



Native Sons

Equipping Native Pastors to reach Native Americans

PASTOR DR. MARRLES MOORE

They call themselves "Warriors of the Cross." They spoke of sacrifice, honor, courage, faithfulness, and of seeking God. They are the Indians who gathered from across the nation to attend the Native American Convocation of the Assemblies of God this May. I experienced God's presence with them in a way that I rarely experience elsewhere.

Wednesday night was the parade of nations and the honoring of the elders. The voice of Pastor John Maracle, Chief of the Native American Fellowship, quavered with emotion as he spoke personalized words to each of the elders for their faithful years of service. Medals of honor, the highest token of honor, were placed around the elders' necks and again and again the words were repeated, "those who served faithfully are worthy of double honor... we love you... tonight we honor you..." **Honor was bestowed in a rare and meaningful way.**

Dr. Marrles Moore, born in 1922, was honored for 64 years of ministry among the Native Americans. He said, "I have loved the Pentecostal church longer than some of you have been alive. I was born in a tent on the Rosebud Reservation. I have not liked camping since."

He spoke of seeking God at the outset of his ministry with a time of prayer and

fasting at the edge of the Pacific Ocean where he could hear the waves rolling in. He said, "God I want to know." Then, "the noise of the waves stopped for me. I stood there in total silence. Then I heard the voices of 3 little boys crying.. Then it was all over. I said, 'God is that all?' I walked away overcome by disappointment and said, 'If that is all, then I will learn what you mean.' "

"I returned to the Rosebud Reservation.



Pastor John Maracle & Dr. Marrles Moore

It was cold, it was winter time. As I walked past the jail, a place we called the Heartbreak Hotel (there is a song written about it), I heard 3 boys crying. They were sitting on an old sheepskin coat eating some crusty, dry bread crying. I helped them what I could. I gave

them some money and told them what to do with it and to go home. **I am still there."**

Dr. Moore went on to describe finishing a church/ministry building, the first ever without outside help—a state of the art facility. He spoke of a desire to see lost Natives recovered and to see his people empowered.

He said, "I have experienced a lot of trouble because I am an Indian. I sound like an Indian, I walk, talk, think and feel like an Indian. But I do not really feel like an Indian. Do you know what I feel like? I feel like a born-again, blood-washed, Spirit-filled son of God! Because that's what I am!"

As a result of meetings that Dr. Moore had with the Governor of South Dakota, the Governor declared, "For 200 years we have been hurting Indians. They have been running for their lives. This is no way to do it (ease relationships between Indians and others). They have to be treated like people."

It is a reasonable request: to be empowered and to be treated like people.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE

May and June have been hectic! John traveled to three different district councils as well as to Montana for his first Native American convocation.

Additionally, Levi was married to Alicia Reuter on Saturday June 17 and John performed the ceremony. Four days later, we packed Levi and Alicia's truck and they began making their way back to South Carolina where Levi is stationed. Levi has successfully completed the book-learning part of nuclear mechanics and is about to begin working on actual

reactors as the next part of his training.

Caleb would like everyone to know that he is now a teenager. He celebrated his 13th birthday on June 9th. We appreciate your prayer support!

Theresa and Caleb are both out of school for the summer. Although New England Christian Academy offered Theresa a contract for next year and she enjoyed her ministry there, she has decided not to return due to the far commute as well as wanting to be able to move without

contract constraints as soon as we raise our full budget. We welcome hearing from you and appreciate your prayers and support!



The Floods & Reuters

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- We are now at app. 40% of our monthly support
- Our friend Ramsi Souri has created a web-site for us. Check it out at: b4nativeamericans.org
- We couldn't handle dial up anymore. We have a new internet server. Please note our e-address change!

PRAYER POINTS

- Raising prayer & financial support
- Safe travel
- Levi & Alicia as they begin married life together.

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