



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

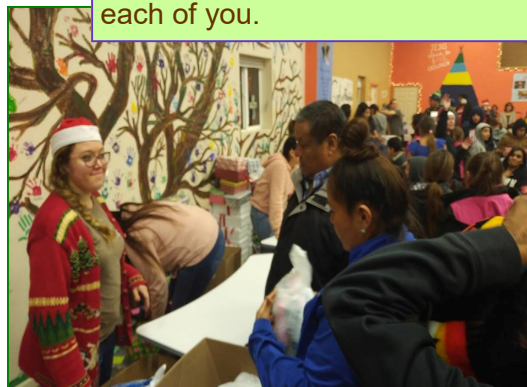
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Wings As Eagles Ministries Newsletter

Grandma's came with their grandchildren often seeking not only gifts for her grandchildren but also a hug, a smile, and some warmth. Its cold, its weary, some despairing but always these grandma's have a big smile to share. Yes, maybe that is all they have to give is a smile. The little grandma's with so many children to provide for struggle to do their best and they depend on Jesus to help them give gifts to their grandchildren. Many do not have anything to give on Christmas morning, so the ministry always puts some away to give them a few days later. It's a secret....sssh..don't tell... and their smiles? The best gift of all~~~~~



They came from all over the rez! Over 1,346 gifts were given. The Lakota children had the best time, even the adults were really into the stories of Jesus, the worship, Christmas songs, and most of all the story of why we celebrate HIM. The greatest gift of all. Our hearts are full of appreciation, we can not say it enough, how we love you all and are moving forward into the new year with strength and power!! To all the churches who gave, the teams that come, the individuals, couples and families who sacrifice to continue year after year on this journey to see more and more kids live, we thank you, God Bless each of you.



SMILES
AND LOVE
was the
theme of
the night!!!!



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The **BREAKOUT TEENS** helped give gifts this year to the little ones, it was so wonderful to watch them give of themselves and work the event. God is so good!! They also spent the night at the Dream Center the night of the events. During the day on Saturday, of the weekend of events, we also drove 65 miles each way to take Christmas to the village of Potato Creek. Gifts, food, blankets for a community that is so far out and do not get the recognition for their children. We make this a yearly journey each Christmas to ensure they are shown also the love of Christ. There are many, many stories from grandma's, mom's and children who thanked us and all of you for many only receive a gift at the Dream Center. Cold, hungry and wanting they were so appreciative of all that the Lord provided.

The Dream Center Christmas was so successful, thanks to our friends and partners of this ministry. KSLT Christian Radio who sponsored WAEM again this year for the event did a great job! A few hundred gift boxes came into the studio! We were so blessed to see the generosity of many local families and churches. The local food bank was able to have over 9000 lbs of food the ministry purchased ready to pick up. The teams then bagged the food and we feed over 630 families and seniors. We also had a drawing for cakes, pies, turkeys and hams. It was one of the biggest outreaches for food distribution this year. The amazing smiles and faces of these families who have nothing to give this time of year blessed all of us!!! We are so grateful to you all!! ~~~~



At KSLT Power 107.1, Rapid City

Loading pallets of food into our 26 ft trailer!!!



Merry Christmas and have a wonderful NEW YEAR! Love you all and will be praying for you! See you in 2019!

The Blessings of the Lord!

