

# Fire Team Outreach to Lakota Indians

It was a great honor to be a part of the Father's work going on in South Dakota with Life Extreme youth group. Pastor Billy Bob Burge looked at this challenge, met it head on, and came out having accomplished what we were sent to do. The road was bumpy (literally) but we overcame every obstacle and came out as witnesses of the power of a loving God. This is what we encountered.



There is too much to write as to what went on so I will focus on the ministry that went on from my perspective and personal experience. It was a privilege to be able to invest and mentor many volunteers who were on this trip and to exhort the body of Christ as a whole. My ministry partner and friend spent fruitful time with the Lord praying and worshiping to prepare for what God had in store for this mission adventure. He put within our hearts to really press the point of unity and strength in numbers. We had several times of sharing both personally and in groups how the power of the Holy Spirit is loosed when we pray and work together in unity. This became the theme of the entire event.

The day we ministered on the power of unity, the Lord had already begun to show this principle in action. We had prepared for a large block party with bounce houses, snow cones, popcorn drinks, and a huge skate competition at the skate park. We prayed that God would prepare the way for us to be able to carry out His plans successfully and our event was rained out! This seemingly was a disaster to those looking through the eyes of the flesh, but to those of us who trusted in the power of unity in the Spirit we knew God was up to something. Had it not rained out we would have never met two young men who more than TRIPLED the amount of people who showed up to the event. We were able to hold a contest the following day, our ministry team evangelized and prayed for the people, and it turned out to be a great success.

After the event was over we met with a 15 year old boy who had suffered with seizures since he was 7. We had the opportunity to encourage and pray for him. I discovered his skateboard was old and about to call it quits. It just so happened that a pastor had given me a brand new skate board and I had asked the Lord to make it easy for me to know who to give it to. He did. I asked him to wait for us to bring him a gift back and he did. By the time we got there it was dark but he was waiting. As I gave him the skate board I could see tears in his eyes. I let him know once again that God loved him so much that he sent us all the way from Texas to give him this skate board and share the Love of Jesus with him. I asked him if he had thought about what we had said while we were gone and if he was ready to commit

his life to the Lord. He said yes to both accounts. We led him in a prayer to receive Jesus. I then noticed his cousin who was not there earlier had been listening. I asked him the same question and he said that he just prayed to receive Jesus with us. Praise God! He had not smiled once while we talked with him until he received Jesus as Lord. He told his cousin that he had made a good decision today. I also gave him a bible because he didn't have one and I encouraged him to read his bible every day and he said he wanted to go home and start immediately.

We held a VBS camp out at Sharps Corner on the Indian Reservation each day. The first day was nearly impossible to find out where the kids lived because we had no one on the inside who knew the people. It just so happened that a man was walking by on his way to Wounded Knee, right where we were headed. When we picked him up we discovered he had grown up there and knew the entire history of the Lakota tribes. He personally showed us where to go and let us in. These homes were all gang controlled and each home was marked with gang signs. We were told not to go in to any of these places. With Thunder Horse helping us we were able to bring in over 60 kids the following day and the number just increased each day. God once again prepared the way for His kingdom to come. There were many decisions for Christ and a lot of love going out to the children. And the Kingdom was surely around us all at the event, including His ministering angels. . . . .

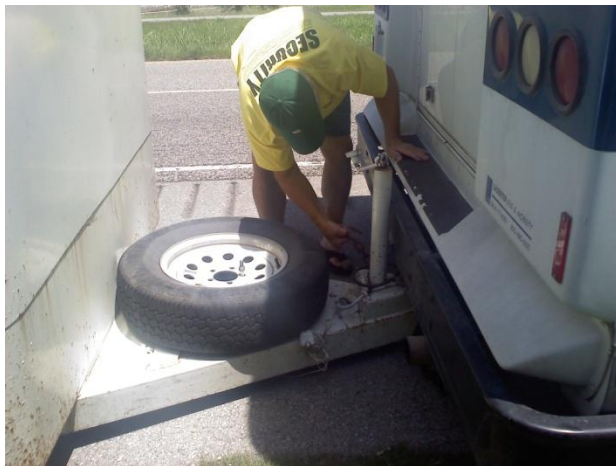
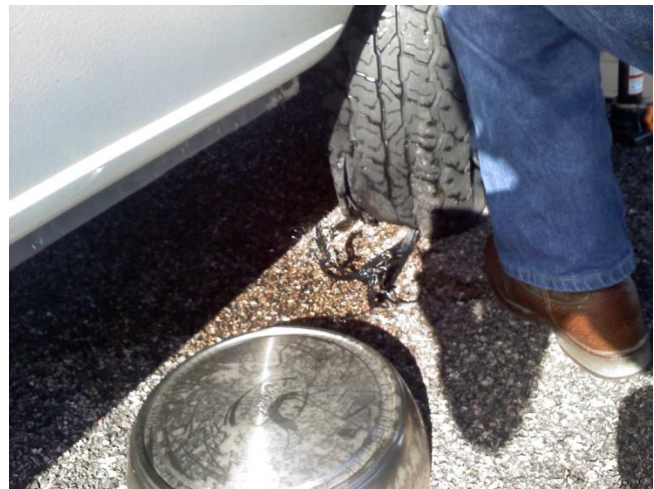


There were also some near death experiences that only the hand of God protected us from regarding the vehicles.



We counted NINE events that should have cost lives but He delivered us out of them all!

Our transmission went totally out on one of the vans which we had to leave in Rapid City. The church we stayed at has been praying for a van and they have a mechanic who will fix the van we had to leave for free. I believe God intended for them to have it and I believe they will.



All in all this trip as a great faith building event for everyone involved and many were touched by the power of God. Thank you Lord for all you have done. We give you all the praise for your leading and protection. Your blood makes all things possible.