



# 2024 Annual Report

"LADY DIGNITY REPRESENTS THE COURAGE, PERSEVERANCE AND WISDOM OF THE LAKOTA AND DAKOTA CULTURE IN SOUTH DAKOTA. MY HOPE IS THAT THE SCULPTURE MIGHT SERVE AS A SYMBOL OF RESPECT AND PROMISE FOR THE FUTURE."

-DALE LAMPHERE-  
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## President's Update

"If you could focus on one thing in your ministry, what would it be?" This was the pivotal question Staff Pastor Marc Sankey asked my wife and me in May 2019, shortly after I became the new SIM president. The answer, which has shaped our mission since then, is a focus on working with men in Native American communities, believing that this will greatly strengthen the nuclear family.

In this report, you will read stories from men whose lives have been transformed by Christ. As Steve Corbett states in *'When Helping Hurts'*, development is not something done *'to'* people or *'for'* people, but *'with'* people.

We extend our deepest thanks to each of you for making this past year possible! Our mission is to address the unique needs of Native cultures by building relationships that allow us to evangelize, disciple, and mentor Native Americans in a life of scriptural holiness. Every gift, letter, and prayer contributes to making this mission possible.

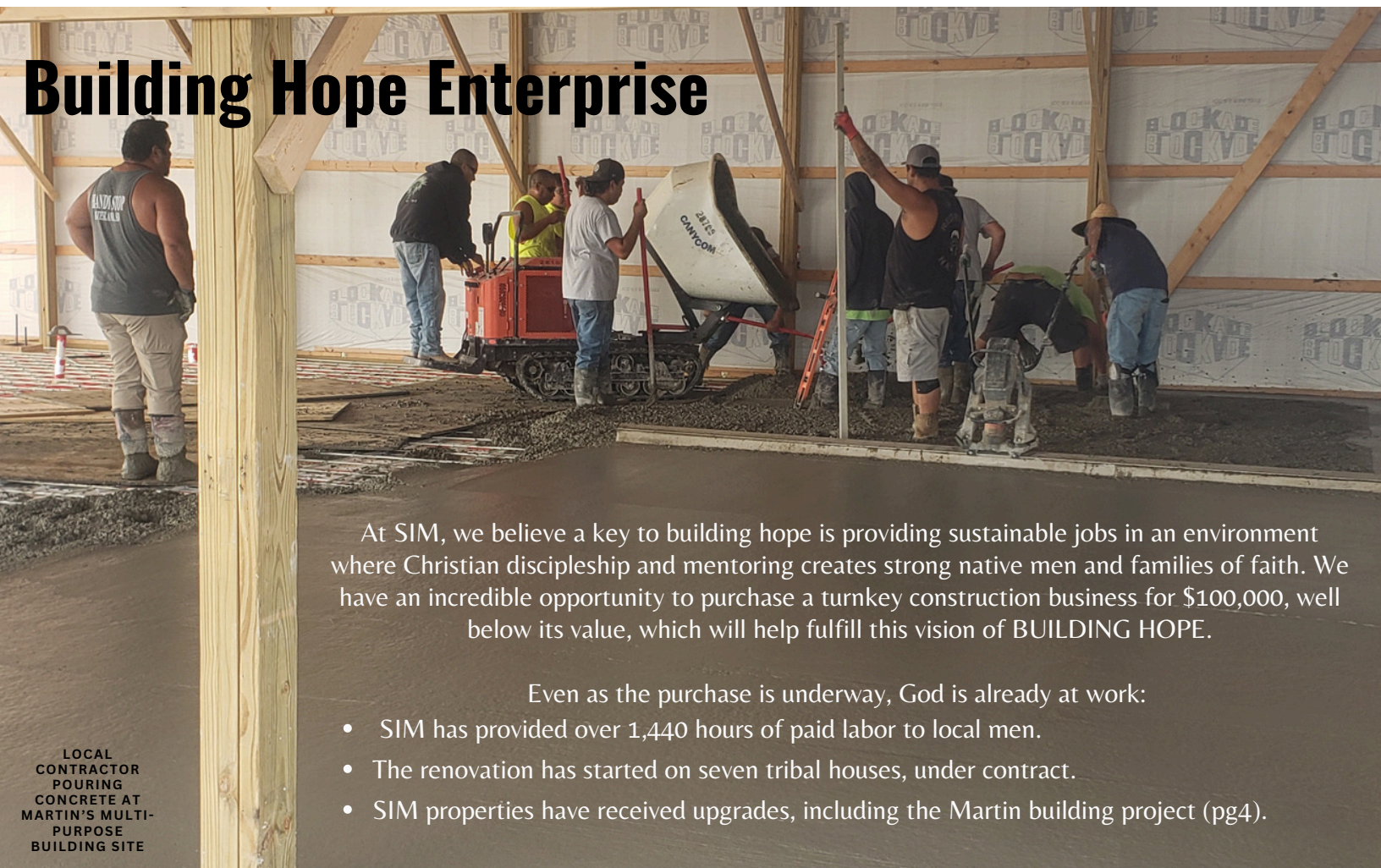
Our vision is to grow the Native Christian community in North America, with each Native believer reaching others through ministry, fellowship, and personal growth in Christ. This ambitious vision can only be accomplished with your support. Thank you for partnering with us in fulfilling the Great Commission!



