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Reaching The Lakota Nation Through Radio

South Dakota, USA



Heart Sounds International co-founder, Ken Davidson, recently launched a personal project on behalf of HSI, going to the most impoverished place in all of North America, the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation of the Lakota people in South Dakota. Ken set up a Christian radio station with his son Ian (pictured to the left) at the Pine Ridge Gospel Fellowship on the reservation.

This is the area of the Massacre of Wounded Knee, the decisive event of 1890 which marked the end of the Native American way of life in the United States, forcing Indians onto reservations. The results of the devastation, the wounds and more than a century of despair have been deplorable. The town has 80 percent unemployment and only \$4,000 per capita income; it has been ranked as the poorest of the 3000-plus counties in the United States and has the nation's lowest life expectancy. Some 60 percent live below the poverty level.



Just three miles south of Pine Ridge and across the Nebraska state line lies the infamous White Clay community, where a handful of families sell four million cans of beer annually to the nearby Lakota.



Ken (pictured on the right) helped start another local Christian radio station in that community which reaches the inmates in a nearby prison. The station is housed in the 555 Ministry founded by Bruce Bonfleur (pictured on the left) which is planted in the midst of the liquor stores. We trust that the station will help bring much needed light into the darkness.

The radio stations originated through the vision and generosity of Bonita Bush of Revival Reflections Ministry (pictured in the center).

YouTube: The Massacre of Wounded Knee



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Ata Jack, a Lakota Christian leader with the Pine Ridge Gospel Fellowship, oversees the radio station in Pine Ridge. On one of our visits he shared his powerful, yet disturbing, account of Wounded Knee on the site of the mass burial ground. You can listen to Ata by clicking on the following link: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_hLhVREA6zo

It is difficult to accept what our shared history has produced in the lives of the Lakota people. Yet, we believe that the impact of this history can be altered through Christ's reconciling love. It is our desire to create a new history with the Lakota people as we partner together in Christ's work.

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