

A Tribes' first Christmas - an Anointed Celebration



Having heard many stories of people growing up on reservations I think it appropriate to share a special story. Even today many of First Nations people living on reservations have no TV or radio for entertainment. Instead, they rely on passing down family stories. May this story bless you and remind you of the reason for the season.

In the early 20th century many folks living on reservations did not speak English. It was hard for the men to find jobs outside of the reservation because of the language barrier. However, there was one man that did learn English and had a day job in the outside town. When the season of Christmas approached he described what he had seen. He told the people that in the outside world there was a celebration that went with something called *Christmas*. The reservation people gathered and decided that they too would celebrate.

The tribe did not have a community building so they met outside, in the evening, in a place where the people would gather. This was a major event and all the community was very excited. There was cheer, friendships, and the sharing of what little provisions each family could share. The real reason the tribe remembered this night was the tribal Christmas tree. Actually it wasn't really a tree, it was a decorated Manzanita bush with colored ribbons on the branches, lighted by surrounding campfires and twinkling stars.

Today as families of this tribe gather around a fur tree that has plastic decorations and twinkling electric lights, the Elders will stare at the tree and remember back to a simple Manzanita bush tied with colored ribbons. They will tell of how in the dead of winter, in the darkness of night, to a simple isolated village of people the Word finally arrived:

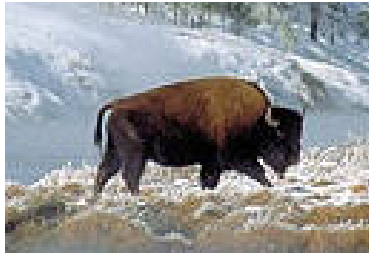
"I bring you tidings of great joy"



*To all of our First Nations friends and partners in this ministry:
Glory to God in the Highest! And on earth Peace, Good Will Toward Men!*



The Buffalo Blessing *"Abundance"*



The buffalo is considered by many tribes to be a symbol of abundance; for the meat of the buffalo fed the people; the hides provided clothing and shelter, and the bones and sinew provided tools of survival. "Buffalo Medicine" means to bring a special honor, reverence or appreciation for all things that have been provided to us.

Our Creator God (John 1:1-4; Gen 1:1) came down to earth and was made into flesh and dwelt among us as a member of the Hebrew tribe (John 1:14). His tribal name was Yeshua. While on earth He taught words of wisdom, wholeness, peace and abundance (John 10:10).

It is not an accident that an associate, Ch. Sharon Carpenter and I were blessed by the Four Winds Circle in a men's prison recently with their buffalo head during the Pipe Ceremony. The buffalo head is only brought out for special occasions. Our presence was their special occasion. The head was passed around the circle for all to be able to touch if they desired. This reminded me so much of the time I attended a service at a Messianic Jewish Synagogue in Dallas. The Torah (Holy book) is passed around much in the same fashion for the people to touch and be blessed.

It is our prayer that when we go into prisons we can bring "Buffalo medicine" to the incarcerated. This "medicine" is a life of abundance that can start right now; any where you are - even for the incarcerated! The Bible tells about Joseph enjoying blessings and was a most honored man. Joseph had "Buffalo medicine" and shared it with everyone in prison. He was so respected for his wisdom that in one day he went from being in prison to become the second most powerful man in all of Egypt! (Genesis 40 & 41) All Joseph did was live by the words of the Creator and had a relationship with God! He also had a positive, thankful attitude in everything he was assigned to do, especially while in prison.

As we enter into the Christmas season, let us all be thankful for everything we have. Let everything we do be for the glory of God – for Yeshua is coming back very soon indeed. The nations of the world and the Jews are in agreement that the time is near. Be thankful that He loved us so much that he covered our sins once and for all. And to all that look for and are expecting Him, He will come again - **Hebrews 9:28**.

This is good medicine!



News from the Navajo Nation

Members of the Christian Motorcyclist Association travel to Sanostee, NM

For over nine years, Craig Carpenter and Keith Tunnell have gathered up food, clothing, toys and their friends for a special Christmas time mission trip to the Sanostee area of the Navajo Reservation. This year Craig's group will leave Gainesville, Texas, for the 15 hour+ trip on December 16th. The motorcycles will have to be left behind as the group trailers a cargo too large for the scooters.

With hearts bigger than their machines, these folks will bring smiles to so many kids that would otherwise have no toys for Christmas this year. The group works closely with Pastor Rick Begay at the Sanostee Mesa Baptist Church.

Below are pictures from Harold Carey Jr. They are of happy Navajo children at a celebration. However, these kids are not the norm on the reservation. Most live in a Hogan (a small log cabin) with no electricity, running water and a dirt floor. This also



means no TV or computer games. What better way to share the love of Christ than a special toy at Christmas time.

Other members of the CMA are supporting Craig's efforts.

If you feel lead to sow a seed into this worthy mission you may send your tax-deductible

donation to the *Sanostee Mesa Baptist Church, P.O. Box 2727, Shiprock, NM, 87420*, and note

"Christmas mission". Pastor Rick and Craig will use 100 % of your money for these lovely people.



The Christian Motorcyclist Association is an international ministry whose mission is to "*Change the world, one heart at a time*". Something tells me there will be many hearts changed on this mission. Let us all pray for their safe trip and a bountiful harvest!



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