



# 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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Wings As Eagles Ministries Newsletter



**Praising our Lord Jesus Christ for another year of success in all God has provided. Thank you partners and friends for helping to make this another fruitful year at Wings As Eagles Ministries and the Dream Center on Pine Ridge.**

**We love you and humbly thank you for your prayers and giving. Our work is your work, our hands are His hands, our feet our His feet and our hearts are His heart. God is with us.**



## Thanksgiving gathering at the Dream Center

Saturday November 26, 2011 was our Thanksgiving gathering at the Dream Center. I left the Dream Center around 2:00 pm and went to 3 communities with our new bus, Wounded Knee, Evergreen and then to Kyle. We picked up several Lakota children, teens and adults. When we arrived, Pastor Lori and Gary started the gathering off with worship music; I felt God had something special for us that night.

While the children went up to Kids Church, the teens and adults gathered in a circle, Pastor Lori began with **1st John chapter 3**, which we, everyone including the Lakota were the children of God, and we were to Love one another. We learned that we are the Church, not the building we were in. As we read a few more

I began to see the teen's eyes opening up, they were hearing maybe for the first time of Gods Love for them, the scriptures say the truth will set you free.

That night I saw first hand as they asked questions and we each shared with them about Christ and salvation, the Holy Spirit began to move in their lives. One teen, made the comment "I'm not sure" I was told different by someone else but as we shared the truth as written in Gods word the blinders began to fall off her eyes, as she held tight to the Bible she was given, her eyes shone bright. She looked at me and said in a stern yet joyful voice **"Joe you better pick me up next week when you come to Evergreen"!!!!!!**

God had moved in a mighty way that night, three children accepted Christ into their hearts and as we prayed, Gods presence was there, it filled the Dream Center and I knew I was where God had called me.

**1st John 3:1** How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Him.

Joe Mixer

Director of Facilities

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

From all of us here at WINGS AS EAGLES MINISTRIES!! WE LOVE YOU!  
HAVE A SAFE AND BLESSED  
SEASON AS WE  
CELEBRATE CHRIST!

## THE FIRST (INDOOR) LAKOTA WEDDING AT THE DREAM CENTER



Ashley and Nivey decorate the sanctuary with lights!



Lori with Angelo and Melinda Horse exchanging vows.

It was a beautiful day for the wedding! Angelo and Melinda Horse were married after 13 years and two children. They wanted to make it right before God for their relationship and love for each other. In front of a great crowd of family and friends it was amazing to see this wonderful couple make a commitment in the eyes of our Lord.

I was so blessed to be a part of it. The family came and worked at the Dream Center, people came to help decorate it. Cake was made, apple cider was drank and there was even dancing with the music by Outside the Camp, who came all the way from North Dakota. God is amazing and He is doing a wonderful work inside the hearts of the Lakota People.

The harvest is upon us and readying for His return. The day brought joy, laughter and love. For a little while all forgot the pains, the despair, the poverty and deep sadness for young lives lost.

This day was a new beginning, even I felt, for all that was there. Their children Erica and Jacob cried they were so happy.

I am very happy to say Angelo and Melinda work on staff here at the Dream Center now fulltime. They are talented, smart and humble people. We ask that you keep them in prayer as they gave their lives to God and each other. I am blessed.

Lori

## HEART NOTES

By Lori

So much good has happened over the past year that it is overwhelming. I find myself reflecting on the overflow of Gods goodness and I kick myself for ever worrying, fretting, getting upset over stupid things. One day, again thinking, I just don't see it going fast enough or good enough, Lois, our cook, set me straight. A Godly woman, told me go outside, I just happened to be in the kitchen!

So I did, she turned me around and said "Now look at what you and Gary have built for the Lord." I said "Yeah, but it was God not us." She shook her head and said, yes it was God but it was also the two of you. I stood looking and agreed I guess she was right. I just never stopped to look around and see it all. **It was like looking for the first time.**

She said "Now don't you ever let others tell you different. The Lakota youth and families love you, trust you and respect you."

Well I guess she was right because sometimes we get so involved in other stuff that doesn't really matter and miss the good all around us that we have been given and we have accomplished for the Lord.

Maybe that is what we all need. To stand still, know He is God, and see what He has given us and done through us for the better of others. Love you and so does God.

## YEAR IN GIVING!

We are still in need for 4,000 toys! We wish you could see the smiles and hearts of the children when they receive the blessing of a gift.

**"GIVE CHRISTMAS AWAY"!!!** Please see our video of last Christmas on our website!

If you would like to make a year end gift we would be very grateful! We promise that we work to make every financial gift bring Glory to God and build the Kingdom by giving the Gospel to the lost. We have accomplished so much with your help. We pray that you will continue to give to this ministry in 2012.

Please be sure to date and postmark your year end gift by **Dec. 31st**. God bless you!

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