



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

Kid's Summer Dream Club

The Dream Center kick-started the summer with the Kid's Summer Dream Club and community BBQ's! Monday through Thursday, the kids are picked up with our newly painted bus and brought to the Dream Center. Anywhere from 35- 72 children have attended each day! Adults have come too!! They learn about love and the Word of Jesus, play games, are fed a hot meal, (for most of the kids this is the only meal of the day), play on the Slip n Slides, learn songs, and are loved. We are starting to see a change toward better behavior and attitude in the kids. They are brought into a positive environment and it is creating dreams, creativity and openness into their struggles. BBQ's are fun and we are thankful to our



partners for helping us to continue to feed close to 300

people each Wed. Praise Jesus!!

Carnival Days at the Dream Center!

On June 20th and 21st, the Dream Center hosted Carnival Days! The kids LOVED it! There was face painting, an inflatable slide, an inflatable bounce house, an obstacle course, animal balloons, tie-dying shirts, and many fun games, and tons of prizes! Each day, after the carnival ended, a BBQ was served for dinner. We had some of the boys be security for the kids which was awesome! We had these little guys walking around with walkie talkies keeping an eye on all the kids! So cute! We praise God for giving us the opportunity to put a smile on these children's faces! Thank you to all who donated game supplies and prizes!!



Kids from Wounded Knee, Manderson, Porcupine and Evergreen enjoy the carnival!!!

A Fresh Look for the WAEM BUS!



Bringing love and hope to the native youth of our forgotten lands

Brendon's Altar

Brendon, a boy from Wounded Knee, thought that one of the crosses at the Dream Center didn't have enough rocks or decorations. Brian, a summer intern, explained what an altar was to Brendon. Brendon got excited and said, "I want to honor God!" With the help of new intern Brian, they decorated the altar of the cross with rocks and flowers. Brendon placed a flower facing up "looking at God", one facing down "watching Earth", and one facing them. Brian says of the experience: "I saw Christ in a little boy I barely know. He treated others better than himself and was selfless." We are watching the Holy Spirit change little hearts. The children are changing in attitude and behavior more and more. We see them really struggling at times, so torn between what it means to follow Jesus and what they see on the rez. God is so real in these little lives. Their lives are so different than what we know, one little one about 11 years old lives in a 10x14 shed with eight other children. These kids have real issues and need to know that Jesus can bring love and change to their lives through them. It is evident in Brendon and his need to create something beautiful!



Playtime!

Crossroads Presbyterian Church, WI youth group fund raised to purchase a play set for the Dream Center! The Lakota children love playing on this new jungle gym! Swings are on their way!



Blossoms in the Wilderness

First Baptist Church of Jefferson City, MO. planted trees and bushes around the Dream Center property in June. They were just sticks just a few weeks ago, this is a true miracle and the promise of God's Word. My (Lori) prayer has always been **Isaiah 35!**



The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them, And the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice..

Our 2nd Annual "Oglala Lakota Tiwahe (Family) Days" at the Dream Center

Families will receive three meals a day and refreshments. The youth will receive Dream Center t-shirts. Families will enjoy showers and all the amenities, plus daily activities, games, and Bible study and worship each evening.

This year WAEM has its own bus to pick up the children and families! Sponsors for gas are needed—\$210 fills the bus for a roundtrip. The bus will be visiting the Evergreen, Porcupine, Sharps Corner, Wounded Knee, and Manderson communities.

Sponsors for the family and children are needed! Will you give the children and families the gift of love and safety ?



**\$285 will sponsor one family
(or up to 5 children alone)**

\$530 will sponsor two families (unlimited children in family)

**\$795 will sponsor three families
(unlimited children in family)**

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