

MONTANA NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES NEWSLETTER



Our Mission Statement:

The Mission of the Montana Native American Ministries and Four Winds Ministry Center is to offer a higher purpose for living and equip lives by giving hope and an expected end through Jesus Christ.



Four Winds Ministry Center

Spring 2012

Ron and Kathy Countryman Honored by Boys and Girls Club of the Northern Cheyenne

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Objective Statement of Ministry:

Our goal is to serve as Christ did, outside the walls of the church, nurturing the whole being of those we serve.

“And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their pre-appointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us...”
Acts 17:26-27

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Missions Numbers:

MNAM/Ron and Kathy
Countryman: 065-0503

Four Winds Ministry Center:
753-0051-002

Foster Home/Justin
Countryman: 753-0051-021

Please refer to our website for frequently updated information concerning both Four Winds and MNAM:

www.fourwindsministrycenter.com



Ron and Kathy shaking hands with members of the Honor Dance, who danced for the Honor Ceremony.



Ron and Kathy with Lane Spotted Elk and Emma Harris, both employees of the Boys and Girls Club.

Pictured right:
Northern Cheyenne Dancer and Soldier.

Ron and Kathy Countryman were honored recently by the Boys and Girls Club of the Northern Cheyenne Nation.

Emma Harris commented about their long standing relationship and all the help Ron and Kathy have given over the years in the form of food, clothing, backpacks and school supplies, work groups, blankets, Christmas toys and other types of support. Emma also commented on how she can call the Ministry Center with any need she has and knows that they will always do their best to meet that need. The Countryman's consider this a true honor and one of the greatest moments of their life.



Thanks to Maranatha COG and Dan Wright, Beeville, Texas for all your help!!!

Flood Work Update:

We have put in over 1/4 mile of new fence and are rebuilding our walk-bridges that were destroyed in the flood.



Recent News

We would like to welcome the newest member of our Four Winds Staff! Jessica is from Virginia and has moved to Montana to help both at Four Winds and at the Foster Home! We are excited to have her and very thankful for the help and ministry she will add to Four Winds!



Jessica with Ron and Kathy.

Kim Countryman will soon be opening the doors of her home to two Native children that will live with her at Four Winds! We are very proud of Kim for doing this and are excited to hear the sounds of children daily at Four Winds Ministry Center! Please praise God with us for this awesome opportunity!



Shannlyn Spotted Elk was crowned the 2012 MSU Indian Princess! She is a former Four Winds Ministry Center camp attendee and subsequent member of the Camp Staff. We are very proud of Shannlyn and would like to congratulate her on her wonderful achievement! Pictured: Shannlyn with Tobie Countryman and her daughters Allisa, Madison, and Olivia.

Four Winds Tour!

On Tuesday, May 22nd, the Director and four staff members from the Northern Cheyenne Human Services will be taking a comprehensive tour of the Four Winds Ministry Center grounds and facilities. We are excited about the future ministry possibilities that will come about due to this tour! For updated information, please check the Four Winds website after May 23rd.

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We are deeply saddened by the passing of our long-time friend and supporter Larry Mattox. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Janet and family.

"We want to thank Woodland Family Worship Center of Woodland, CA and the Alabaster, AL COG for providing almost 600 Christmas gifts for children on the reservation."



Left to right: Christmas presents from Woodland Family Worship Center, Woodland, CA; Lane Spotted Elk unloading Christmas presents; Ron and Kathy with Boys and Girls Club Staff and men from Alabaster, AL.

News from Foster Home:

The Foster Home is doing well and thriving! We now have eight children, whose ages are 2, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 6, and 9. God has been absolutely faithful in providing for this home. The most pressing need is:

Propane tank filled

"A high school classmate and friend of Ron's donated funds to buy groceries and hundreds of dollars for new clothes to go to reservation children."



Left: Ron with groceries purchased for the Reservation.

Right: Ron and Kim at Big R purchasing new clothes.



From The Director's Desk

During the flood last year, we all knew God was speaking to us. At that time, we were waiting and listening. NOW WE KNOW!. After having the ministry center for 11 years, hosting various events: Youth Camps, Chaplain and Ministry Training, etc., we finally believe Four Winds has fully stepped into its Divine Purpose! We have all believed Four Winds Ministry Center had a much greater mission than holding summer camps, training sessions and hosting work groups. It IS a place of safety, rescue and healing (Isaiah 45:1). First, the Foster Home in Lame Deer became a reality for this ministry through Justin answering the call. Now, doors of opportunity are presenting us with Native American children needing a place of safety and healing away from the reservation. How do we know this is what God is speaking? **Because after years of us going to them – they are now coming to us!** We have not gone seeking these children; we are getting calls and requests to take them! Kim has recently accepted two Native American sisters here at Four Winds! Their mother asked us for a place of safety – a sanctuary for her loved ones to come to. Tim (our oldest son), his wife Tobie, and their three girls now have an open door to take an infant – and in a few short months another native baby – newborns whom they feel God has asked them to take in, protect, and provide for. This is in addition to the eight children Justin houses in the Foster Home in Lame Deer. NOW is when we need your help as never before. Finances are one thing there never seems to be enough of – from running the Foster Home in Lame Deer, to ministering to overwhelming needs that exist on the reservations, to our ministry opportunity to provide a place of refuge and hope to these little ones. We **WILL NOT** and **CANNOT** turn them away.

Ronald L. and Kathy Countryman, Founders of Montana Native American Ministries (est. 1975) and Directors of Four Winds Ministry Center