

HE SAPA NEW LIFE NATIVE MINISTRIES

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Isaiah 43:19 “See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

He Sapa New Life Native Ministries had an outstanding year! Over 250 traditional people have accepted Christ as their Savior. At least 40 have already been baptized with more planned for “the river” immersion experience in August.

Believers are growing in their knowledge and understanding of being a disciple of Christ after turning their backs on their old, animistic spiritism ways to follow Jesus. What a joy to hear their testimonies of transformation of new life in Christ!

Recently, an entire extended family accepted Christ and left behind their traditional ways. Ten of these were baptized in one day, standing strong against opposition of traditional family members.

Men’s Ministry is flourishing. Each month women in the community gather to hear what God can do for them. During prayer time, tears flow as the men come to terms with their need for Jesus.

Women’s Ministry is also going strong with weekly meetings, devotions, and quilting lessons. Eagerly the women wait for testimony and prayer time. They express such joy when their prayers for jobs, healings, and family concerns are answered!

Five of our young adults are currently in ministry preparation, with 3 more planning to start training within the next few months. One teenager, already an integral part of the ministry, is eagerly waiting his opportunity to begin ministry preparation as well.

Our church building in Rapid City is bursting at the seams! Our small chapel is full every Sunday and we desperately need space for more chairs, small group activities, offices, and an after-school program.

Plans are underway to build a 6600 sq ft building. This Family Life Center will allow more people to attend church and expand our ministry.

This building will be built entirely by volunteer teams and funded entirely through designated donations. We need \$150,000 to begin construction this summer! The plans are being finalized this week, teams are scheduled to arrive in June, yet we still lack necessary funds. Please prayerfully consider how you can help. Please contact us at the phone or email address above for more information.

At our satellite church on the Pine Ridge Reservation, doors are opening and teens are coming to Christ. Our strongest area of ministry there is among the youth.

At Lakota Chapel in Pierre, the ministry is moving forward with the establishment of an Advisory Committee, under the leadership of Pastors Tito and Cheryl Arguello. This has created great excitement among the church body- they are showing indications of ownership and input. The vision statement they developed is “Living for God, Loving God, Learning of God, to Reach All People”. Recent flute lessons were well attended and the students demonstrated their new skill with a presentation on Sunday morning.

At Wiconi Teca Fellowship in Mission, SD (Rosebud Reservation) the Trennepohls have laid a solid foundation upon which to build a church- both in the physical structure as well as spiritually. Their church body has grown to a faithful group of 22. The people are beginning to show participation and ownership of the church responsibilities. Their members were especially thrilled to participate in the Community Bible Experience. It has been an absolute thrill to see six tables of believers thoroughly engaged in listening to audio while reading their personal copy.

This summer will be busy with construction and summer outreach events across western SD.

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The Holy Spirit is constructing a new day for the ministries here! Thanks for your prayers. Please pray, give, and support as God gives the increase.