

LIVING HIS WORD MINISTRIES, INC.

2011 ANNUAL REPORT

Indian Reservation



Food, Bibles, books



Project home



Collapsed block wall



RR tie supports



Framing to enclose attic



Sink installed



Drywall/electrical going in



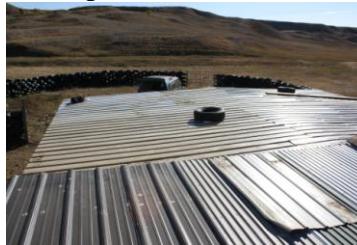
Food, personal care, books



Food, blankets, coats, books



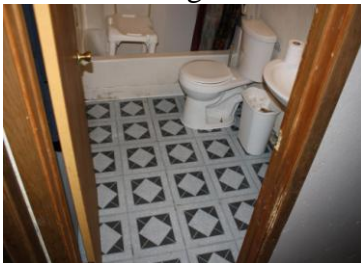
Roof being installed



Roof finished



Bathroom - before



Bathroom - after



Roof - before



Roof - after

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

JAMES 1:22 NIV

A MESSAGE FROM Jim & Linda

Our ministry began on September 1st of 2009. With the close of 2011, we have completed our second full year serving God as we reach out to others. We believe in keeping you informed of what happens each step of the way so you will be confident your donations are used for the purposes intended. To that end, we prepare a “*What’s Happening Now*” e-mail newsletter to send out during the year as well as *trip reports* after each mission trip. We also felt it was important to put together an annual report, at the end of the year, for our ministry supporters as a summary of what God has done.

Our work for the Lord could not be accomplished without the generous support of those who believe in what we are doing. By keeping you informed, we hope you will be comfortable sharing the purpose of this ministry and its outreaches with others. We have seen through experience that others can’t help if they don’t know about a need. They also may not realize how God burdens their heart until they see the need, and they will not be comfortable supporting the need unless they know their gift is being used for the purpose stated.

This year, our ministry continued to function in three primary areas: *Serving, Teaching, and Writing*. The last instructions Jesus provided to us before He left earth was to “...go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you...” Matthew 28:19-20. Each of these three ministry areas is intended to point others to Jesus Christ in some way and to make disciples as He instructed.

As we carry out God’s work, we want to be an example to others of how they too can spend their lives **Living His Word** each day. This year has seen our work continue on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation in South Dakota, on the streets of St Louis in the Hispanic Community, and in the poor villages of Colombia.

We want to sincerely Thank You for joining with us to send the gospel message wherever we go, and for helping to meet the basic needs of food, shelter and clothing. Only God knows His purpose and timing for the events He involves us in. May you continue to be blessed each day in your own walk with the Lord.

In His Service,

Jim & Linda

Jim and Linda Moehsmer

PURPOSE

What We Mean By "Living His Word"

Whose word are we living? Who do we follow in life each day? The “His” we are referring to is God — the one true God, as described in the Holy Bible. God’s Word tells us that He established only one point of access to Him — through His Son Jesus Christ. When we accept the death and resurrection of Jesus, we are ushered into a personal relationship with God through His Son. Our ministry exists for the sole purpose of bringing glory to God, as we share this gospel message with others and serve Him wherever He leads us. This is not a ministry of man, but one created to serve God.

Jesus tells us to go and make disciples of all nations. In order to do that, two things must happen. First, we live His Word by allowing it to change who we are internally, spiritually. Second, we live His Word by what we do externally, physically. In life, through us, God does the planting and harvesting. Our goal is to simply Live His Word as we walk with Him each day of our lives. As we apply God’s Word, our desire is to serve Him where He leads, and reflect His love, mercy, and grace to those around us. We live to bring glory and honor to God. Living His Word articles are provided to challenge and encourage us spiritually regarding who we become. The specific outreaches, caring for others in need and spreading the Gospel, challenge and encourage us regarding what we do. In the end, our preparation enables us to go as Jesus would have gone, and to do what He told us to do, with the hope others will understand their need to develop a personal relationship with God, through Jesus Christ.

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose for which Living His Word Ministries is organized, is for the total charitable intent, to fill the physical and spiritual voids of those in need around the world — through sharing Gods Word, providing food, shelter, and clothing, doing community outreach, providing aid in the funding, development and distribution of religious and educational materials; and to assist with church planting.

