



# 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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## Footprints in the Mud

By Gary

This month Lori and I had the pleasure of helping 4 youth profess and strengthen their faith in Christ through a beautiful baptismal service. Also, Isandra and Josephine both 2, were dedicated to Jesus. We have known these kids since they were babies, and they have been brought up with the message and love of Jesus. I was also encouraged by seeing that the longevity and perseverance of the ministry is bearing fruit in a deeply spiritual way. Not only were we in awe of the power of the Holy Spirit working, but in the trust of the parents, who care about their children's spiritual direction. They are trusting us with their kids! But not us, the Spirit in us which seemed good to God to give freely to us. No small matter! After Pastor Lori explained the meaning of baptism to them and made sure they understood, I jumped in the water and baptized them one at a time. We all came out soaking wet but with smiles on our faces! Please keep Norman, Cartescia, Heaven, Carlito, Isandra, and Josephine in your prayers. Breakthroughs like this one remind me that there are absolutely no quick salvation methods that are effective, only obedience to Jesus, the test of time, and the leading of the Spirit. There are no short cuts. We as ambassadors of Christ have to operate the way He did: Dive in deep to ask the tough questions, and show Christ to a hurting people. Like Abraham, we receive the promise but may not see the fulfillment on this side of heaven. God bless you!





**FEEDING THE  
CHILDREN IS ONE OF  
OUR GREATEST JOYS!**

**COMING HUNGRY TO  
THE DREAM CENTER  
THEY GET TO ENJOY  
EATING AS MUCH AS  
THEY WANT. THAT  
BRINGS LOTS OF  
SMILES TO THEIR  
SWEET FACES. SO THEY  
EAT LOTS!!!**



**So sweet these children. The girls came over from their table and brought me a chip off their plates.**

### *An Amazing Testimony!* *Excerpts From A Partner's Letter*

Dear Gary and Lori, December 4, 2013

I thank you for your last newsletter, "Footprints in the Mud." I will share your powerful words with others. Thank you for your obedience in responding when God touched your heart. "Footprints in the Mud" is a powerful word!

In the summer of 1977 as we traveled across country, one of our stops was in South Dakota so we planned a visit to Wounded Knee, remembering the historic stand off. We also prayed that we might have the opportunity to meet some Native Americans. As we drove onto the Pine Ridge Reservation, we drove along the small roads. As we passed an enormous field of flowers, I sensed the presence of GOD. Then we came over a ridge, and there to our amazement we had stumbled upon a local Pow Wow. We knew that GOD directed our path. We prayed and decided to stop. We were the only outsiders there. We prayed and smiled, as we greeted those who gazed at us. It was obvious that we were seen as outsiders by everyone. Then a Chief greeted us and he was so gracious. He spoke English and I think he sensed our love for the Native Americans. We spent some time with them and were so thankful for the LORD answering our prayer. As we left to return to our journey, we prayed that Jesus would send a clear witness to these lovely people!

Gary and Lori you are certainly an answer to the prayers that we prayed to Our Father on that road on the "Pine Ridge Indian Reservation"! WOW! I had a glory fit, as I realized that the Lord had allowed Peggy and I to see the answer to a prayer that we laid at His feet back in 1977! It's an awesome thought, not only learning of the work that the LORD had started, right there where we prayed, but to have met you in New York. God made the connection! Our God is AWESOME! In His Love, Brother Joe and Peggy

By faith we purchased a 2010 15 passenger Van for enabling us to take the kiddo's with us to different places for them to learn and take trips off the reservation. Their first trip in the van is Wisconsin to visit our partnering church Crossroads!

Now we have to pay for it! If you can GIVE to help us pay \$17,000.00 for this wonderful van, that even has a wheelchair lift, we would be so blessed!!! No amount is too small ever for GOD!! Thank you for staying the course with us. We love you!

### **Circle of Love Children's Shelter Update -PRAY!**

The South Dakota Dept. of Social Services on the reservation called the ministry and asked us for help to locate foster families for native children. Now if that's not surprising enough they also wanted to help us with the children's shelter! The gentleman said a large amount of misplaced children are in vital need of shelter and was there any way we could help. I explained to him our plans for the "Circle of Love". He was so excited and told me that we would be filling a great need for these children. They are so excited to support our mission that they are already setting up a meeting to help us obtain state licensing. We are getting ready to begin by faith!! God knows how and what He is doing even if we don't! He allowed this phone call and the Lord knows the funding it will take. He sees all and knows all. **Faith!**

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