



PATHFINDER



Shining the Light in the Darkness 3/16



Dear friends,

God is making history! The last Sunday of January we had a reservation wide church service in Pine Ridge where at least ten local ministries came together to fellowship. Ken Verheecke led us in worship and several other Native men and women shared their testimonies as well as the main message. It was an amazing time. Since this gathering praise reports have begun to come in. I know of one man who the following Sunday broke out in tears and re-dedicated his life to Jesus. People are already asking for another service and we are definitely planning to continue to do these a few times a year. One of the great things about this is that through these meetings a whole group of Native believers is stepping into new leadership roles – praise God!

I was raised in the Assemblies of God and I am thankful for the fact that I grew up in a church family that taught me to accept and love the Word of God. Now I see His Word come alive, and God is moving in powerful ways. Still we strive for more; our prayer is that we will be one even as Jesus was one with His Father. We want to put the needs of others first and never be ashamed of the gospel message which is the power to save.

Last Sunday a young man came to church for the first time. He told me later that Saturday night he went to bed and had a dream in which he was being chased by a demon. He woke up at 11:15 am with the pressing thought that he needed to go to church. Just as amazing, that same morning Eric trashed his sermon notes and preached a powerful word about loving Jesus, a real gospel message. Since then I have already met twice with the young man for over an hour, each time discussing the bible and different scriptures and even some deep theology. I told my wife if there was a dream disciple this guy is it. He grasps scripture and meanings extremely fast and better sometimes than people who have been Christians for years!! Keep praying because I believe this is the sign of God pouring out his Spirit over this land.

Please also pray for our upcoming trip to Dare2Share with the teenagers. We are joining in again with our friends and fellow missionaries from Oglala and are very excited about this great opportunity to minister to the youth together.



The Ranger program has been a wild ride; these boys have too much energy even for me. A few Wednesday nights ago I did devotion about 1 John 4:8, it is one of my favorite Bible verses and teaches a deep thought about the very nature of God. I was explaining to the boys the difference between loving someone and being love, and I was not so sure anyone was actually getting it. But imagine my surprise when the longest attending Ranger boy out of the blue answered a question I asked with complete understanding of what I was teaching. I was so shocked I was ready to retire! ☺ Also we have done many amazing projects with the kids and I am proud of them and their accomplishments (as usual, more pictures of that can be seen on our website www.oglarwc.org).



Our two kids are wild ones as well – don't let this cute picture fool anyone! ☺ We are truly blessed as a family and continue to thank God for His faithful provision and loving kindness towards us.

PLEASE PRAY...

- ... for disciples, especially this young man
- ... for continued unity among the rez Church Family and that even more brothers and sisters in Christ would join in with our fellowship, services, and prayer meetings
- ...for upcoming Ranger meetings and camps that anything we do will draw the boys closer to Jesus; the purpose of the Ranger program is to reach, teach and keep boys for Christ!
- ... for Mary, Sylvan and me for good sleep, health, and the wisdom we need to be parents
- ...for signs and wonders to start happening and for an even greater outpouring of God's Spirit over this land

FINAL THOUGHT

Sorry I have taken so long to write a newsletter again. The sad truth is I play too much Candy Crush. The rest of the time I am studying for my next book which I hope to write soon. So if you did not know about my first book "Solid Foundations", please go to amazon.com and check it out. I also would love to receive your review and/or feedback!!!