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THE INDIAN VISION

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Celebrating our Missionaries

In an era often clouded by divisive rhetoric and unprecedented challenges, it's crucial to highlight the positive impact of missionary work.

Our missionaries, sustained by a sense of commitment and empathy, engage in ministry initiatives ranging from serving the less fortunate by meeting material needs, being present with their Native neighbors in their moments of sorrow and preaching and living Christ so that they may know the Gospel and find ultimate deliverance from sin.

Our missionaries' efforts transcend borders and beliefs of the confines of foreign cultures and as a result they are fostering deeper relationships of trust with those to whom they minister. SIM missionaries bring hope, friendship, and a message of God's amazing grace to the marginalized and vulnerable around them.

Let's acknowledge and celebrate our missionaries for their devotion to God's kingdom by praying for them, writing an appreciative email or sending a card of thanks, and standing by them financially as they continue the great work of Native Ministry!



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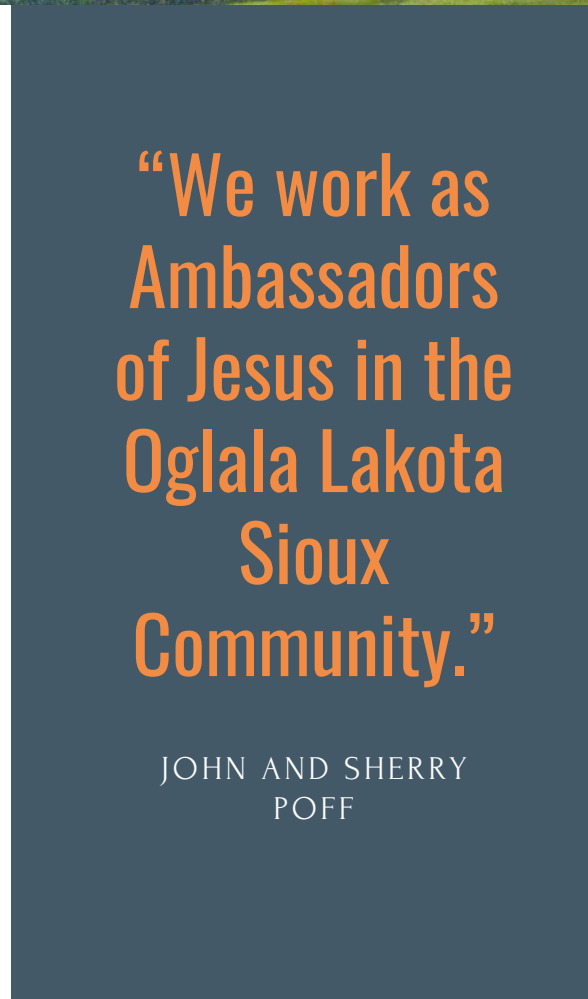
God is moving in our communities! Recently, a lady who spent time in our children's home years ago got saved and was reaching out for prayer. In December, a man with whom I have been a friend for many years and love dearly was gloriously saved! In January, a local man reached out to share that he had repented of his sins and was wanting to know the times of our church services. Other men who have been following Christ are growing spiritually through intentional mentoring, discipleship, and Bible studies. Pray that the Lord of harvest will send out workers to continue sowing, tending, and reaping!



Christmas Evangelism in Martin

BY JOHN AND SHERRY POFF - MARTIN LAKOTA CHAPEL

2023 was our 4th year of packing Christmas candy bags for the Sunrise Housing area which is located to the west and south of the Martin mission property. With the help of Robbie and Jackie (pictured) Reddy, we packed 400 bags this year. These bags included an apple, an orange, mini chocolate bars, old-fashioned hard candy, soft peppermint candies, Reese's, a candy cane, and a Gospel tract, "The Story of Christmas." A couple of days later, we went door-to-door handing out the candy bags and allowing all the smaller kids to pick out a toy and a stuffed animal. Just another way of spreading the true light of Jesus into our community!





So Grateful for Our Coworkers

BY NATHAN EASLEY - PASTOR AT ST. FRANCIS, SD

Does the name Persis mean anything to you? What about Tryphena and Tryphosa? They mean nothing to me, but did to Paul the Apostle (Romans 16:12). They labored in the Lord, unknown to most of Christendom, yet important to the Kingdom.

It is no different at St. Francis Holiness Church. As a missionary, I have people I depend on, and I'd like to take the opportunity to thank Ron & Becky Patton, Lori Leese, and Joyce Brese. As you think to pray for us, please remember our wonderful coworkers. Together, we are making a difference.



Sunday School in Rosebud

BY LADAWN SMITH

Greetings from Rosebud! We have recently been working on Bible memorization. Some of the kids really get into it and do a good job. It has been fun to watch them get their Bible and find the memory verse! Then they get excited when they see it in the Bible for themselves. One mother has been coming and she is very much involved with helping her children. She wants them to know about God. God is showing Himself to her. Please pray for this family.

Also thank you so much to all who gave towards the Christmas gifts for us here in Rosebud. We appreciate your kindness!

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Current Financial Priorities:

- Funding for Martin Multipurpose Building
- Parsonage Upgrades in Rosebud
- Mission Maintenance Building Updates





Busy Days for the Sherman Family

BY JUDY SHERMAN (NEW PASTORS AT WINNER)

Windows, flooring, painting, kitchen cabinets—it's been a busy couple of months as the renovation continues in our house! We are very thankful to those who have helped and given towards this project! Instead of having our curtains move as the icy winds blew outside, we appreciated a much warmer house though temperatures were below zero!

We have also been reconnecting with people that Tonweya knew from the past. Some of those have been through wakes and funerals, which is not an easy time for families. It has also happened through Bible studies in our home. We have thoroughly enjoyed getting reacquainted and making new friends!

We appreciate each of you who are a part of what God is doing here among the Lakota people! We feel so honored to be serving Christ and others here in Winner!



Looks like Dad has a great helper! ➡

“So grateful for a good report from Anna’s recent scan - no evidence of cancer in liver or lymph nodes!”

JONATHAN LUCAS

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