



## **WILLIAM GRAHAM AND THE BILLY GRAHAM EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION CELEBRATION, JULY 3&4**

*We are excited to be able to reach out to the Pine Ridge community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the coming of the Billy Graham Evangelical Association (BGEA). For more than 7 years pastors, lay leaders, missionaries and other fellow believers have prayed for revival on Pine Ridge; a true breaking of the Spiritual bondage that stifles hope. "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age..." Eph. 6:12. Joe Cross, HFM assistant director, has been very involved in all phases of planning this event. We are praying God will move to break the bondage and that many Lakota will not only come to believe for salvation but also spread this Good News throughout America. Impossible, not with our God! Jesus said "...with men this is impossible but with God all things are possible." Luke 19:26.*



### **COMING TOGETHER**

Through the Covid Pandemic, Hands of Faith has remained open and because of this has been one of the few venues that people from the Pine Ridge have been able to gather at. The Lakota House of Worship, bible study groups, the BGEA trainings and prayers times have been some of the gatherings taking place in the Warrior center.

### **MISSION HOUSE**

A team of seven men from Faith Lutheran located in St. Louis, Missouri, provided the supplies and worked side by side with Lakota men in constructing a new mission building at the HFM site. The 16x44 mission house will be multi-purpose and house mission teams, staff-at times, and other guests. It is located where the three trailers used to sit. The site will also include three more drive through RV hookups. To finish this project we need \$4000 for a septic system and water lines and \$6000 for interior wiring, plumbing fixtures, insulation and sheet rock. If you want to help donate towards these supplies, put "mission house" on your check. Funds are needed ASAP so it could be used for the July 3 & 4 BGEA Celebration. RV hookups cost about \$780/ site. Please help, thanks.



*Delano, a Lakota from Pine Ridge helped work on footings, foundation, framing and multiple other ways in Building the Warrior Center. In February of last year he was struck by a pickup in Rapid City while crossing a street. After months of hospitalization and rehab he was able to walk but needed more time to get stronger. He came to Hands of Faith and with good food, diligent weight training he was able to regain most of the 50 lbs. he had lost. Bible studies and prayers strengthen him spiritually and he has now got his children with him in Pine Ridge, he is now able to work on the mission house and be employed. Praise God for his physical healing and spiritual growth.*

### **KEYSTONE PROJECT**

Four men who previously were or are presently in our HFM program, along with Henry Brown and Atta Jack, attended the Keystone Bible Training project, May 16-21. These trainings have been previously attended by our men and have proven to be very effective in training the men on Christian principles. It also provides them an opportunity to be in the beautiful Black Hills and enjoy good food and fellowship with other believers.

## CONFERENCES

Joe Cross and Atta Jack attended the International Chaplaincy Training in Montana in April. They are both finalizing their certification process. This will enable them to go into prisons, hospitals and various other venues to minister to people. Thank you to the Converse family who paid for the cost for them to attend the training!

I am planning, God willing, to attend the Gospel Rescue Mission Fellowship national conference in Ashville, N. Carolina, June 21-24. This will be held at "The Cove" which is the BGEA training Center. It may be no coincidence that we will be going there at the same time we are working with them to host the Celebration on the Pine Ridge. "Man plans His ways but God directs his steps". Prov.16:9

The Unity in Christ Conference, planned for July 15-17 in Bemidji, Minnesota, hosts Native leaders from around the U.S. and Canada. This will also include missionaries serving in these Native areas. HFM staff will be attending to gain insight into how other ministries work and to receive materials and ideas in building our recovery and discipleship ministry. Pray for a powerful unified building up of the body of Christ.

## CURT'S CORNER

It is amazing to see God's hand at work in all the training events and prayer times and the unity happening between church leaders on the Pine Ridge in supporting the BGEA Celebration effort to help bring about this 2 day event. Ruth Graham Lotz, at a Gospel Rescue Mission Conference once said, "The next great revival or awakening in America will come from the poor". (the Pine Ridge reservation is one of the poorest counties in the U.S.. Billy Graham said that the Native American population is a "sleeping giant" ready to be awakened. Please pray that with all the lock-downs and restrictions on worship gatherings during the pandemic, that the Holy Spirit will visit in a powerful way the people of Pine Ridge and restore Hope, Light and salvation for eternity through Jesus Christ. He is the Way the Truth and the Life, no man comes to the Father but by Him. Let this be our prayer! For His service, Curt.

## BONNIE'S BIT

This month we attended Jetta Tobacco's High School graduation from Red Cloud. Because of Covid it was held outside and each graduate's chair was draped with a beautiful star quilt that each family honored their graduate with. We have been blessed to have been a part of Jetta's life since she was four, meeting her and her siblings during her mother's battle with and subsequent death from cancer. As I was looking out over the 30 some quilt draped chairs, I thought of how well the Lakota honor others. Our Savior Jesus did this also. He seldom called out those who were already showered with men's applause and accolades but chose the poor and outcasts. He often called them by name and acknowledged those whom others thought He had no time for. It reminded me of how I need to make more of an effort to encourage those who may not have received a kind word or deed for some time. It is easy and convenient to help those whom we are familiar with but by Christ's example we must go beyond our comfort zone and encourage the least of these for in so doing we have done it unto Him. In closing, pray for Jetta, as she is planning on attending the University of New Mexico with a degree in nursing. Blessings to you all! Bonnie

