



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 Darkness Surrounding Pine Ridge

Bringing Love and Hope

"The *thief*—speaking of the devil—'comes to steal, kill, and destroy,' and this is the result. You've got 12-year-old girls hanging themselves. You can't imagine a 12-year-old deciding to die; they haven't even lived yet.

Some facebook posts from the rez:

"A 13-year-old sixth grader has taken her own life. My heart is breaking already, and the day has just begun."

"This knife feels so good against my wrist."

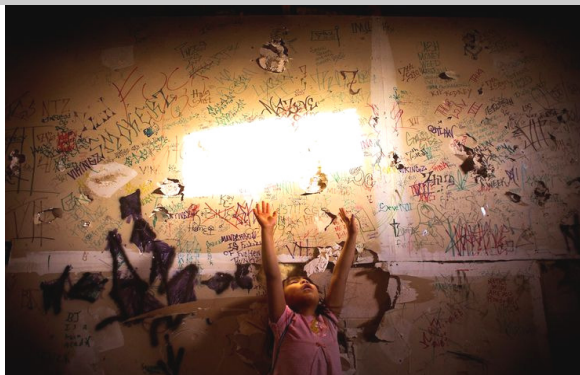
"Ain't nobody care anyway, my life will be better gone as it is."

Between December and March, more than 200 teenagers on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota either committed suicide, or tried to.....

(Excerpts from article: Charisma News 4/23/15)

GIVE HOPE

This is real, this is the only answer to these kids. We are praying that all who read this will take action and help save these precious lives from destruction. The battle in their minds, rejection, abuse, alcohol, dysfunctional family life, poverty, drugs, government dysfunction and health care have taken it's toll on this generation of native youth. It's time we look into our own backyards and help bring hope, dreams, love and stability back into their lives. Their lives depend upon it. Pray we must, but it will take faith with action. Let us all be part of a long term solution and not the long term problem.



What are we doing about it?

We are working hard here at the Dream Center to bring about long term change. The only way for real change is with the Circle of Love, children's shelter. They need stability, food, shelter and most important safety. These things are vitally important to Christ and should be to us. This is how they will begin to know Jesus and trust Him. We must not let these important life changing needs be left unfulfilled. We believe that spending time with them, taking them away from the environment for day trips, overnight trips, gives them a perspective that their dreams and hopes can be accomplished. They begin to see there is more to achieve and become and that life can be good other than what only they have been allowed to see. With the trust of the tribe and families the ministry has now been allowed to take the children to many different places. While many have never been off the reservation, they are looking with wide eyes to places they have never seen. We believe this is long term seed planting!



LAKOTA YOUTH DENVER TRIP

Yes we did! Loaded up two vans, our 15 passenger and another! There was a total of 18 of us that headed to Highlands Ranch, Colorado for the weekend. Grace Presbyterian was our gracious host for the youth. They stayed with families in the church, had a pizza party and was taken out to dinner! The kids did great at church on Sunday as they sang the Lakota prayer and spoke. They were amazing!! It was an adventure and a long trip but God was with us! Thank you Grace for making a memorable stay for these children. Only one problem I had with them, "They didn't want to go home". ~ Love ya's Lori

Sunday morning at Grace Presbyterian



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