**166 NEW OR REACTIVATED DONORS**

**& 49% GROWTH IN DONOR GIVING THIS YEAR!**

## Building Hope Enterprise



At SIM, we believe a key to building hope is providing sustainable jobs in an environment where Christian discipleship and mentoring creates strong native men and families of faith. We have an incredible opportunity to purchase a turnkey construction business for \$100,000, well below its value, which will help fulfill this vision of BUILDING HOPE.

Even as the purchase is underway, God is already at work:

- SIM has provided over 1,440 hours of paid labor to local men.
- The renovation has started on seven tribal houses, under contract.
- SIM properties have received upgrades, including the Martin building project (pg4).

LOCAL  
CONTRACTOR  
POURING  
CONCRETE AT  
MARTIN'S MULTI-  
PURPOSE  
BUILDING SITE

## Developing Leaders

Cultivating strong Indigenous leaders involves unique experiences, such as attending the Men Arise retreat in Seymour, Indiana. Three local men had the opportunity to join nearly 500 others from various backgrounds, all seeking spiritual growth, renewal, and a deeper connection with God.

Our group was particularly inspired! **Josh** left challenged by the powerful sermons that brought Scripture to life. He was deeply impacted by David Spivey's call for men to become soldiers of God, truly stepping into their roles as spiritual leaders.

**David** was deeply inspired by the worship and ministry of the Word. Frank Heidler's teaching on spiritual warfare resonated with him, reminding him of the vital role of consecration, fasting, and prayer. He also felt God's gentle prompting to reassess how much time he spends on his phone.

**Don** cherished the intimate moments of morning prayer. Nate Kline's message urging men to break free from worldly entanglements and surrender fully to God struck a chord with him. Don also found peace during quiet moments by the fire pit, listening for God's voice and guidance.



L-R: BENJI, KEITH, JOSH, DON, AND DAVID

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- JOSH



### WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE THROUGH BUILDING HOPE ENTERPRISE?

We are looking for a **DISCIPLE-MAKER**. This individual should:

- Have discipling experience.
- Be eager to work with men who are recovering from poor choices.
- Have a great work ethic and attitude that will encourage others in their walk with Christ.
- Have basic construction skills and knowledge.





**Martin Lakota Chapel**, serving on the outskirts of the Pine Ridge reservation, has been praying for a multi-purpose building for over 15 years. **Thanks to the generosity of many donors**, the building is nearly enclosed and the concrete floor with in-floor heat is poured. The crew spent many hours this summer getting it to this point, and as funds continue to come in, we are hoping it can be used this winter and have it completed by next summer.



# S.I.M. Staff

**Keith & Tasbah Lavery**  
serving as SIM President and  
pastor of Hope Family Chapel,  
**Mission SD**

**Dan & LaDawn Smith**  
serving as SIM Grounds Keepers, and at  
Rosebud Holiness Chapel,  
**Rosebud SD**

**Judy Sherman**  
serving as SIM Secretary and with Montour  
Memorial Chapel and Ideal community,  
**Mission SD**

**You have generously given  
\$378,687.24 so far this year!**

Your generosity has advanced efforts in evangelizing, discipling, and mentoring Native Americans in a life of scriptural holiness. Additionally, it has provided crucial support for the staff pastor's expenses, the education of staff children, the Martin Multi-purpose building, and medical expenses for Anna Lucas.

**OUR YEAR-END MILESTONE IS \$550,000**



**Jonathan & Anna Lucas**  
serving as SIM Maintenance Director and  
assisting Hope Family Chapel,  
**White River SD**

**Tonweya & Judy Sherman**  
serving as SIM Area Supervisor and pastor of  
Montour Memorial Chapel,  
**Winner SD**