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THE INDIAN VISION

Official Newsletter of Society of Indian Missions

A Year End Giving Opportunity for you!

As we approach the end of another remarkable year, I want to say how immensely grateful we are for your unwavering support!

In 2023, thanks to supporters like you, we have updated the parsonages in Rosebud and Winner, brought on new staff members, the Lucas and the Tonweya Sherman families, sent 4 young people from our St. Francis church to Northwest Indian Bible School and much more.

As we look ahead to 2024, our vision to reach even more Native people with the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ is brighter than ever.

Please consider making a year-end donation to the Society of Indian Missions. Help us achieve our goal of making disciples of Native Americans in South Dakota. Every dollar you invest directly contributes to our fulfilling of the Great Commission. (See page 3 for giving options)

Your generosity truly makes a difference, and together, we can continue to do what God has called us to do. Thank you for being a part of our SIM family, and we look forward to the exciting opportunities and challenges the new year will bring.

With gratitude and warm wishes for the Christmas season,



Marc Sankey, Vice President
and Staff Pastor
(Interim editor)

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Greetings from President Keith Lavery and Family

MISSION, SD - HOPE FAMILY CHAPEL

Greetings from Mission, SD from the Lavery Family and from Hope Family Chapel! We trust you as our supporters are well and enjoying God's presence. At this important time of the year, I'd like to remind all of us of SIM's key vision.

- Our vision is not building bigger, better homes for pastors.
- Our vision is not to have the best paid missionary staff.

Our key vision is to see souls saved and lives transformed by the power of Christ! We are thankful for our missionaries who are living holy lives and representing Christ in Native American communities that God has called us to.

Keith Lavery, President

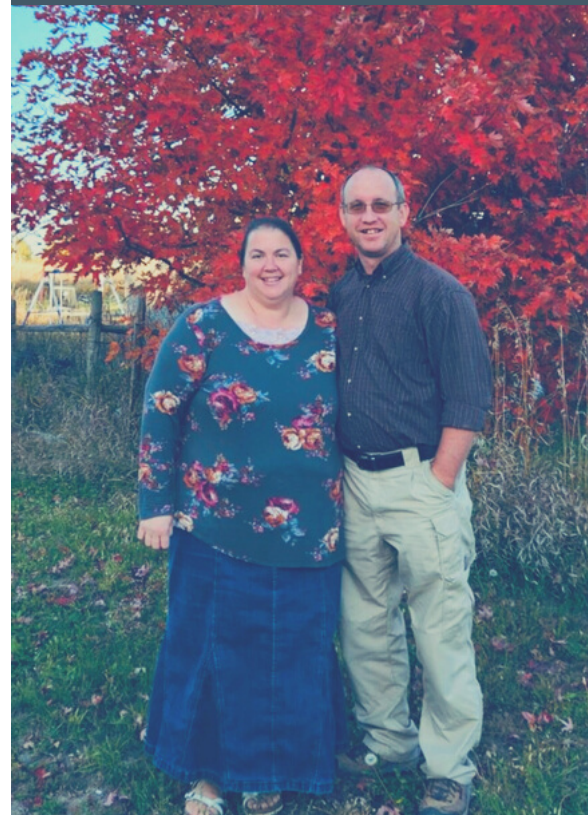


Real Life Discipleship

Many years ago, I met a man named Henry (not his real name). He started attending church and helping with mission work projects. I worked with him and his family and progress was made in his life. However, over time Henry struggled greatly with drugs and alcohol. Last year, he became hospitalized and nearly died. A few months ago, he and his family began to attend church again and I was able to help him find a job and enter a drug rehab program. Recently he was able to get his driver's license after having lost it for many years. Henry is currently reading his Bible and praying and I fully believe there is hope that he will continue to grow into the man God wants him to be.

“Thank you for giving to SIM so that Native Americans can receive the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

KEITH AND TASBAH
LAVERY





Helping a Neighbor during Harvest

BY NATHAN EASLEY - PASTOR AT ST FRANCIS, SD

"To be, or not to be?" Prince Hamlet asked. It's a valid question for those in ministry. Do I seem to be interested in souls, pretend to be their friend, want to be recognized as a successful missionary...or am I content to just 'be'? Be real, be neighborly, be hospitable, be kind, be forgiving; in any season or situation, just be. That's the goal in St. Francis. Without fanfare or show, just be like Jesus and leave the results with Him.



Sunday School in Rosebud

BY LADAWN SMITH

At Rosebud Sunday School, we have been seeing some new interest recently. One of them, an 11 year old boy has been asking lots of questions during our Bible lessons, even questioning how the world came into existence. It is exciting to point him to God, and to explain Creation to him. How disturbing that in America there are those who do not know about God! We are grateful to those who have been donating Bibles for us to hand out in our ministry. As we give them out, please pray that God will use them in the homes of the native people to speak to their hearts and draw them to himself.

Would you like to use year-end giving to show your support for SIM?

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Current Priorities:

- 1 -Significant need in the General Fund
- 2 -Updating Parsonage for Tonweya Sherman Family
- 3 - Staff Financial support





SIM welcomes Tonweya Sherman Family



**“It’s God’s hand that holds
ours through every trial of our
life.”**

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BY TONWEYA SHERMAN (NEW PASTOR AT WINNER)

Throughout this summer, our family has been doing deputation services. We appreciate each church and individual who allowed us to share our passion we feel God has given us.

As the Lord wills, we plan our moving day to be December 4. We understand that this is not the wisest time to be trekking across the country with a large moving load, but we are trusting God keep His hand on us. We would appreciate your prayers as we prepare to go into this new chapter of life. We are excited to see what God wants to do among the Native American people.

Sincerely,
Tonweya and Judy Sherman
Aiden, Krishana, Malia, and Hadassah

**Please continue to pray for Anna Lucas in her
battle against cancer!**



**Thank you to those who have come out to assist the Lucas
Family in the near completion of their home in SD!**