

## October 2016

The Great Commission is for all of us....Won't you help? "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations... Matthew 28 v 18-19



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# 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

## Wings As Eagles Ministries Newsletter

# Quir Hopedisin Him. Pray for the Circle of Love and all the Laketa children

TRAGEDY STRIKES THE PINE RIDGE RESERVATION: OCT. 16, 2016

LAKOTA YOUNG MAN GUNNED DOWN AT A FAMILY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT EVENT IN THE VILLAGE OF PINE RIDGE.

#### FROM THE HEART OF A LAKOTA MOM,

10/17-As I sit here today and reflect on the happenings of yesterday I am truly thankful to God for keeping my son and his friends safe in yesterdays shooting. My son has always enjoyed the basketball tournaments and looked forward to playing in yesterdays game, but tragedy struck.

As they were awaiting the Championship game at the SueAnne Big Crow building in Pine Ridge, a shooting occurred. Local youth and their families came to have fun and play ball.

The words of "Mom, there was a shooting!" seeing the expression on his face was enough. I immediately hugged him so tightly to me, I felt his body tremble in my arms as he said, "I felt the gym floor vibrate from the guns, Mom." He began to tell me how he and the others fled for the creek behind the building and hide. So many words and thoughts came to my mind but the one that stood out was....WHY??

I told him how much I loved him and to remember to pray, for himself, his friends and most of all his teammates family who was brutally gunned down at the basketball game. I thanked God for keeping all the others safe against the brutal AK 47's and cold blooded murderers all dressed in black with black covering their heads.

Throughout this tragedy, and so many tragedies here that doesn't even make the national news because of our unimportance to society (my feelings), I am truly thankful for Wings As Eagles Ministries and Pastor's Gary and Lori for being here for the Lakota Oyate (people) and all the children who look forward to coming to the Dream Center year after year. I am excited and looking forward to seeing the Circle of Love built and the love and compassion that it will represent. God is truly amazing, it is our hope for the safety of our children. ~~~~ Alicia Tail, WAEM Staff

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Griffin at the ocean on our youth trip

### **OCTOBER Happenings**

We welcomed Missions Journey month! Thank you for coming to serve with us! We are excited to partner with this great organization to bring even greater outreach to the communities for Jesus. Bill from Iowa who drove over to lend a hand in October as well. Staff housing finishing work has been going on all month.

*Breakout* met for four sessions of Bible teaching!

We are in need of funding for a washer and dryer for the center! The ministry is accepting team applications for Christmas! Also for our Spring/ Summer 2017 Season!

### Set the Captives Free

We are fighting the good fight of faith on the frontlines, we thank you for going with us, for being there when we need you and for helping when we cry out.

As you can see from the picture of Griffin, from our youth NYC trip, he said he felt he was set free, the freedom feel that the ocean can give. The real freedom that only Christ can give is where they struggle and we battle in the Spirit for them daily. As Griffin said the freedom he felt leaving the reservation was amazing. How do we get them to know that same feeling can be had no matter where they are through Christ? That is what Gary and I do, to disciple in the hardest area and most desolate area of the nation. The hardships for these teens and children get so

overbearing and all consuming. We need laborers in the field, the harvest, the Circle of Love, need you. If you feel led to serve God in full time ministry to our youth email us and we can give you more information on how this great opportunity awaits you. This month we have had much tragedy, death, and darkness. We battle against these principali-

ties of death and horror. We come to you for prayer this month, for safety, financial blessings and for these teens to be spiritually protected against all the oppression. May the Lord Bless you and keep you and

your families safe as well in these times of great need for Christ's Army to MOUNT UP WITH WINGS AS EAGLES and show the world who Jesus is!

Love you~

