



# VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS

Stories from the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation

*"They shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31*

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The Dream Center is alive by the Grace of God! WAEM labors and witnesses His Love and serves our Oglala Lakota children and families at our weekly free BBQ's for the communities on Pine Ridge Rez.



Rico from the village of Manderson, also ex-gang member who is shy, shy, shy jumped in and rapped. We have been witnessing and loving on Rico for three years. His sister Tara at the age of 15 years died of suicide three years ago. Rico was only a year younger at the time and the tree she died on sits outside his bedroom window. Rico cut the tree down and placed a white cross there with her name on it. God's love is so amazing witnessing The Holy Spirit drawing them to Him. Rico still fights the demons because of where these youth have to live but he has God on his side! **Pray for Rico and his family. Thank you!**



**Frank from Wounded Knee**  
Ex-gang member of the crips and bloods his testimony was heart-breaking for a young life of 21 years old. Frank stayed at the Dream Center helping for a few days. He said it kept him from continually being beaten by the gangs and saved his life. He has a real longing to learn a different way of life through Christ Jesus and to stop drinking and having thoughts of suicide. **Will you please pray for Frank.** He is a rapper on the rez but no place to use his talent. The Lord gave him a place here with us and he sang

## "OUTSIDE THE CAMP" FROM NORTH DAKOTA IN CONCERT AT THE DREAM CENTER IN JUNE.

We had a great crowd!! WAEM and its partners sponsored the event. The worship was wonderful and even some of the Lakota youth sang to Jesus. And for the first time ever a couple of our young men from the communities did some Christian rap they made up! It was a great time for all! Pictures tell the story of a June that leads to Christ! Love ya! "love them like Jesus".



Glenshaw Alliance, PA painting the Tree of Life on the wall inside the sanctuary. So cool...the Lakota children will dip their hands in paint and use their hand prints for the leaves.

God is so good and merciful to have so many come and make this place a place that was made by the Hands of God and His people from all over the world. He is an awesome God who loves us with a love that we can never humanly comprehend! Thank you Jesus, for bringing your people that are your hands and feet. Filled with the *Kingdom Builders* spirit!



# Heart Notes

By Lori

## HEBREWS 13:5

*He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."*

### The Never-forsaking God

What line of thinking do my thoughts take? Do I turn to what God says or to my own fears? Am I simply repeating what God says, or am I learning to truly hear Him and then to respond after I have heard what He says? "For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we may boldly say: "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?" (13:5-6).

"I will never leave you....." not for any reason; not my sin, selfishness, stubbornness, nor waywardness. Have I really let God say to me that He will never leave me? If I have not truly heard this assurance of God, then let me listen again.

"I will never.....forsake you." Sometimes it is not the difficulty of life but the drudgery of it that makes me think God will forsake me. When there is no major difficulty to overcome, no vision from God, nothing wonderful or beautiful.....just the everyday activities of life.....do I hear God's assurance even in these?

We have the idea that God is going to do some exceptional thing....that He is preparing and equipping us for some extraordinary work in the future. But as we grow in His grace we find that God is glorifying Himself here and now, at this very moment. If we have God's assurance behind us, the most amazing strength becomes ours, and we learn to sing, glorify Him even in the ordinary days and ways of life.

*This excerpt is from Oswald Chambers "My Utmost for His Highest". I could not have said it better. These have been my thoughts and my greatest desire...to just get through each and everyday in His Grace from the difficulties, sorrows and the task of loving and serving. When I say task, I know many think that is easy, but in our adversities it is not. Our selfish nature takes over and we have to literally fight the urges from sinking in despair because we aren't the ones being loved or served. We serve the Lord when we serve others (Matt. 25) In our serving He is glorified!*

## The Dream Center on Pine Ridge



Kyle, WAEM Project Director, with little Maurice at worship!

*Bringing lots of smiles!*



**We are only 10 sponsors away from reaching our GOAL to host 25 families!!! STILL TIME LEFT!!**

July 31st-Aug 3th Summer 2011

*"Camp at the Dream Center" for Lakota families & Youth  
Promoting life and hope, this is an exciting new season at the Dream Center!*

### SPONSOR A FAMILY!

**Lakota Family Camp Week!** (By Partner Sponsorship) If you would like to sponsor a family to stay for one week at the Dream Center Camp that would be a huge blessing. (No maximum limit of children per family!!! At least 1 child per family is required to attend!) That ensures the Lakota youth will be able to enjoy a weeks stay with their families! They receive three meals a day, snacks, beverages and Youth will receive Dream Center t-shirts. Families will enjoy showers and all the amenities, plus Bible study daily and Worship each evening, witnessing the power of Jesus' love to a forgotten Nation. We pray for a least 25 sponsors!

**BONUS:** Our donor partner will receive a postcard picture of the family at the Dream Center Camp that you sponsored, with a huge thank you!!! Will you sponsor a family this summer to give a gift of love and safety for our children?

**\$275.00 will sponsor one family**  
**\$525.00 will sponsor two families**  
**\$795.00 will sponsor three families**

God Bless you and Thank you from all of us!!!

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