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The Indian Vision

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SIM Board Welcomes Two New Members



So grateful to these men for their sacrifice of time and effort to oversee the valuable Native ministry here in South Dakota! The Board welcomes two new members this year: Ben Holderbaum and Jeff Deeter. So thankful to have these men with us. These new members are replacing G. Clair Sams and myself. I am further leaning into my roles as SIM Staff Pastor, HR Director and the editor of the Indian Vision. My wife Melodie and I enjoy 3-4 visits a year to South Dakota for pastoral mentoring, staff retreat, and fellowship with our missionaries.



Marc Sankey
SIM Staff Pastor
and Indian Vision Editor

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Congratulations to our MK Graduates!

MISSION, SD

Congratulations to these MKs on their high school graduation:

Alanna Lavery, Hannah Smith, and Danny Lucas!

Congratulations to Sarah and Jeremiah Smith who both graduated from college this spring. We pray God's blessings upon all of them and their future!



An Evening with the Children in Rosebud

ROSEBUD, SD

Recently, we spent an evening with the children in Rosebud. This gave us valuable time outside of church to connect with them. Jesus cared for the children and we desire to follow that example. It's beautiful to see how the children love the attention. We would appreciate prayer for these children and their families, many of which struggle with lack of guidance. - LaDawn Smith, SIM Missionary



**“Until we meet
again, Beth.
(Montour)
There’s a big
hole in our
Winner Church
family and we
miss you so
much!”**

JUDY HUNT SHERMAN





A Journey of Discipleship and Renewal

MISSION, SD

Will's life has undergone a remarkable transformation! Two and a half years ago, he came to me seeking something different. Will was battling drug addiction and alcoholism. Through God's incredible intervention, his journey has been nothing short of miraculous!

Will faithfully attends our men's Bible studies and recently asked for prayers as he strives to be a good father and husband despite very real challenges. The next day, he shared how God was already providing the support he desperately needed. I'm confident God will continue guiding him on his journey. Would you pray for Will as he continues this path of discipleship? Text me at 605-840-2987, and I'll let him know you're praying! - Keith Lavery, President



100 Copies of the Native Gospel of John

OASIS MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

Marc and I (Oasis Ministries) are so delighted to work with Society of Indian Missions as Staff Pastors and in any other way that we can be of blessing to the organization and our dear missionaries. We are providing 100 copies of this Native Gospel of John to put in the hands of our missionaries with "boots on the ground" - so that they in turn can place them in the hands of hungry hearts and minds as they fulfill their calling to Native Americans here in South Dakota.

Melodie Sankey

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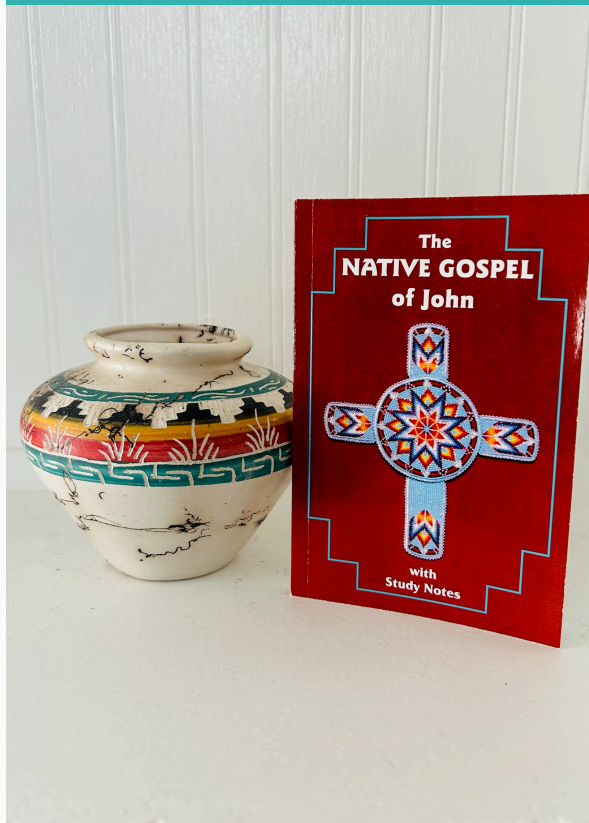
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Current Financial Priorities:

- Financial Support for Staff
- Updates to Maintenance Building
- Martin Multi-Purpose Building
- Staff Children's Education Fund





Greetings from the Lucas Family

WHITE RIVER, SD



Lucas Family at the wedding of Rose Lucas to Tom Hagerty

On the same day recently, two of our friends slipped away to that eternal place of perfect healing with no more pain or temptation. Chuck, who had been transformed from a drinker to a believer, had dreams of heaven three nights in a row before he passed away in his sleep! After helping his granddaughters assemble a photo memory poster, we were privileged to sing at his wake and funeral (minus any air conditioning) and participate with prayers, shovels, and sweat at the graveside in the blazing sun. A few days later we shed many tears at the precious funeral of Beth Montour, a beloved children's and youth worker of SIM whom we got to know more closely as Anna visited her every time she went to Arizona. Beth had fought the same cancer as Anna has. The family's gift of a beautiful, pastel-colored star quilt to Anna surprised and touched our hearts. That precious quilt seemed to say that while the one side of death is loss and grief, the other side is victory, beauty, and unspeakable joy. Pray for Anna as she is undergoing fresh rounds of chemo and for the hands and hearts of Jonathan and Danny in the myriad work projects for SIM. For death to be swallowed up in Christ's eternal victory is the whole reason we are building, repairing, sweating, and praying here on the reservations. Join us with your own prayers and support!

Anna Lucas, SIM Missionary

Thank you so much to the Beavertown PA Crossroads Youth for their contribution to the Firefighters Bible Camp in Winner this summer!

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