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— *Serving Those in Need* —

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WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW!

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**Indian Reservation
Fire damaged home – still occupied!**



Just Repaired!

From Jim

Dear Partners,

This was an exciting month. God brought resources and partnerships together along with opportunities to share what the ministry is doing at a local church. We made another trip to the reservation, volunteered at the Oasis Food Pantry, helped a newly starting homeless shelter, and had bible studies in the Hispanic community. Each day brings anxious anticipation to see what God is going to do next. We continue to pray for provision in all the areas and would like to emphasize the need for donations to feed the children in two villages in Colombia for Christmas. Please continue to pray with us for all God is doing. We thank you for your continued support.

In His Service,

Jim

Cheyenne River Sioux Indian Reservation

CURRENT: We just returned from a second trip to the reservation in Eagle Butte, South Dakota (see Nov trip report on website). We repaired the fire damaged home at left, passed out some Christian literature with an Indian perspective, passed out 2000 meals provided by Kids Against Hunger, and passed out about a dozen large bags of coats, blankets and clothing. We also gained the interest of the State Senator's office. We continue to collect donations to purchase construction materials for more home repairs as well as coats and blankets for next winter.

PROJECTED: We are planning another trip in May 2010 to do more home and community center repairs. There are significant needs to repair homes and community centers throughout the 19 communities. This is a long-term project. We plan to take more meals from Kids Against Hunger to distribute.

NEEDS: We need your help with the following:

- \$1500 towards construction materials;
- \$1200 towards travel expenses to go and do the work;
- Coats, blankets, warm clothing;
- Prayer support.
- \$300 for bibles and \$220 for The Conquering Indian book.



**Boy in feeding program
Popayan, Colombia**



**Feeding children in
Popayan, Colombia**



**Meals from Kids Against Hunger;
assembled by friends at Emmanuel
United Church of Christ**



**Finished packaging. Loading for
trip to reservation**

St. Louis/Colombia, South America Outreach

CURRENT: Colombia: Christmas is rapidly approaching. We are praying for support to help provide food to poor children and families in two towns in Columbia: Girardot and Popayan. Much is needed as you can see below, but a donation of \$25 or \$50 will provide food for one family (small or large) for one month. We hope to have this money collected by the 10th of December as one of the Amigos members will be traveling to Colombia to purchase this food.

Amigos en Cristo: we have continued meeting at the house church in the Hispanic community and have had three new people come. Meeting in their community seems to be the key to overcome their transportation and schedule difficulties.

Living His Word: we have also been working at the Oasis Food Pantry in St Charles to do building renovations so more of the facility is useable for customers, food storage, and office space.

PROJECTED: In partnership with the Amigos en Cristo, we hope to continue sharing God's message of salvation 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.

NEEDS: We need your help with the following:

- \$1,500 to help provide food to the poor in Girardot, Columbia.
- \$1,500 to help feed the children in Popayan, Columbia.

Guatemala Outreach - with our partner Plant Today

Plant Today takes the lead in this outreach in San Pedro Las Huertas. Work continues with six local churches to help the community with their physical and spiritual needs and reach the poorest sections of town.

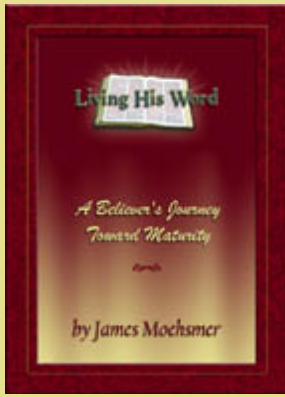
CURRENT: Through the church, support is being provided to five families. We are also helping the church acquire needed items. Outreaches continue in the poorest sections of town as a group church effort.

PROJECTED: More In Touch Messengers will be distributed. Once properties are acquired, we will help construct a building to house a water purification system and also to construct a Community Center.

Mission trip Apr 24 – May 2, 2010. Check out the website for details.

NEEDS: We need your help with the following:

- Support for 2 families (19 people) at total cost of \$364 per month.
- Food support for 3 families (18 people) at total cost of \$150 per month (these families live with relatives and only need food support).
- Support for the Pastor and his family - \$225 per month
- San Pedro Church: Sound system - \$800.
- More plastic tables/chairs for Children's Ministry area - \$200.



Walking with God



Coats, blankets, clothes, food, books for those in need!



One of the children helped



Another child



Two grateful children

Spiritual Growth

CURRENT: A new book has been placed in the Spiritual Growth area of the website, called *Living His Word, A Believer's Journey Toward Maturity*. Read and print as desired.

We are translating the Amazing Grace book into Spanish to distribute. A Leadership Series has been added to the Living His Word articles index on the website. We are also placing articles in Spanish on there once translated.

PROJECTED: We will continue to add articles to the articles index and encourage you to pass them on to anyone you may be trying to reach or that may benefit from them.

NEEDS: We need your help with the following:

- Amazing Grace Books in English - \$1700 (to support US ministry to Indian reservation, homeless shelters, women's shelters and food pantries).
- Amazing Grace Books in Spanish - \$1700 (to distribute in Guatemala, Columbia and in US ministry with Amigos en Cristo).

Indian Reservation (continued)

I wanted to show some additional pictures from the recent trip and also give some further understanding. One of the things outsiders struggle in understanding is that we think we can come up with many ideas to help and "fix" the way of life on the reservation (from an outside viewpoint). But one problem is that life on the reservation isn't like life off the reservation. Opportunities, conveniences, distances to travel and income aren't the same. Change is also slow. Many of the struggles and burdens have been in place for so long that there is a pattern passed down through the generations. Not only in how things are done, but in children seeing the hopelessness in the parents and lifestyle patterns in society which they then grow up to repeat. Some choose to consider no other options, and end up committing suicide rather than follow the patterns they see as "life on the reservation." This is especially typical in teens. There are success stories, but for the majority, that is not the case.

Only through an understanding of the hope God can provide, will the strongholds, addictions, patterns, and old habits be replaced as the Holy Spirit guides. Through us, they can see God at work. Through us they can see God's love as their practical needs are met. Through us they can find encouragement to look beyond their situation to find something more — that there is a God who loves them, seeking them out, to have a relationship with them and provide the hope they seek. Maybe just one life at a time, maybe just one 1800 mile roundtrip at a time, but slowly we can make a difference as we remain obedient to plant those seeds of hope in Christ. Hope for each child like this!





**More repair done.
Safe from harsh winter!**



Interior damage of another occupied home. Roof leaks.



**Bear Creek:
Needs to be replaced!**



God's beauty!

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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. 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 Indian Reservation – construction supplies; join us to help make repairs

Project: Oasis Food Pantry needs help with multiple projects.

Project: Organizing/participating in outreach to meet needs in Hispanic community in partnership with "Amigos en Cristo."

Project: Mission Trip to San Pedro Las Huertas, Guatemala (see website).

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 !