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WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW!

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100 YR OLD CHURCH



PROPOSED CABIN



From Jim

Dear Partners,

I want to thank you all for your continued prayers and support. Since the last letter our personal lives have become more stable. Linda's step-mother is still battling lung cancer and her father is making very good progress regaining the use of his arm, leg, and hand. Praise God for His work. Ministry work has continued locally at the Oasis Food Pantry and Bible studies have continued in the Spanish community. There is **one critical area** I would like to request your help with. We used the remaining copies of the Amazing Grace book and have no more to distribute. We use these in all ministry areas to share the gospel message. The next two priorities are to have sufficient funds to build one of the cabins this year on the reservation and to repair the old church shown at left. The church will be used by a Native American Pastor to reach another community for Christ. I trust that God will burden the hearts of those who are capable of meeting these needs. Please share this newsletter with anyone you think may have a heart for the work we are doing. We thank you for your continued support.

In His Service,

Jim

Cheyenne River Sioux Indian Reservation

Eagle Butte, SD

CURRENT: We are currently waiting on the tribal council to identify property where an agriculture cooperative can be established. Once done, the cabins at left (see website for details) can be built for training classrooms and lodging.

PROJECTED: I am planning another trip for September to work on the church at left. I am waiting on the pastor to identify what the needs are, other than painting. We are also still seeking a trucking company to transport coats and blankets to Eagle Butte. If we had affordable transport, we could send a regular shipment to them.

NEEDS: We also need your help with the following:

- \$5400 remaining towards cabin construction materials;
- \$1200 towards travel expenses to go and do the work;
- \$1,000 to get started on church repairs.



Old church.



Exterior very weathered.



Oasis – new trim.



New doors at Oasis.



Oasis.

Indian Reservation (continued)

Mission Trip: Sep 5 - 14.

Community Outreach

- Distribute food to needy families.
- Distribute Holy Bibles and the books "The Conquering Indian," "Native Book of Hope," and the "Path to Peace" literature to tribal members.

Community Service

- Make interior structural repairs to a church and paint the exterior.
- Install drywall on ceiling of home with repaired roof during previous visit.

St Louis Outreach

CURRENT: Amigos en Cristo: The weekly Bible studies continue 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. Weekly services also continue at the church on Sunday.

Colombia: the Pastors and churches continue to reach out to the families who received food donations at Christmas. Donations are welcome as we are starting to collect money for the 2010 Christmas food purchase.

Oasis Food Pantry and Thrift Store: More detail work is being completed as interior doors and trim are installed. The one unit with a kitchen is also being completed. The finished units have been staged with furniture and are ready to be rented to non-profit ministries in order to help support the food pantry. With the economy as it is, the pantry is now serving over 500 families each month.

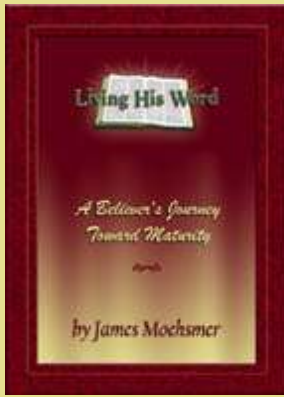
PROJECTED: Amigos en Cristo: We plan to continue sharing God's message of salvation here in the Hispanic community to help others develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. In doing so, we hope to develop other Bible studies/house churches and true Christian community with those God brings into our path.

Colombia: In partnership with the Amigos en Cristo, we want to work with the Pastor of the 25 member church in Colombia to provide Christian literature, resources, and encouragement as they reach out to their community.

Oasis Food Pantry and Thrift Store: Work at Oasis will continue until all buildings are complete.

NEEDS: We need your **help** with the following:

- **English to Spanish translators for articles.**
- Financial donations to provide food to the poor in Girardot, Columbia, again this Christmas. I know it's early, but a little set-aside now can make a big difference then. Our goal is \$1,500.



Living His Word



Amazing Grace



Book of Indian testimonies.



Oasis: kitchen cabinets, counter ready for tile.

