's heart of all of our team. They were showing the love of Christ, and respect for the tribal elders, by spending three days of their time preparing wood for heating the homes.

Each year, IMNA travels multiple times during the Fall and Winter months to assist the Cherokee Family Support Services with this vital project. Contact our office if you would like to find out how you can get involved.



# Woodcraft Christmas



At the December meeting for the Impact Warriors Youth Mentoring in Conehatta, Mississippi, the youth learned to create a variety of woodcrafts to use as Christmas gifts for their family.

Jerry Hurst and Rod Hernandez, from Tennessee, assisted the youth in creating ornaments, picture frames, and construction of wood frame trees. David Klocke, from Georgia, worked with the older youth, teaching them the basic skills of using a wood burner.

It is always a joy to see the face of the youth when they learn new skills. We strive to identify their talents and interests, and assist them in becoming proficient at their skills. This helps to build their self-esteem and confidence with other life issues.



# Sewcial Gathering



*Ribbon skirts are made with care, using vibrant colors and symbols that carry cultural significance. They are worn for ceremonies, gatherings, and everyday wear, connecting individuals to their culture and ancestors.*

Jasmine Rackard, and her daughter, Macey, members of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, came to Conehatta, Mississippi, to instruct several of the Choctaw members in the art of creating beautiful ribbon skirts. This two day workshop was a great time of fellowship, learning, and sewing.

In all, 17 skirts were made, each with its own unique style and colors. We will be conducting more of these sewing workshops in the future, as we continue our life-skills training to youth and adults. We have a dedicated group of ladies from Blairsville, Georgia, that enjoy teaching the craft of sewing to youth and adults.



# CHRISTMAS - A Time for Love

Each December, a Christmas Celebration is held at the Grace Point Ministry Center in Hammon, Oklahoma. It is during this time that a ministry team gets the opportunity to love on, and serve, the residents of this small community. The focus for IMNA is to show the love of Christ

to the people by blessing them with a fresh, hot lunch, along with gifts for the families and the children.

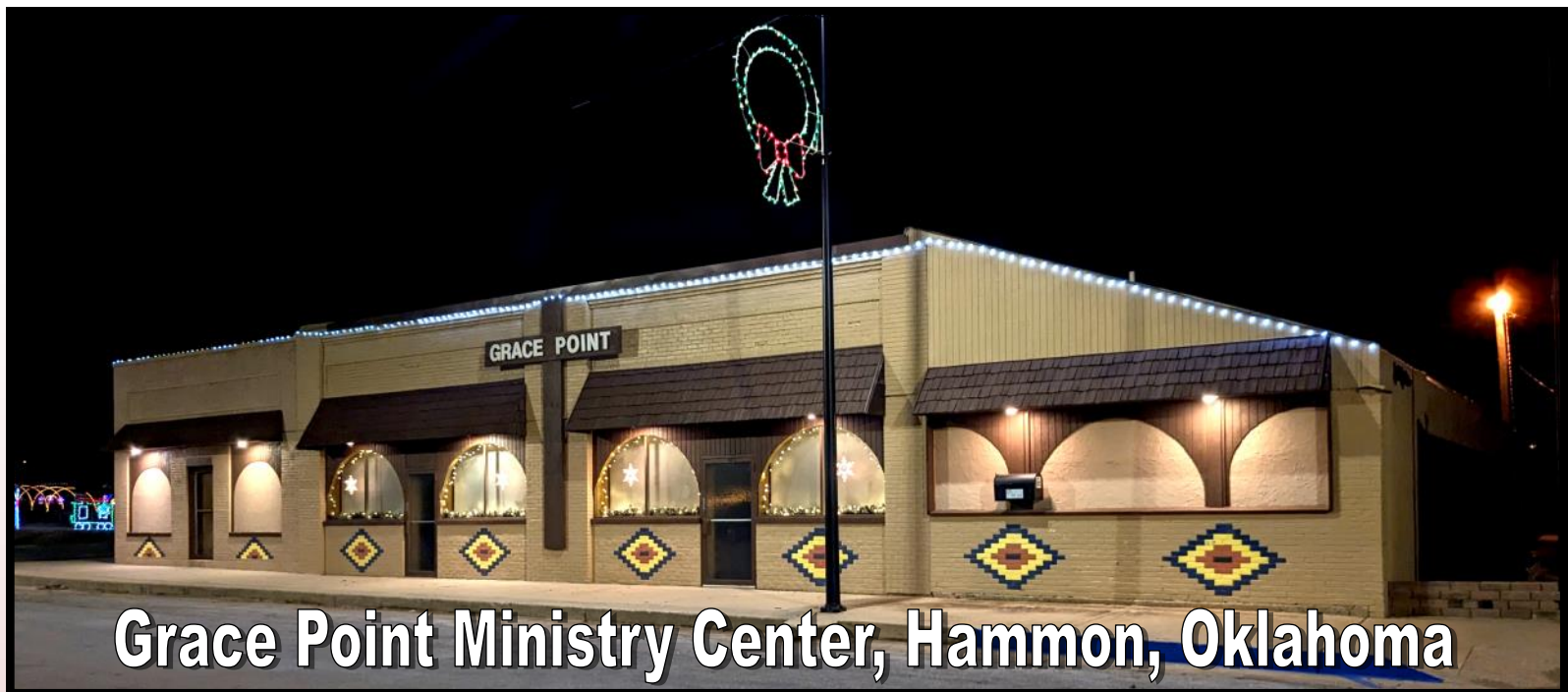
Each year, donations are received from various churches, families, and organizations that enable IMNA to bless the people.

This year, the House of Prayer, Blairsville, Georgia, conducted a coat

drive and provided infant stockings and the team to serve the event. Also, Faith Temple, Wauchula, Florida, provided handmade stockings that were filled to capacity for the children. Also, World Vision, North Texas, provided most of the household and personal care items that were distributed.

Over 100 ate a delicious meal, and approximately 150 individuals received gifts. Thank you to all who made this event possible.





## Grace Point Ministry Center, Hammon, Oklahoma

# Loving on the Choctaw

**Love through Blessing**...that is a principle of Christ. When we choose to be a conduit of blessings, we are fulfilling God's command of love your neighbors as yourself. IMNA strives to live by this principle. We receive blessings of goods all throughout the year, and then let these blessings flow to families in the Native American communities that we serve. We were blessed to be able to set up a distribution

in the Conehatta community in Mississippi. Approximately 75 people were able to receive clothing, household items, hygiene items, stockings for the children, and a variety of other items. It was a blessing to see the joy on the faces of those that God blessed. Hallelujah!



# MISSION:

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



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