

HOPE FOR THE HOME MINISTRIES

The James & Carol Martin Family

Home missionary/evangelists to the American Indians

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Dear Friends,

Many miles reveal the many mercies of our Lord. God has been faithful to go before us, with us, and best of all, within us! You have been faithful to pray and support us, and we look forward to letting you know how God is answering your prayers. Thank you for being such a part of our lives.

Our children honored us with a 25th Anniversary reception, which was attended by about 115 people. They wrote songs and a poem. Everyone made us feel so special, and we give God praise for sustaining our marriage through these years. There is indeed “Hope for the Home” in the Lord.

Our oldest son, Jason, returned from a fruitful and eventful missions trip to the Philippines. He is working the remainder of the summer as a minister of outreach in Roanoke, VA.



We were privileged to participate in the commencement and commissioning service at OBI, where two graduates have a special burden for the American Indians. Bro. Matt Cuny is from the Sioux tribe in South Dakota and feels the call to work with the Native tribes. Also Jared Myrick (soon to be married to Vicki) is called to Alaska and is preparing for this field of service. Please pray for these laborers who are like-minded.



You may have heard of the tragic school shooting recently on the Red Lake Chippewa Reservation in northern Minnesota that left 10 dead. Although we knew no one there, our hearts were stirred to go. The Lord spoke to my heart, *“Where the plow has gone deep, be there to plant the good seed.”* Through a miraculous chain of events, the Lord opened many doors for us there. God led me to a troubled 16 year old Chippewa boy, named Robert, the first day. He told me of the terrible depression and hopelessness that dominates his people. He shared with me his own frustration, and desire to escape. His heart was ready to receive the message of new life and hope through Jesus Christ. He wanted to pray through right there! I told him, “The news of death spread across the country, but news of your new birth has reached heaven today!”



*“Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
that ye may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost.”*

Romans 15: 13

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Andy invited me to his home for fried walleye and a Bible study. He was saved after a near-death drug experience with “bad meth.” Now he’s on fire for God! He boldly testifies of deliverance from drugs and alcohol. He told me of his struggle with another habit and asked for our prayers. He said that the Bible principles and practical steps I shared with him about overcoming habits gave him hope! He really wants to live in victory. What an encouragement to see a young man living for Christ on this reservation where the life expectancy for men is in the 30’s. Very few are known to be faithful to God and their family. I believe Andy will make a difference!!



We were invited to preach at a local church, ministered in home Bible studies, and helped in food and clothing distribution. Sister Martin comforted the mother of a boy who was injured in the school shooting.. He is really struggling with bitterness. There are so many unanswered questions and fears that these dear families grapple with.



I met a converted ex-medicine man, who told me that when God saved him, He wiped his mind clear of all the former chants, songs, and devilish practices he was involved in. Praise God, He is able to deliver.



{-- Pastor Tom Pollock invited us to minister in his church on the Red Lake Reservation. He has a real burden for them.

Pray for this church that is vigorously opposed in Ponemah, MN. -- }



This 3-generation picture is of a family in Ponemah, one of the neediest villages on the Red Lake Reservation. The church there has been burned down 6 times. The Indian religion is very militant here. The activities of the medicine man are aggressive. “Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound” (Romans 5:20).

Thank you for taking time to “look on the fields.” Please pray for our upcoming ministry to the remote villages in Alaska during August and September. God is already working wonders for this.

May God bless you and keep you in His tender care.

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