



# PATHFINDER



*Shining the Light in the Darkness 7/15*

*Dear friends,*

We are having the most beautiful summer this year! Even as I write this newsletter in late July, the grass is still green outside. In fact it looks more like May than July. In May and June together we had about 12-13 inches of rain and it was amazing. One thing that really struck me was the resilience of the prairie grass. If you have ever been out here, one thing you will notice is that the paths that have constant foot traffic eventually become dust paths because the grass is trampled and stops growing. In particular there is a path from our building to the trailer court across the road that seems to grow wider every year as more and more grass disappears. Yesterday I was walking along there with Sylvan and noticed that this 6-7 ft wide path is now only wide enough for one or two people to walk side by side. The rest of the path has grown over with grass. When I saw this it made me think that no matter how bad it gets, just a little rain (maybe a little more ☺) can restore years of lack.



I know there are many of you who have been fasting and praying with us for an awakening and revival for Pine Ridge. Some days it feels like it is happening, and some days it feels like it is not even close. However, when I saw all the rain this year I thought in my mind that this is the beginning. Two years of prayer - and the first fruits are visible as the land is beginning to change and bloom.

With that said, let me give you some quick updates about the Rec. We have had a very busy summer as usual and I can only highlight a few things.

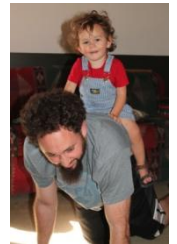
Two weeks ago we had a concert in our gym. The band Broken Walls (founded by Jonathan Miracle, a Mohawk Indian) came and performed. The Rec gym was packed out and we even ran out of chairs; it seemed like a wonderful time. (Unfortunately Mary and I missed out on this because we had doctor visits that day for the new baby.)

Also over the last weeks and months we had several mission teams come and serve alongside us at the Rec. It is impossible to put in words all that has been happening, but please check out our website [www.oglarwc.org](http://www.oglarwc.org) for reviews and updates, as one picture says more than a thousand words, and there are lots of pictures!

Just this month (July), we took the Ranger boys on two camping trips. The first one was a short over-nighter, but for the second one we spent three days in the Black Hills. We enjoyed great outdoor activities such as a 31 mile bike ride on the Mickleson Trail, a night hike, and swimming.



For next year, I'm planning on taking Sylvan to Ranger camp! ☺ Please keep our family in prayer as the birth of our second child is only about 6 weeks away. That time is flying by with mission teams and open gym, and I wonder sometimes if we are ready for another little whirlwind in the house! Sylvan is a real boy, a full knuckle head who takes his cue from the "Three Stooges" (or just comes after his dad ☺).



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray...

...and thank God for the unusual amount of rain we've had this year so that the bounty of the land is restored  
...and thank God for a blessed summer with great opportunities to reach out and serve the Oglala community  
...and thank God for our soon-to-be-born second child and for all the blessings God bestows on us as a family  
...for the upcoming months as we transition back to school schedule at the Rec, that our weekly programs would start strong and the kids & teens come spiritually hungry (Kids' Church, Rangers, Teen Bible Study, Sunday School, etc.)  
...for His Holy Spirit to bring a spiritual rain to drench this reservation, and that the dry years might come to an end - we are seeking a rich harvest of souls for the Kingdom!

## FINAL THOUGHT

We need your prayer. I know this newsletter emphasizes the good things that happened, but at the same time satan is constantly firing at us and amping his attacks. The last thing he'd want is a Warrior Society serving Jesus, Amen.