

Hope for the First Nations Newsletter

Truckin'...
HFtFN Style



A Story of God's Faithfulness

By Lynn Wilson, Executive Director

For five years Central Illinois Christians in Mission trucked for us. We are very thankful for all they have done for us. Because seasons change, we needed to find another source. Nancy & I drove a 36' panel truck up in March and I was more convinced than ever we need help. I'm just not as young as I used to be. So we put out the word that we needed help. Bill Cirone's son was Jacob Henschen's roommate at the U of I. (Jacob and family have been a part of HFtFN since the beginning.) Through that connection, I called Bill Cirone, owner of Federal Companies, (www.federalcos.com) who is connected with Allied Van Lines. He referred me to Frank Reed, the manager in the Springfield/Decatur area.

Frank and Clarence (pictured above) treated us like we were the most important client they had ever had. They packed our things with awesome care. Clarence drove the truck up and met us on the rez the exact day and time we needed our delivery. The young people from Pine Point came out to help us like never before. I think that big orange truck was a real draw!

Our Creator's faithfulness never ceases to amaze me. He continues to meet us exactly when and where we need Him.

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those that bring the good news. Isaiah 52:7a

Thank you, Bill, Frank and Clarence for being the hands and feet of Yeshua to HFtFN & White Earth Indian Reservation.



The garden, it grows! On the left is a picture from the summer newsletter where 4 year old Jeffrey, from the Boys and Girls Club is putting the seed into the dirt! And praise God, it grew! Shane and the kids did a wonderful job keeping it watered and here it is...all green and growing!



The Bed and No Breakfast was truly a group project. We had it ready for occupancy by the Powwow. Thanks to all who put their time and talents into a very comfortable place to stay.

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Mission Statement

Partnering with the people of the White Earth Reservation,

Hope for the First Nations is building unity through relationships with individuals in the community

And sharing the love of Christ in culturally relevant ways.



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Broken Walls: Breaking Walls of Separation

Through the cultural diversity of the Native American group Broken Walls, there is an inspiration that breaks down the walls that divide. There is a sound that heaven expresses...there is a cry of redemption that the land expresses. Broken Walls have captured this sound.

Broken Walls was conceived in 1995 by Jonathan Maracle (a Mohawk from Tyendinaga Territory in Ontario, Canada). They presently consist of Jonathan, lead vocalist, guitarist and wind flute player, Bill Pagaran (Tlingit from Palmer, Alaska) on drums and Kris DeLorenzi (Italian) from Thunder Bay, Ontario on bass and backup vocals. Many of their songs are based on the ancient sounds of the First Nations People of North America. Broken Walls has released 9 albums to date. They travel year round and have toured worldwide over the past 10 years performing in places such as Peru, Mexico, China, Hawaii, France, Germany, Switzerland, Australia, Israel, Costa Rica, and extensively across North America. They have taken the healing quality of their music into many places where restoration and reconciliation was needed, with great results. The mission of Broken Walls is to break down the walls of division and

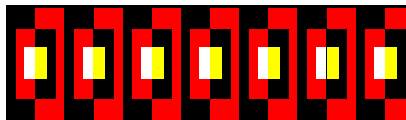


demonstrate a message that brings healing and restoration to the broken hearted. Their belief is that through reconciliation every tribe, tongue and nation can be lifted up. They strongly impart a heart for worship that is free from the religious bondage of cultural preference.

Please go to their website, www.brokenwalls.com to read more about the group and to hear a sample of their music.

Broken Walls will be in concert at Hope Evangelical Free Church, 3000 Lenhart Road in Springfield, IL on Sunday, November 22 at 2:00. There will be lunch at 1:00. RSVP for the lunch to Lynn Wilson 793-0707. Free will donation for concert and lunch. They will be participating in the church services on Saturday, Nov. 21 at 5:30, and Sunday, Nov. 22 at 9:00 and 10:45 am. They also will be performing at Owen Marsh School, Lawrence Education Center and Springfield Christian School. They will be doing a coffeehouse at University of Illinois, Springfield on Friday evening. The public is invited.

Broken Walls is being sponsored by Hope for the First Nations.



Special points of interest:

WHAT: Hope for the First Nations Community Gathering

WHEN: Concert begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22. Lunch available at 1 p.m.

RSVP for lunch to HFtFN Executive Director Lynn Wilson at **217-793-0707**.

WHERE: Hope Church, 3000 Lenhart Road, Springfield, Ill.

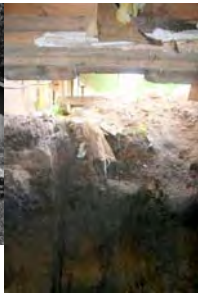
HOW MUCH: Free will donations accepted.

November is National American Indian Heritage Month! Come Celebrate with Us!

Included in this newsletter is the flyer we are using to invite people to come to the Hope For the First Nations Community Gathering.



Please use the flyer we have included to mark your calendar and then pass this flyer on to someone. Come and hear the heart-beat of the Creator in a different way.



