



The Ministry of the Horse

A 501c3 non-profit charity

Pine Ridge Reservation Summer Camp

We left home for camp 'Chunka Waste' - The Good Road in the Badlands, on June 1, 2011. When we arrived after driving 2 long days we found the pasture for the horses to be lush and green. Providing them with a very welcome respite and rest from their travels before the children would arrive for camp. During this 5 week trip we would contend with poor roads, lack of cell phone/internet service, long distances to buy diesel or go to town, being out in the sun all day with no shade, showering in sandy water, and other inconveniences that seemed so trivial once we met the children. We were invited by Pastor Michael Brennan and his wife, Monica to come and help with the first year of their

summer camp. It was a huge success. We had between 36-55 children present each week and at last count over 40 professions of faith. The camp is for children ages 6-18 and is free. Each week we would have a church group come on mission to help us with the camp. I brought 3 of my horses and along with 1 of Pastor Mike's taught a horse riding program and Josh did sports; soccer, football, kickball, etc.. I also led a Bible study one night a week for the women and older teen girls. Three of the mothers also made professions of faith because they wanted what their children had received. I could not go and do the work God has called me to without the support of others both

financially and in prayer. Please pray about what part God wants you to have in this work. There are many needs but many hands make 'light' work.

PINE RIDGE RESERVATION STATS:

- 80% unemployment
- 50% of adults battle addiction or disease
- Poorest place in our nation.
- Suicide rate 150% of national average



Our mission is to:

- ♦ Carry the healing freeing gospel of Jesus Christ into the world by using horses and horse activities.
- ♦ Provide education and support resource information to those with special mental health or spiritual needs.
- ♦ Minister to the children and families of the Pine Ridge Reservation.

I am available to speak at church or group functions.

Testimonial

In May I led a service and received this in an email afterward: "I would like to thank you for the wonderful message you gave at Cowboy Church at the Many Cedars campground on

May 22nd. my 14 year old daughter and I were there. We were very enriched and filled by your message. You gave us the grace to be sinners, saved by the love of our Savior. Thank you.

I went into her room a few days later to find your hand -out taped to her mirror. You are sending out enduring roots. Thank you for touching my child with the Grace of God.."



Isaiah 58:14

then you will find your joy in the LORD, and I will cause you to ride in triumph on the heights of the land



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Ever get lost on the trail?



VETERINARY MISSION TRIP

I have just returned from a 10 day trip back to Pine Ridge with an awesome group of people, Christian Veterinary Missions. There is no veterinarian on the reservation and this precious group provides a reduced fee week long vet clinic. My friend Pam and I were the only non-vets on the trip. We were the cooks for the week and also registered the animals and had the great blessing of meeting and praying with many wonderful Lakota people. This was a full service clinic with spay and neuter services, vaccinations, check-ups, wound treatment, etc. for both small and large animals. They even treated a colt with large wounds that appeared to be made by a mountain lion. These services are all made possible by the generous donations of others.

Proverbs 12:10 The righteous **care for** the needs of their **animals** .

If you know someone who is "lost on the trail" or if you would like to support our ministry to help others, please send your **tax deductible** donation to:

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SADDLES FOR PINE RIDGE & VISION 2012



This is a picture of me with some of the children on the Pine Ridge Reservation. I took 7 saddles and an assortment of pads and girths to them on my trip in September. I am trying to take them at least 10 more on my trip next summer. There are some wonderful people on the reservation

working hard to make a difference in the lives of all the children there. I was blessed to ride one day on the Crazy Horse Memorial Ride for Veterans this past June and have been invited to come next year for the entire 4 day event and assist them. There are between 2-300 riders and at least 70-80% are children and teens. The Lakota are known as 'the people of the horse' and horses and horse activities are a very important part of their culture. I have also been invited to assist the tribal police with an event they do and help a local Lakota Pastor at his new church.

What a challenging and fun summer of 2012 God has in store for me. I am so blessed and God has enlarged my territory beyond my wildest dreams. **Ezekiel 34:6**

My sheep wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. They were scattered over the whole earth, and no one searched or looked for them.

