

Native American Notes:

The problems, solutions, and current activities...

1. Less than 5% of Native American consider themselves “Born Again Christians” because most Native Americans believe that White European Christians when settling here, did more religious harm than good.
 2. Because of the unbiblical “co-mingling” of Christian faith and European cultural behaviors, the so called “civilizing of savages” robbed the Indians of healthy identity and community values.
 3. Many are stuck in a bitter mindset from unresolved broken covenants and the genocide of millions of indigenous people.
 4. The US government reserves 621 million acres for federal land. To this day only 16 million acres are reserved as Native land while 80 million for parks and 200 million acres are reserved for national preservation of forestry. (trees are more valuable than Indians).
 5. While celebrating the land run, Oklahoma continues to disrespect one of the last legal covenants of protected land. This land was marked as the final home after the trail of tears where thousands died from an in humane march away from their more desirable homelands.
 6. In 1839 The Cherokee nation’s removal treaty promised uninterrupted sovereignty over land in Oklahoma but soon was nullified in the 1889 land run. After this “grand bureaucratic theft”, Oklahoma became a state in 1907.
 7. Land is considered “on loan from God” and sacred by all Native indigenous people, while the “white European capitalists” consider it a commodity to be bought and sold.
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Solutions:

1. Start a small group ministry and mission outreach in Enid. Study basic Christian doctrines as it relates to this ministry.
2. Hold monthly meetings from members who wish to earn the right to speak into the lives of Native Americans.
3. Create an environment to educate people about indigenous history and way of life.

4. Build a small part of the youthfield in east Enid for a small annual local (Christian based) pow wow, Including tipi, lodge, etc
 5. Explore the possibility of a non profit organization with Native American officers and possible grants.
 6. Attend state wide events and raise funds for mission giving to adopt a small group at a reservation territory, tribes or specific needs.
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Current activity to look into:

1. Christmas presents for Native students at Riverside school. Visit Anadarko museums and points of interest.
2. Pow wows in Ponca city, stroud, okc, bixby, etc
3. Monthly meeting second Tuesday at NOTA building in Enid?

List of reservations in oklahoma _____

Pow wows _____

Other ministries _____

Possible members:

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Jay, Jill, Jo	Billy T	