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Shining the Light in the Darkness 1/12

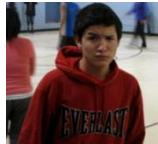


Dear friends,

I want to say thank you to everyone who reads this newsletter and keeps me and the entire ministry in prayer. Since the last time I wrote, our ministry team at

the Rec has almost doubled in size! Please visit our website at www.oglarwc.org - we have posted new team pictures and a short introduction for each of the members. It has been a blessing to have the extra hands around the building. We know that God has something big planned for Oglala and we believe sending us new team members is part of preparing us for what we hope will be a great out-pouring of the Holy Spirit across this reservation.

December is one of the busier months for us as a church, as I am sure it is for most churches. Each year, the second Sunday of December we have a huge Christmas celebration at the Rec*Center. During the service our Kids' Church performs a musical and Pastor Eric preaches a message about the true reason we celebrate. Afterwards we serve dinner to about 350 people from the community and everyone receives a gift bag. It is a wonderful time and a miracle we are able to do this without going berserk. ☺ (See pictures on the Church Family page on our website)



Then on New Year's Eve we had our annual all night lock-in for anyone 12 years and older. We planned lots of fun activities that kept the youth busy through the entire night. A couple of things that really stood out in my mind were the strong man competition for the guys and the relay race for the girls. It was so much fun to watch the guys struggle

and realize they are not as strong as they think they are. ☺ The girls were cracking up too trying to do a three-legged race and potato sack jumping across the gym.

But once again New Year's Eve was so much more than just a fun time. We know that for our kids and teens the Rec is probably the safest place to be in Oglala, any-time but especially during a night like this. We are thankful so many of them chose to stay and thus chose not to drink, party, or get involved in any other kind of trouble or even danger! Personally I know that the devotion God put on my heart for that night was a message that can bring change, hope, and peace into their lives. Please keep praying with us that the Word of God will move in power.

We are also beginning to plan a new SROM trip. If you read this newsletter you know how great the last trip was and the fruit it has produced is real. We have a list of guys and a couple girls we would love to take. Please pray for this trip and the planning. We know that our enemy would hate for us to go back again and have more youth making real commitments for the Lord.

MORE PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray ...

... and thank God for His great faithfulness, protection, and provision in our daily ministry at the Rec*Center ... for us as our church team has grown for continued unity as a ministering body and love for each other ... for Mary & me for oneness of heart and mind and a divine protection and blessing on our marriage



... for Mary's Green Card process, especially pray that we will get a travel permit to leave the country in April ... for the Oglala community for a spiritual hunger for God and that they will come to accept Jesus as Lord

Final Thought

I actually just really want to emphasize my prayer request for our youth. Sometimes when we are talking to the youth about God it feels like talking to a brick wall. I am desperate for these teens to truly know and understand who God is, how much he loves them, and how much they need him. Pray that this year we are going to have miraculous breakthroughs in the lives of our teens.