Extreme Makeover: For Austin's House

Austin Sip is a fourteen year old young man. We first got to know him when he attended Hope Day Camp as a child. He was always a joy to have as a camper. He loved to listen and was just one of those special kids that made our day. Our team all felt the same about him. Over the years, it was as though he became part of our team. Last year, the first year for the work camp, he asked to join the guys as they worked on the powwow grounds. We were grateful for his help and he really enjoyed working with them. This year he helped with the work camp and once again, he was a tremendous help. We all just loved having him around. In fact, we loved him so much, we brought him home with us after the Powwow. He had his fourteenth birthday at Pizza Machine here in Spring-

field. Austin took turns staying with members of our summer work team. He was much in demand with all the team of HFtFN.

While we were on the rez in June, we took Austin home one afternoon, and noticed a problem with his house. The west side of the basement had fallen in. Austin was digging down beside that area and was trying to shore up the house with blocks. It was a dangerous task.

After investigating, we determined that as the wall fell, the main support beam of the house fell, the water pump was damaged and the furnace looked as though it was going to have a problem come winter. This house was still being lived in by Austin, his mom and two sisters. His mother also takes in children for respite care. This

is a precious family. The kids had come to day camp, and mom is such a good woman. We knew we had to do something.

We consulted with several experts and found out the house was not repairable. We realized the house must be demolished. We began fundraising. Hopefully by spring we can raise enough money for a trailer for them, raze the house and give them a safe place to live with running water and heat.

One of our fundraisers is a raffle that we are holding for a one week stay at a luxury condo in Jupiter, Florida. The cost of the ticket is \$100.00. To purchase a ticket, call Lynn Wilson at 217-793-0707 or contact a member of HFtFN. We will have tickets at the Broken Walls concert. All proceeds from the raffle will go to Austin's house.



HFtFN's Christmas Wish List

Young and Old, Big and Small, Santa Loves Them All (We Do Too!)

Thanks to the Lincolnland Chapter of the American Sewing Guild, we have about 150 new pillowcases. We're hoping to collect enough money to order the **PILLOWS** to come in at the Walmart in Detroit Lakes, near the rez. Then we can pick them up when we get up there in December. Pillows are \$9.00 for a two-pack.

BLANKETS or QUILTS are always needed. Any size, any color. St. John's Lutheran Church in Chatham has faithfully contributed quilts for the day camp for 14 years. We need additional blankets for the elders, and families at Christmas. New Berlin High School Art Club is making tied fleece lap robes for us this year. We need all we can get so if you have an extra, please pass it our way.

APPLES, ORANGES AND HEALTHY SNACKS are greatly appreciated by young and old. We have found that transporting them up to the rez is risky. They can freeze by the time we get there. We are asking for money to buy them once we get there.

SMALL BOXES OF CHOCOLATES, about 4/6 per box, is a real tasty treat for the elders. We have been able to find them at about \$1.50 per box at the Stover's outlet. Hopefully we'll be able to find them again this year. We need money for the chocolates.





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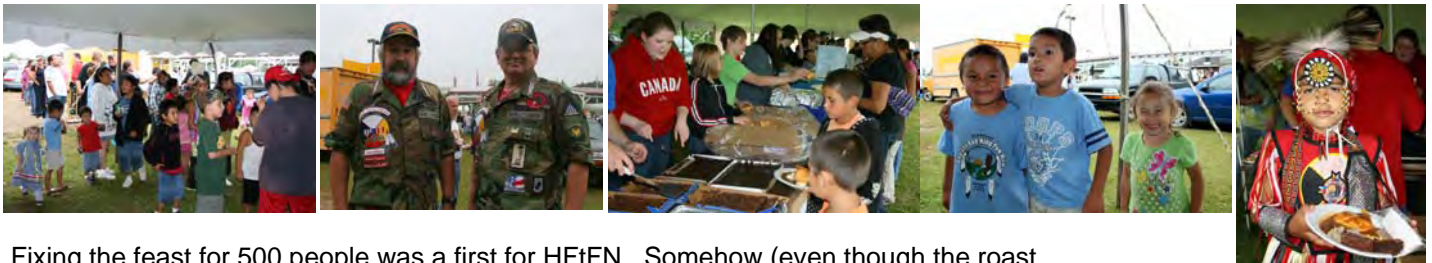
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“In His name the nations will put their hope.”—Matthew 12:21

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August Pow WOW! Hope for the First Nations Honored



Fixing the feast for 500 people was a first for HFtFN. Somehow (even though the roast beef was a little tough), we managed to do it. We had a great time preparing for our friends and family and having enough leftovers to bless others.

The real surprise came just as the evening Grand Entry was about to take place. HFtFN was awarded the Margaret Norcross Award. That award is given by the Pine Point Community to the person or people that have made a difference in the community for that year. We were very surprised and honored to receive this precious award. Chi miigwech, dear friends for all that you have taught us. We are indeed, blessed by each and every one of you!

