

## **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." [saiah 40:31

### August 2012

It is estimated that 5,000 males part of at least 39 gangs on the bring violence, theft, drugs, alcohol, and overall rising The teen suicide rate on the 3 times higher than the national crime rates.
reservation is at least
average. There is a high

teen pregnancy rate. The youth of the reservation are clearly hurting and need a place to feel loved and feel a sense of belonging.



(many of them teenagers) are Pine Ridge Reservation. Gangs



## Multiply

Jesus said "Go make disciples"

Wings as Eagles Ministries will be starting a discipleship program for

the teens of the reservation, called "Breakout". This program will encourage the youth and teach them the Word of God and Christ's unconditional love for them. These teens need supportive and loving guidance and to know God's love for them. They need a sense of belonging and acceptance. WAEM wants to give them that. Please pray that God will soften the hearts of the Lakota youth so that they may

receive the Word of God openly. Please pray for the staff at WAEM that we may be equipped with the strength and love of God to show these young Lakota! Praise God for giving us the opportunity to reach out to these hurting teenagers. With your help we have a trip we are praying about to take them to the DARE to SHARE teen outreach event in Denver in the ministry bus. Most of these youth never leave the reservation so this is a great opportunity!

Lakota Children stand at the site of where the Circle of Love will be built.



## Circle of Love

Wings as Eagles Ministries is ready to move to the next phase of our growth. The Circle of Love is a children's home of hope, protection, and growth. Child abuse is rampant on the Pine Ridge Reservation. Many children are homeless and live with other family members in crowded houses, sometimes going without food. Children who are removed from their homes often do



not have a safe place to be taken to. Many children are warehoused because there is not room for them to be placed on the reservation. WAEM has a vision of building this children's home, that is a vital need, where missionaries will lead and love on the children. The Circle of Love will also have a tutor, nurse, and cook for the children. Our goal is to give them a safe environment where they can be shown true love.

Please help us move towards building this home for the children by contributing financially or support through prayer! If you would like Lori and Gary to visit your church to do a presentation for more information and to gather an offering for The Circle of Love, please contact Wings as Eagles!

# Christmas Dream Bo

Over 5,000 toys are needed for this upcoming Christmas season for the Native American Reservations of the Northwest.

Help us deliver Christmas to the children and elders on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation! Dec. 14th, 15th-16th

- 1. Select and age and gender from the list below
- 2. Shop for presents for that child based on the suggestions below. Feel free to include other things the children might enjoy! Your purchases should fit in a shoebox.
- 3. Place the gifts in a shoebox or similarly sized Rubbermaid container. Feel free to include an encouraging note. No personal information, please.
- 4. Wrap the box and lid separately in Christmas wrapping paper.
- 5. Clearly indicate on the outside of the box the age and gender the gift is intended for. This is very important! You can use our Christmas labels on the next page.
- 6. Mail your box to WAEM and make sure it arrives by December 10th!

By USPS, mail to: WAEM P.O. Box 207 Caputa, SD 57725 By UPS, mail to:
The Dream Center on Pine Ridge
BIA 27
Porcupine District
Porcupine, SD 57772



**Suggested Items:** Toddler toys; wipes and diapers; new clothing; stuffed animals; crayons and coloring books; baby lotion and baby soap; baby books and toys!

Ages 4-6 Male and Female

**Suggested Items:** Matchbox trucks and cars; army men; baby dolls; crayons and coloring books; toy horses and toys!

Ages 7-8 Male and Female

**Suggested Items:** Crayons and coloring books; new clothing; snacks; puzzles; hats and gloves; bubbles; colored markers; baby dolls or toys; clips for hair; matchbox trucks; cars and toys!

Ages 10-12 Male and Female

**Suggested Items:** Gloves and hats; books; board games; new clothing; watches; toys (include batteries); puzzles; books

#### Ages 13-16 male and Female

**Suggested Items:** Watches; handheld video games; books; board games; sunglasses; new clothing; hair accessories; journals; watches, jewelry; skateboards and basketballs. **Non-appropriate items:** Used items (please - only new!);

scissors, glue, cologne, hairsprays, body sprays and toxic items.







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