



On the Rez With The Moraleses December 2025

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all of you who partner with us in serving the Lakota tribe of Pine Ridge Reservation. I pray you guys had a great Christmas, ours was a little rough to be honest. Our 9-year-old, Everly, had the flu and I was also pretty sick. Crystal did her best to make the holiday enjoyable but only so much can be done when you feel physically miserable. It also made Everly's birthday, the 21st, a little tough as well. We also did our church Christmas play, and I'm very proud of my little girl. She played the prophetess Anna, and I played Simeon. She did an amazing job, remembered all her lines, in the middle of still feeling pretty weak. The play was great. All our kids did really good, and we had a nice Christmas gathering and birthday party after for Ev. We are thankful for my wife, Ev's strong mama, for helping us through it all, and putting the play together, and getting the church decorated. Thankfully Ev and I are all better now.

As far as all our Christmas outreaches, they all went really well. God is so good and many people were touched by him. For the outreach to the Lakota ladies in jail, 3 of our Lakota women from church, along with my wife, testified on how Jesus healed and transformed their lives. They gave powerful stories that made clear what the Gospel of Jesus Christ is, and how it is healing and transformative for all people. Afterwards they prayed for all 20 of the ladies who came. I could see lots of tears and joy that came through that time of ministry. Then they all decorated mini gingerbread houses, which I could clearly see was fun for most if not all, and received gift bags of candy, different snacks, socks and the Book of Hope. The Book of Hope puts all 4 gospels together in 1 and also has testimonies of people being set free from different things and healed by following Jesus. It was a really powerful time.

The women were so grateful for the gifts. A big thank you to all who gave towards those. The ladies also enjoyed the songs one of our ladies from the church, Heidi, led in. It was also cool to see how some of the younger women recognized and connected with two of our older Lakota ladies and got ministered to by them. Pray that those who gave their lives to Christ would continue to follow him and get connected to ours, or a church in general.

The outreach to the men in jail was very similar except there was only 6 of us instead of the 9 that went in to see the ladies. We also had to see 2 groups instead of 1 so we split the testimonies, but Lewis Crazy Thunder went twice.

The men of our Church also did a great job in expressing how Jesus transformed their lives. One of our pastors, Leon, led out in song and we gave out similar gift bags to all of the 30 plus men we saw.

Lewis did have to face some adversity with the second group. Part of his testimony was how he tried the different Lakota traditional practices to deal with his depression, alcoholism and drugs but they didn't help. This got one of the Lakota men pretty upset. It got to the point where it looked like a fight could break out. Lewis is also a combat veteran with some anger issues. In that moment, Pastor Eric and I were thinking the same thing. Do we step in or let Lewis handle it? We felt from the Lord, we need to let the Jesus in Lewis to show up, and He did. Lewis ended up apologizing for offending him, while making it clear he wasn't apologizing for the message of Jesus, and he shook the guy's hand, and they hugged. It was powerful for the men in that room to see. I used the situation to explain to them that these are the kinds of things that happen when the Spirit of God is in you. In your flesh, you want to do one thing, but the Spirit of God empowers you to show love instead and do what is right. It was a powerful time. Please keep the men who made decisions to follow Christ and that all the others would as well.

I will talk more about the other outreaches in the next newsletter, as well as our young boxer, Xander Good Lance. Have a grace and peace filled 2026!



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