

HOW IT WORKS

My goal this year is to collect 4,000 boxes by December 1, 2009. It is an incredible goal that represents part of a larger plan to assist every single Native American work in South Dakota. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, there are approximately 114,000 Sioux Indians most of which live in South Dakota. Of these, nearly 39% are under the age of eighteen. Given the fact that Buffalo and Shannon Counties, occupied by the Crow Creek and Pine Ridge Reservations respectively, are the two poorest counties in America, we can make a significant impact on a people desperately in need of Christ' love.



- Collect toys, games, candy and other fun things kids like.
- Place them in shoeboxes that are sorted by age and gender for kids toddler to age twelve.
- Wrap them.
- Send them to my address or schedule a service with me so that I can come and pick them up.
- Include a \$3.00 donation per box, but *please DO NOT* place the funds in the box.
- I need all boxes by December 1st.
- If you would like to make a cash donation instead of sending prepared boxes you may do so at the address below.

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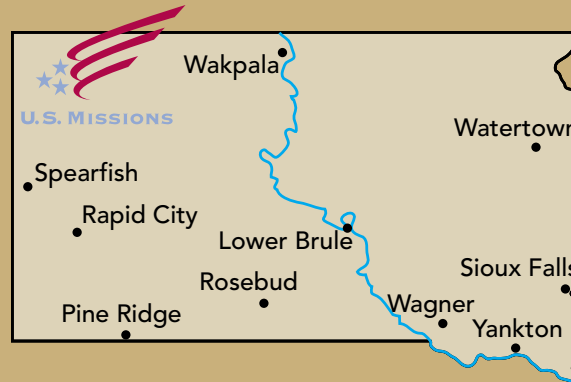
WHO ARE WE?

Native American Ministries (NAM) exists in order to resource the vision of reservation pastors. We do this by partnering with them, typically, for a period of three to five years. We provide the resources they need to become strong, self-sustaining works that are eventually able to initiate and sustain ministry beyond their own communities.

It is the belief of NAM that Native American culture, like all cultures, was created by God to uniquely express His plan of salvation. We also believe that every aspect of Native American culture and language ought to be normal for worship and service to God as long as it does not contradict His written word. The ultimate objective of NAM is to better equip reservation churches to make disciples of Jesus Christ.



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“... and your blood has ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.” Revelation 5:9b (NLT)

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Even on the reservation, the birth of Jesus gets obscured during the Christmas season by commercialism and life challenges. It is not uncommon for little Indian children to wonder if they are going to get a decent meal on Christmas, let alone a present to unwrap. We want to put Jesus back in Christmas on the reservation and can't think of a better way than to have a *BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS*.

Aside from being the only Christmas that some Indian children will get this year, there are two other primary reasons

for this program. One is that it endears the local church to its community without which it will have little, long-term impact. The second reason is that the *BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS* program presents Christ to young hearts and minds in a joyful, caring atmosphere, and I believe that is exactly how Christ wants to be portrayed to them. He said, “Let the children come to Me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children.” Children should feel happy and cared for in His presence.

It does more than give one a warm and fuzzy feeling when placing in the hands of a child what may be the only gift they get for Christmas. And, along with that a hot meal, cake, and ice



cream. Imagine, that for these children instead of being a time of wanting and need, Christmas becomes a worry free season of celebrating its very reason for being, the birth of the Savior Child. Help me make this a reality.

