



SOCIETY OF INDIAN MISSIONS

MAY 2026

Dear Donor,

This month we rejoice with the Psalmist who said, "The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad!" God met with us in a powerful way at the Men Arise event, attended by about 300 men, many of them from reservations in South Dakota, New Mexico, Minnesota, Arizona, and elsewhere. While praying during one of the several prayer times in a single service, a man from our own Martin church prayed through to salvation, his face shining! Another man testified that no longer is he planning to become a medicine man, but he has decided to follow Christ instead.



A few days earlier, the SIM board met in the bright and newly remodeled fellowship hall in Winner, SD. We sensed God's help as missionaries shared their ministries, passions, and burdens. The board was encouraged as a new Christian and leader in Antelope Community, Josh Wilson, shared his testimony and vision for his local community since he's yielded his life to the Lord. During the Monday evening SIM staff and board indoor picnic, Bro. Lindell Howard was honored with a star quilt for 35 years of dedicated service as SIM board member. We will miss his godly input on the board as he steps away due to health.

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On May 1st, Tim Montgomery, chairman of the board, and I had the privilege of attending the eagerly anticipated dedication of the Martin all-purpose building! The spacious kitchen area and butcher block countertops were piled with a turkey dinner besides Indian frybread and much more. John Bush, longtime lay leader at Martin, shared his excitement at seeing the building that at first he thought was too big--now at last being usable and filled with people and possibilities for God's glory. Fred Bush shared about the vision his late mother had as she worked and prayed for this day and this building. Jonathan Lucas reminisced about the challenges in the construction, especially after the storm that nearly blew the building over just after it was framed.



As Keith Lavery so meaningfully expressed, "If the sanctuary represents worship, this hall represents fellowship. If the pulpit represents proclamation, this hall represents discipleship. If the altar represents surrender, this hall represents service. **Buildings by themselves have no spiritual power—but when yielded to God, they become places where eternal things happen...** This place can become holy ground—not because of its structure, but because of what is done here for Christ."

Thank you to each of you who have prayed, given, and continue to give toward further completion of the building. As more funds become available a mini-split system will be installed for cooling.

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Your prayers are appreciated for Judy Sherman. She was to be honored in this last staff/board picnic for 41 years of service with SIM but instead ended up in the hospital and rehab in Ft. Wayne, IN, following a stroke on her way home from Gatlinburg IHC. She is improving daily and should be traveling back home this week. Update: She is home and has a busy schedule of rehab. Cards can be mailed to: PO Box 1325 Mission, SD 57555



Pray for Judy Sherman!

- Recovery
- Personal Safety due to mobility issues.
- Pray for her as she adjusts to her "New Normal".
- Judy had many responsibilities which she is not able to continue. Pray for those who will be standing in the gap for her.

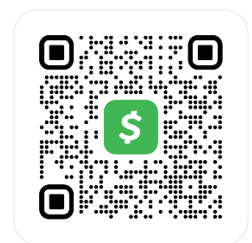
During the time that the SIM board members were here in South Dakota, we met with the different missionary families. What a time of sharing, laughing and weeping together it was! Two things stood out to me from our time together. The first is that we have a very dedicated team of missionaries! I watched as they enthusiastically helped with preparations for the board meeting, they also went to wakes, conducted funerals, led SS classes, led services for the adults, encouraged the men that were scheduled to go to Men Arise to keep planning on it. They labor through overwhelming circumstances, yet none complain. I believe they are worthy of your prayer and financial support.

The second thing that stood out to me as we met with some Native Christians--on two separate occasions--they almost **begged** us to send them a pastor. One lady was asked what kind of pastor is needed and her immediate response: "Fearless!" Hallelujah! That is exactly the kind of pastor we want to send them.

Please continue to pray for the ongoing needs of the Society of Indian Missions!

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