Spiritual Growth

CURRENT: Our website has a variety of resources for believers of all levels including the book **Amazing Grace**; the book **Living His Word, A Believer's Journey Toward Maturity**; a **Leadership Series**; and over 180 **Spiritual Growth** articles. We offer these free, to be printed, e-mailed, and used in whatever way necessary to share God's Word with others. We can't stop when someone receives salvation. God tells us to make disciples (Matt 28:19).

We now have a separate spiritual growth area in Spanish on the website. Please share with your Spanish friends.

PROJECTED: We will continue to add articles to the articles index. We will also place more articles in Spanish on the site once translated.

NEEDS: We need your **help** with the following:

- **The shelves are empty (and getting dusty).** Anything will help toward acquiring more Amazing Grace Books - \$2200 (to support US ministry to Indian reservation, homeless shelters, women's shelters and food pantries).

Note: many of these people do not frequent churches. These books may be the only chance they have to see, read, and discover God's message in what they consider a safe environment – their home.

Thoughts to grow on: I was listening to some interviews of recently married couples, and one caught my attention. One woman described the difference she noticed in her husband that first attracted her to him. She said she had met many people who called themselves Christians, but with him, she could see he was a man of God. To him, God meant something.

It made me think again of how often others will see how our walk compares to our talk. Will others see in us something that is different, something they want to have too? Or will they just see another man or woman with a label?

When we read the Bible, or listen to sermons, our goal is to not just gain more head knowledge. Our goal is a life that is being transformed more and more into the image of Christ. Romans 12:2 reminds us: *"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."*

When we accepted Christ, we took on the label of Christian, but it doesn't stop there. We are now a new creation. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says: *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come."* It's good that the old has gone, but has it stayed gone?

If we are to walk out this new life in Christ, with a renewed mind, then what we learn must be applied to our life. Otherwise we will continue to see no change, will struggle, and will wonder why. Philippians 2:12 says: *"Therefore my dear friends, as you have always obeyed — not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence — continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling."* God's Word won't affect our lives if it just goes in, it must be worked out in our actions and behavior.

When we forget the "Christian" label, surrender control of our lives to God, and start applying what His Word says to our lives, we will be well on our way to being a man or woman of God. We will be a man or woman who will get the attention of others and the attention of God. We will be a man or woman who will make a difference in the world.



Oasis: counter tile.



counter tile.



Island tile.

Ways You Can Help

Not everyone is called to go on a mission trip, BUT everyone IS called to help reach the lost. There are many ways you can do that. One is to provide help for those who are called to go but do not have the funds. Another is to provide for construction materials that will be needed for the work to be done on our trips, or to provide food and clothing. You can also help us spread the word about what we are involved in so others may join us. For those who are able to provide financial donations, please remember that everything helps, from small amount to large amounts. No gift is too small for God to use. Please consider the needs listed here and visit our website for more details: LivingHisWordMinistries.org and click on the icons of interest under "Ministry Outreaches."

Prayer Requests

The success of our work for God is directly connected to the amount of prayer and prayer support it receives. God provides many opportunities for us in the world to serve and help where needed. God did not make us all the same, nor did He place the same desires and burdens on everyone's heart. Our prayer is that through our ministry, there will be some effort, some opportunity, or some need that specifically touches your heart. When it does, God has burdened your heart to get involved. Your help then enables us to be the hands and feet to carry out that work. Please continue to pray for all the outreaches and efforts as we move forward to complete God's work. Thank you for praying for Living His Word Ministries.

Ministry Thought

What did we do with what God gave us (Matt 25:14-30)? What did He have in mind as He ordained all of our days before one of them came to be (Ps 139:16)? What purpose did He want us to carry out as He established the exact times and places we were to live (Acts 17:26)? As individuals, what kind of work did God prepare in advance for us to do (Eph 2:10)? How does all of that fit US, when He commands us to go and make disciples of all nations (Matt 28:19-20)? What will WE do for the kingdom of God?

Volunteer Opportunities

Project: Cheyenne River Sioux Indian Reservation, Eagle Butte, SD.

Project: Oasis Food Pantry needs help with multiple projects.

Project: English to Spanish translators for articles.

Prayer Support: for all ministry areas.

Financial Support: for all ministry needs.

Thank You For Whatever You Can Do

On behalf of those in need, we THANK YOU !

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