

December 07, 2018

I hope that this letter finds all doing well this Christmas Holiday Season. Paula and I are doing well and looking forward to enjoying this special time of the year as we celebrate the birth of our Savior the Lord Jesus Christ. Along with Christmas greetings, I wanted to send some updates of recent events.

In September, I traveled to Webster, SD where I preached a revival that was hosted by Bro Steve Osage and the Dakota Baptist Convention. It was a great time of sharing fellowship, encouragement, and the Word of God. Pray for SD, the winters are long, fellowship is at a premium and their service sometimes goes unnoticed. May God bless those who serve in pioneer mission fields!

I traveled along with one of our network partners, Pathfinders Ministry, MS, Dir. Bro Hubert Ladner to Choctaw country in SE OK. I introduced Pathfinders to a Christian Camp, Bro Jerry Thomas Director, as together they made plans for some construction projects to take place next spring. This is a camp located among the tall pines of SE, OK that ministers to many youth, a high percentage being Native kids.

In October, I met with Bro Huron Claus, C.H.I.E.F. org. and representatives from Samaritan's Purse in Albuquerque, NM to discuss future plans of extending Operation Christmas Child to the Native Children throughout the United States and the role that I and FoNAC could contribute. This was a wonderful time learning more of this organization and their vision of reaching the Native children of the USA with the Gospel presentation of OCC.

I preached 3 revivals: 2 nights, Belvin Baptist, Okmulgee, OK; 4 nights in Hanna FBC, Hanna, OK; and 2 nights and Sunday am in Oakland, CA, Pastor Shawney Hardridge. It was a pleasure being back in Oakland after many years. I shared the ministry of FoNAC and led an afternoon session regarding Native Worldview, the importance of maintaining doctrinal purity while being culturally relevant to Native culture without "syncretism", (mixing religion with Christianity). Sunday morning we were blessed to be joined in worship by a congregation of South Pacific Islanders that blessed us with wonderful songs, later we enjoyed food and fellowship. *Please pray for the ministry among the Native people of CA, the harvest is great, the laborers are few!*

November, slowed down but I did preach a revival in SE OK among the Choctaws. The Lord spoke to hearts and gave encouragement to all those in attendance. On Tuesday night a 12 year old girl who had been having some difficult life struggles received Christ, glory and praise to God.

Please join FoNAC in praying for the development of a partnership with the First Nations People and the Canadian Southern Baptist. Initial communication has included a conference to take place next summer near Calgary, Canada. The goal would be to establish a working relationship with Native people of the lower 48 and the First Nations People. Talks are in very early stages, if this would become reality, it would be a God-sized task, but what an opportunity to see God move among our Native Nations!

FoNAC, in partnership with NC & TN delivered 500+ gifts to some of the Native Congregations in western OK and some in eastern OK. May God bless everyone who made this possible, Thanks so much!

I want to extend my heart-felt appreciation for all of you who pray for FoNAC and for the contributions that you have made financially and prayerfully.

May God Bless You, Each and Everyone in the wonderful Name of Jesus...Merry Christmas!

Brother Gary Hawkins

(II Corinthians 9:15)

