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Newsletter



AT WORK ON THE PINE RIDGE RESERVATION, SOUTH DAKOTA

Please pray:

For the spiritual, emotional, and physical healing of the Lakota people.

Needs:

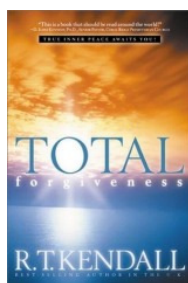
Donations to help defray the cost of purchasing/shipping written materials to the reservation.

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"A book must be the ax for the frozen seas within us."

As our ministry has looked at ways we can impact the people on the Pine Ridge Reservation, we have determined that providing written materials is a useful avenue.



For our ministry trip in July, we partnered with several organizations providing materials for Pastor Charity's annual camp meeting. Creation House, a Christian publishing company, provided a case of R.T. Kendall's book entitled, "Total Forgiveness." Polished Arrow, a ministry supporting Christian outreach to Native Americans, provided two cases of Bibles.

Urged by the Lord and new for us this year, is writing articles for Pastor Charity Hill's use in her church. Her response to the first article came in a thank you letter, "I wanted to encourage you to write more of what God gives you because when it's from God, it helps someone out there."

At this point, we have provided four articles to her:

- *Forgiveness – We Cannot Go On Without It* (February, 2009)
- *Forgiving Others: A How-To* (March, 2009)
- *Forgiveness: Two True Stories* (April, 2009)
- *Becoming Holy and Whole* (November, 2009)

Each article is sent to her with a number of copies so that she can distribute them to her congregation. (They are also on our website. Click on Resources, then Reading.)

We are now working with Pastor Stanley and Sylvia Hollow Horn in providing them with Alcoholics Anonymous materials. Alcoholism is a major issue on the reservation so we want to support them in their efforts to bring healing.



We are also working with both pastors in determining if their congregations would benefit from receiving copies of "The Shack" by Wm. Paul Young. "The Shack wrestles with the timeless question: Where is God in a world so filled with unspeakable pain?" (from the back cover)

A copy has been sent to each pastor for his/her review. If they believe this book would be helpful, we will work to provide them with the necessary copies.

¹ Franz Kafka (1883-1924) Letter to Oskar Pollak, 27 January 1904

