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**'COME FROM THE FOUR WINDS, O BREATH, AND BREATHE UPON THESE SLAIN,  
THAT THEY MAY LIVE.' EZEKIEL 37:9B**

### Mission Statement

The Mission of the Montana Native American Ministries and Four Winds Ministry Center is to offer a higher purpose for living and equip lives by giving hope and an expected end through Jesus Christ.

### Objective Statement of Ministry

We will strive in the power of the Holy Spirit to provide a place of shelter, of healing, and of safety to any and all the Lord brings into our path. We will minister with purpose and intent: constantly keeping our eyes on the time, seeking the lost before it is too late. We will strive to nurture the value that each and every individual has and to seek potential over problems, hearts over appearances, and relational bridges void of religious walls.

### World Missions Project #'s

Ron and Kathy Countryman:  
**065-0503**

Four Winds Ministry Center:  
**102-9542**

Justin and Jessica  
Countryman/Foster Home:  
**102-9564**

## REMEMBERING THE GOODNESS OF GOD!



We want to thank our Big Timber church family for helping us cut and split firewood for reservation distribution!



Tim Countryman has delivered 6 loads of firewood to the Crow and Northern Cheyenne Reservations. This is a total of 27,200 pounds of firewood which went to 16 families!

*Thanksgiving  
Drive-Thru Meal*

**Boys & Girls Club of the  
Northern Cheyenne Nation  
November 24th, 2020  
12:00pm - 3:00pm**

*Follow CDC Guidelines;  
Wear your mask, stay in your vehicles  
& be cautious*

*Sponsored by: Boys and Girls Clubs of the Northern Cheyenne Nation, St. Labre Indian School, Ron & Kathy Countryman, Convoy of Hope, Montana Food Bank, and the Northern Cheyenne Tribe*

**Thank you to Pastor John Farnes and Family Church from Laurel, MT for donating 30 cases of meat and cheese for the reservations!**

**\*PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE PHOTOS & INFO! \***



**Left:** Our friends, Ben & Lana from AL, delivering 7,600 pounds of new clothing, humanitarian needs and giving a huge boost to our food bank. **Right:** Packing boxes for our monthly delivery to Pryor - Crow Reservation



**Far left:** Emergency delivery to the Northern Cheyenne Reservation (see attached letter)

**Left:** John & Romeo - 2 National Guardsmen in Lame Deer helping during the Covid-19 dilemma.



Snow begins in Big Timber on November 8th, 2020!



Ron & Kathy and volunteers who deliver much needed supplies to homes and families in desperate need.

### FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

We are most grateful to God and thankful to our supporters for their generous giving to this ministry. Our food, firewood, new clothing and blankets have brought smiles and comfort to so many. Also, the homeless shelter in Lame Deer (the shelter in Birney has closed) has been the recipient of so much because of your generosity. God's best to all of you during this Holiday Season.

In His Service,  
Ronald L. Countryman

Greetings in the Precious name of Jesus Christ!

I am a member of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe in Lame Deer, MT and we are in desperate need of humanitarian aid to the Northern Cheyenne Reservation in Lame Deer, MT dealing with the deadly corona virus!!

The Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation is home of the federally recognized Northern Cheyenne tribe. Located in southeastern Montana, the reservation is approximately 690 square miles in size and home to approximately 5,000 Cheyenne people. Lame Deer, MT is the Capitol of the Northern Cheyenne Nation. Website: [cheyennenation.com](http://cheyennenation.com)

On August 23, 2020 there was an EXECUTIVE ORDER declared by the President of the Northern Cheyenne tribe of EXTREME STATE OF EMERGENCY due to the rapid community spread of the Corona Virus.

Since this has been in place, there has been a total of 23 deaths and counting daily with 60% of those dying of the COVID-19 Virus and 20 plus people being hospitalized. As of today there is about 10% of the people who have tested positive of the virus.

The hospitals are 100+ miles from the reservation which is an extreme hardship on the families.

There is NO adequate facilities for a quarantine area and to be manned. Many of the health professionals and tribal employees are testing positive for the corona virus, which in turn limits the hands that are needed to assist the sick and normal operations of the said facilities.

There are many reasons of the spread. There is a widespread of poverty, poor health care, diabetes, cancer, drug and alcohol addictions are high among the people, homelessness, multiple families in a single dwelling, many homes have no water, sewer issues and crimes being committed with only 1-2 police officers able to respond to a large area and no jail facility on the reservation. Some of these crimes are rape and murder. Montana is also one of the highest rates of suicide in the the nation.

This deadly virus is taking the lives of many of our elders who carry our language and knowledge of the Cheyenne people. Our people are hurting with a death occurring everyday with many being closely related. The people are hopeless, devastated, in a constant time of mourning, grieving, traumatized, angry and hostile, Basically an atmosphere of lateral oppression that is raging out of control.

If there is anyway your organization can help out with this epidemic would be greatly appreciated.