Spiritual Growth

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work” 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17 NIV.

At Living His Word, we not only want to help people accept a personal relationship with God through His Son Jesus Christ, but we also want to help them to continue growing in their relationship. One of the ways we do that is by **teaching** Bible studies in the community. By helping others navigate the Bible themselves, through discussions, prayer, and encouragement, we hope they will become committed to following God and discover His purpose for their lives.

By **writing Spiritual Growth** articles, we can provide encouragement to help others keep growing in their knowledge of God, to continue seeking His will each day, and to develop a hunger for more of His presence in their lives.

As we learn His truth and apply it to our lives, we become more like Him and the person He created us to be. As we begin to live God's Word, it will change who we are on the inside and reflect more of Him on the outside. The journey will never end as we continue to seek God through His Word. Each week, we add one more article to our list to encourage others to keep seeking God and consider thoughts, questions, and insights from His Word in a way that applies to our lives today.

The **Amazing Grace** book explains our condition before God, the solution He provided, and our choice to accept His love grace, mercy and forgiveness. It also helps us to begin our journey with Him.

The **Living His Word – The Next Step** book provides the Next Step to move farther down the path in our walk with God. To mature in our faith, develop our trust in God, and move beyond the basic understanding of salvation, we must continue to seek God through His Word and prayer. We provide the above books to a women's shelter, food pantries, and the Indian reservation on a regular basis.

The **Living His Word, A Believer's Journey Toward Maturity** book shows how God worked in the life of one believer and led him to learn, grow, and walk more like Christ each day.

All of the articles and books are available on our website free of charge to be used, copied, and shared with others. We want everyone to grow closer to God and hope this will provide one way to do that. Sign-up for e-mail articles on our website.

Cheyenne River Indian Reservation

Eagle Butte, SD

“The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion— to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor. They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated” (Isa 61:1-4).

This year, God has taken the reservation ministry to a whole new level. He is also leading me to spend more time there in the future. This year, we made two more trips to the reservation. Both trips were spent doing repairs to homes and a horse shelter/youth ministry center. In addition, we continued developing relationships, distributed Holy Bibles, Christian books and literature, distributed food and clothing, and continued our help with last year’s new church plant, New Life Church, Pastor Daniel.

We provided books called “The Conquering Indian,” “The Native Book of Hope,” “Amazing Grace,” and “Living His Word – The Next Step.” We will continue to provide these, as available, on each trip we make. The books help bridge the gap to share an understanding between the Native Indian culture and Christianity.

On the first trip, we took food, survival shoe boxes, blankets, clothing, The Conquering Indian books, and the Native Books of Hope. Over 1,000 pounds of canned food was taken to distribute. Ninety percent of the food and clothing we set up at Pastor Daniel’s church service was taken by those in need. What was left was taken to the local soup kitchen at the Episcopal Church. The kitchen feeds 70-90 people twice a week and provides clothing to those in need, when available. Repairs were done on a home that was built in the 1930s. The concrete blocks had collapsed on one wall and partially on a second wall. We put in railroad tie supports to hold the floor up so the walls could be repaired. New stair stringers were cut, a large kitchen sink was installed on a 2 x 4 base, and drywall was installed in the kitchen.

On the second trip, we took food, blankets, clothing, school supplies, Amazing Grace books, and the Living His Word – The Next Step Books and Leadership folders for those who are reaching out to others. Over 1,000 pounds of canned food was taken again. Pastor Daniel and I unloaded most of the larger (institutional size) cans of food at the Episcopal Church kitchen. The rest of the food, the clothing and school supplies were distributed at an outreach after Daniel’s church service.

Service projects included (1) built two Crosses, one inside and one outside for the Church of God; (2) at one home: repaired a bathroom floor, replaced a shower faucet, installed a sink faucet, new water heater, grab bars, and repaired the kitchen drain; (3) installed roof framing, metal roofing, and built an 8' x 8' storage room at a horse care facility (shelter) for those with injuries, health, and starvation problems. This is also a youth ministry which involves them in the care, feeding, and treatment of horses and mentors them spiritually; (4) repaired a small section of roof that had the shingles blown off; (5) built a wooden step to replace two concrete blocks being used as a step; (6) installed a grab bar in the bathroom of another home.

