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#### 'COME FROM THE FOUR WINDS, O BREATH, AND BREATHE UPON THESE SLAIN, THAT THEY MAY LIVE.' EZEKIEL 37:9B

<u>Mission Statement</u> 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.

### Objective Statement of Ministry

We will strive in the power of the Holy Spirit to provide a place of shelter, of healing, and of safety to any and all the Lord brings into our path. We will minister with purpose and intent: constantly keeping our eyes on the time, seeking the lost before it is too late. We will strive to nurture the value that each and every individual has and to seek potential over problems, hearts over appearances, and relational bridges void of religious walls.

#### World Missions Project #'s

Ron and Kathy Countryman: 065-0503

Four Winds Ministry Center: <u>102-9542</u>

Justin and Jessica Countryman/Foster Home: <u>102-9564</u>

Special Needs: 102-9542-002







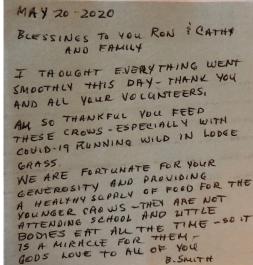
## ABOVE: JUNE FOOD DELIVERY TO PRYOR ON THE CROW RESERVATION BELOW: BACKPACK DELIVERY TO PLENTY COUPS HIGH SCHOOL







Above: Friends, neighbors and partners of Four Winds Ministries local ranchers Doug & Mary Lair donated 50 pounds of ground beef for the Crow people.



#### FOUR WINDS MINISTRY CENTER



PERTAINING TO THESE PICTURES - PLEASE READ CO-DIRECTOR'S DESK BELOW

#### FROM THE CO-DIRECTOR'S DESK

COVID-19 has brought many changes and challenges but also many more open doors of opportunity for us which we thank God for. Having to suspend all activities this summer at the Center is definitely a first for us. In 18 years of joyful, noisy, busy weeks; we didn't know what to expect, but we know our lives and times are in His hands. It has been a season of trust for sure. God has been so faithful to supply the needs that have increased as far as our outreach to the Crow and Northern Cheyenne people. Food delivery at Pryor has doubled and at times tripled. We are part of the "backpack program" and last month supplied the Crow children with 300 backpack items, meaning it is two days worth of healthy snacks and microwaveable meals in case there is no parent present over the weekend. We have also been helping two homeless shelters - one located in Lame Deer and one in Birney, we were also able to help some folks in Busby - all on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation. We have been helping Mary Walks Last, a grandmother trying to raise three of her grandchildren. We have supplied food, clothing, diapers, baby items and a rocking chair. Two of her older grandchildren attended youth camp at Four Winds until they got too old to attend. Also, we have been helping an acquaintance of ours - Sam Little Whiteman. We were able to supply a car that

was donated, a bed with bedding, food and firewood. He is a Christian man that has been hit hard with the usual circumstances that exist on any reservation. Unfortunately we can't and choose not to post these pictures online which always hurts our ministry to some degree. We want our partners and supporters to "see" what we are doing but it breaks our hearts to "display" these wonderful people in their times of need. It is a catch 22 of sorts. We'd like people to "see" and know but at what expense of dignity? An area of prayer and need are the homeless shelters in the two towns mentioned. They literally have nothing. We have supplied bedding, towels, hygiene items and food, but just last month they still didn't have a stove or fridge, table or chairs, sofa or any furniture. The residents who come and go sleep on the floor. Trying to get pictures of these things in front of these people is difficult. They have been exploited by whites for so long - it makes a difficult call. There is a lot more activity going on in our ministry but it isn't quite visible here or on the website. We try to respect those we serve by not featuring their condition so to speak. We all feel so honored to serve these Forgotten Americans and we pray always that God would be glorified in all of our efforts.

Thoughtfully, Kathy