

## On the Rez With The Maraleses October/November 2025

Grace, peace, and Happy Holidays to all of you who partner with us in serving the Lakota tribe of Pine Ridge Reservation. The past month has been a mixture of struggle and triumph. God has been faithful to supply our needs in the midst of the hardships of ministry. It has been a trying time seeing people that we are trying to disciple fall back into old patterns of drugs and alcohol. Please keep us in prayer that the Lord would give us wisdom on how to best minister to the broken, and grace to suffer long with them.

Our ministries as a whole are going well. God is moving in our men's and women's Bible studies, the jail ministry, and our services. It's not every time, but when He has, it is sweet and we are all growing in our walks with Christ.

A week ago, in the jail, I was talking about seeking God for wisdom on what to do during hard times and read from James 1. One of the guys asked if God puts people in jail so they could hear about Him? Like would He cause you to do something bad? I answered no, because He is not tempted by evil and He does not tempt. I then moved on, but the guy next to him said, "Hey, the answers right here." He had kept reading James 1 and was able to show the one who asked the question the answer. He was amazed by it, and our head pastor, Eric, who goes in with me most weeks was able to point out how God was speaking to Him through His word. It was a special moment. The following week we showed the movie "I Can Only Imagine," and the guys were really touched by it. We've had several say they want to follow Jesus. Please keep the jail ministry in prayer.

Last newsletter I spoke about the 15-year-old, Xander Goodlance, who we are training with others to get ready for the Silver Gloves Boxing Tournament. He has a real shot at this. God has done much to bring about positive change in this young man's life. Please pray that he fully surrenders to Jesus, and boxing is just a tool that leads him into full transformation in Christ. The tournament is on the 22nd of this month, November.

Next month we have our **Christmas Outreaches** coming up. Here is a list of what will be going on:

- The women in our church will go in with me to share their testimonies with the ladies in jail on December 2nd. We will also be bringing in gifts of candy, socks, popcorn, reading material, etc. We would love to bring some gingerbread houses for them to decorate and could use your help! Details will be at the end of this newsletter.
- The men will do the same in the Men's jail on December 8th
- December 11<sup>th</sup> we have a Christmas dinner and outreach for the families of the students of our Oyate Hope Academy, which is our elementary and middle school.
- Lastly, we have a Kid's Bible Club outreach night, which will be similar to our summer Bible club, on the 15th.

Please pray for signs, wonders, miracles, and of course salvations. Turn over for info to give.

If you would like to contribute financially to these outreaches and the supplies needed, you can give directly to our church, The Recreation Worship Center via PayPal at <a href="mailto:donations@oglalarwc.org">donations@oglalarwc.org</a>.

## **Giving Information**

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