In addition, a teen outreach was held in town at a place called "The Wall," where many teens gather after dark. Food was served to over 50 teens. They were surprised that anyone would come to them, and also that we would serve them. Pastor Daniel shared with them his idea to seek their opinions and involve them in a youth council.

I joined several meetings with a group of prayer warriors, from different churches, that stand in the gap on the front lines of the spiritual war going on. I felt an intense burden from the first prayer meeting through the last. The time there was indescribable with the intensity, sensitivity, and awareness of the presence of God. In John 17:20-23, Jesus prayed that all believers would be brought to complete unity so that others would believe His message through us. The time is now!

I believe God is using each trip as an opportunity to meet needs and provide hope and encouragement to those on the reservation. But there is also a mixture of powerful emotions for the good things to come and for the hardships that remain. So much healing and hurt needs to be dealt with. So much hopelessness and despair needs to be overcome. We can't restore the past. We can't undo what's been done. But, we can change the future. We can draw from the simple ways. We can draw close now.

Through our prayers, for all the hurts and needs we don't know; and for those we do; one *prayer tie* at a time, one knot, one person, one life. One day, one day, and on that glorious day, our hearts will melt like wax before the Lord; the wounds will be closed; the brokenness will be lifted; the hurts will be healed; the prayers will be answered; and we will be united as one in eternity!

The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice. Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. Fire goes before him and consumes his foes on every side. His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles. The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth. The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all peoples will see his glory" (Ps 97:1-6).

St Louis

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. JEREMIAH 29:13 NIV. 'Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.' JEREMIAH 33:3 NIV.

Amigos en Cristo

We continued to reach out to the un-churched Hispanic community in the St Louis area. We held weekly Bible studies to reach and disciple those in the community. Many are now seeing and learning God's Word for themselves as they spend time in God's Word.

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer" (Ac 2:42).

As we shared God's word and reached out to others, these provided opportunities to help others and show God's love in a practical way. Clothing and food were distributed to those in need and school supplies were provided to the children. Christian literature was also distributed. God worked through us to reach others with His Word and provide for basic needs.

"When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the LORD your God" Leviticus 19:33-34.

Oasis Food Pantry and Thrift Store

Serving God involves partnerships. We continued to serve at Oasis to do maintenance and repairs as needed. We also distributed the Amazing Grace and Living His Word books there. This ministry helps over 500 families each month. They continue to help others and also provided needed coat and clothing donations for the Indian Reservation.

"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it" 1 Corinthians 12:27

Colombia

"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' MATTHEW 25:40 NIV

In June, Samary, Amigos en Cristo, made a trip to Girardot and Melgar. Following hard rains and heavy flooding, thirty families were relocated to a new community, La Victoria, seen below. Donated money was used to purchase beds, mattresses, sheets, silverware, clothes and personal items.



In Sep, Samary made another trip to Girardot and Melgar where school clothes and school supplies were purchased for 50 children in need. Photos below show the items being distributed as well as the continuing work at La Victoria community:



These were both excellent opportunities for many un-churched families to see the love of Christ demonstrated in a practical way.

We thank all of you for your contributions to this effort and ask that you continue to pray for the pastors and churches who will continue to reach out to these families to bring them closer to Christ.

"By this all men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another" John 13:35.

Stewardship

“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God” 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31 NIV.

2011 Year-End Income and Expense Report

Ministry Income:

Total income from January 1 – December 31, 2011 was \$22,295.13.*

100% came from individual support.

*End of Year donations resulted in \$7306.43 being carried forward into 2012, designated for the Indian Reservation. Expense percentages below reflect the actual 2011 amount expended.

Ministry Expenses:

73% - Ministry Outreaches

24% - Religious Materials

3% - Administrative

An Overview of Ministry Expenses

Ministry Outreaches: These funds are used, as designated by the donor, to support work on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation, in St Louis, or in Colombia. In addition, non-specific general donations are used to support ministry areas as determined to be most urgent at the time used.

Religious Materials: These funds are used to purchase Christian literature and Holy Bibles, and to make copies of Amazing Grace, Living his Word – The Next Step and spiritual growth articles for distribution.

General and Administrative: these expenses include, but are not limited to, general office expenses, corporation fees, website fees and postage.