



# PATHFINDER



*Shining the Light in the Darkness 1/17*



~ From 2001 through 2017 ~

*Dear friends,*

A few weeks from now will be my anniversary for arriving here in Oglala. I am going on 16 years of service on Pine Ridge Reservation. When I look back I can clearly see how faithfully God has sustained me and kept me (maybe apart from my

thick headedness as well). Yes, while my hairstyles have changed frequently over the years, God is the same yesterday, today, and forever! There have been many ups and downs, victories and losses, good times and bad times. As I think about the last 16 years, I am grateful to God for his great mercy and unfailing plans. I have a wonderful wife and children, I have actually matured (some), and my love for Jesus as my Savior has grown.

Looking back, I am thankful for all that God has done. Yet looking ahead towards the future, I am yearning for even more. Not more money or things or prestige; for me personally, I long for more of Him and less of me. As for our ministry, my heart is yearning for a day when the church is full of men and women who serve Jesus from a joyous heart. I yearn for families to be made whole again. I yearn for children and teens who are hurting to find peace and love from a Father without beginning and end. I yearn for more laborers committed to the kingdom of God. I yearn for MORE of God!



So as the days, weeks, months, and even years go by, I sometimes wake up and ask myself, "Is this all, God? Another day of open gym, just the same old, same old?" Because I know that there is so much MORE to God and to His nature and character; we have not even begun to scratch the surface! I hope that we will not have to simply watch another generation of children grow up in Oglala and go through the Rec without knowing and loving Him as I do. My heart is breaking for MORE of Jesus in Pine Ridge....

I want more of Jesus in my life; more love and more compassion, and less of the things of this world which are fading fast in my eye. I want brothers and sisters who I not only minister to but who also minister to me and walk with me through this land, and together we are yearning for God's will to be done here in Oglala as it is in Heaven.

So even if this newsletter is not so much about what is actually happening right now in the ministry, this is what is going through my heart and mind these days. It gives me comfort and hope to remember that He also yearns for what I am yearning for, and that He actually asks us to pray for greater things (see Isaiah 64)! I am also asking you to pray, maybe fast, definitely join me in shaking the heavens and asking for MORE. When I have been here 32 years and look back, I wonder will I be satisfied, will I be able to say this is what I fought for, that God's will was accomplished. Until then, I keep hoping & praying that even greater things than I could ever have imagined will have come to pass. I hope I will have to repent of my lack of faith, and that we will be able to praise God for all the MORE that He has done!

*Please pray...*

... and thank God for His great faithfulness in my life as well as in our ministry

... and thank God that He is far from done in Oglala!

... for MORE of Jesus

... for more laborers in the kingdom – we (as well as many other ministries) are looking for committed fellow workers

... for three families' housing situation (all living on our campus right now) for provision and direction

... for continued wisdom and strength for Mary and me as parents in a full-time family in full-time ministry ☺



*Final Thought*

We have a wonderful website that my wife works hard on to keep up to date, so you can easily make up for the lack of actual ministry "news" in this newsletter by surfing by there and checking out what was going on here lately. Just go to [www.oglarwc.org](http://www.oglarwc.org) and remember to pray for us. Thank you!