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Galatians 5:13

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MEETING NEEDS & BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

Current Happenings

December 1-3, 2012: Wake and funeral services held for local teen Shauntae Marks. The wake was held Saturday and Sunday night at 7:00 PM each night with the funeral on Monday at 10:00 AM.

November 15-18, 2012: International Conference on Missions (ICOM) was held in Indianapolis Indiana. DWM sent a delegation made up of 25 individuals. This group of 11 adults and 14 youth made the almost 15 hour journey to represent DWM at ICOM. Many local youth and adult from the community participated. Thank you to all the churches and individuals in Indiana for feeding and housing our group!

October 19-26, 2012: Kingsway Christian Church, Avon, IN arrived and worked to serve the community by winterizing windows in FT Thompson as well as took gift bags to Mary Manor apartments, a local subsidized apartment complex.

October 4-20, 2012: Rod, OK. Larry and Andrew Thomas completed the second half of Northwest School of Missions speaking tour. They focused on churches in Oregon and Northern California.

September 22-29, 2012: First United Methodist Church of Appleton WI arrives on September 22. This construction group focused on the duplex addition project. The exterior walls were raised while they were here.

September 15-October 4, 2012: Northwest School of Missions speaking tour. Dave and Vicki traveled through Wyoming, Montana and Washington speaking to Churches about Diamond Willow Ministries and encouraging churches to stay involved in missions.

September 1-2, 2012: Rod taught a hunter's education / firearm safety course at the IOCC.

August 24-26, 2012: Annual DWM Board of Directors Meeting held onsite at the Ikce Oyate Christian Center (IOCC).

August 17-19, 2012: Crow Creek pow wow is held at Fort Thompson. The DWM tent was set up at the powwow. Free pancake breakfasts were served as well as free ice water and coffee all weekend long. We were blessed with very good weather for the entire weekend. A worship service was held under the tent on Sunday morning after breakfast was served. Thank you to those that came and helped serve.

August 6, 2012: Shawna Kelly leaves for home.

July 30- August 2, 2012: Junior Camp NebWyoDak was held in the Black Hills. Dave, Big Aaron and Shawna went as counselors. Morgan went as an assistant counselor this year. This year 14 students went to camp.

July 27-29, 2012: Big Bend Powwow held in the Big Bend district of the Crow Creek Sioux Reservation. The DWM tent was set up at the powwow and attended. Free pancake breakfasts were served as well as free coffee and ice water all weekend long.

July 23-30, 2012: Antioch Baptist Church (ABC), Waynesville, NC arrives. ABC spent their time working on a home in the Fort Thompson community. They removed and re-sided the entire house. Repaired one external wall as well as the roof. Replaced the entire ceiling in two rooms that had been damaged by rain. A local

family has been waiting for years to move into this home...now they are very close to realizing that dream. Thank you ABC for another great week!!!!

July 22-27, 2012: Junior High Camp NebWyoDak was held in the Black Hills. Vicki went as the only counselor for this group of seven students.

July 22-30, 2012: Two (2) teens traveled to inner-city Cincinnati along with a group from Mason City Church of Christ as part of a mission trip team. The teens operated through a local Cincinnati church and worked primarily with children.

July 23, 2012: Shawna Kelly arrived at diamond willow for a one month stay. While here Shawna spent one week at camp NebWyoDak with elementary age students. After camp Shawna worked with local girls and teens here at DWM teaching biblical principals using dance. At the end of Shawna's stay the girls performed for for parents and community members. Thank you Shawna for spending your time with the youth and teens here!

July 21-28, 2012: Ringgold Church of Christ (RCC) focuses on the youth of the community. The days were filled with many youth enjoying one-on-one time, crafts, games, fishing and more. At the end of the week RCC set up a huge carnival at the IOCC complete with hot-dogs, slushy drinks, water slides, rock climbing walls. Thank you RCC for a wonderful week!

June 17-26, 2012: Kairos North America arrived. This all female team spent the majority of their time working with youth in the community; teaching and building relationships. In addition, the group began the first phase in a restoration effort meant to restore a vacant farm house to livable conditions. They hauled away old furniture and junk out of the house. Removed and trimmed trees as well as mowed the grass.

June 5-6, 2012: Diamond Willow's fourth annual Missouri River hike was held June 5 and 6th. We had 14 young men and three adults take this year's challenge of over 40 miles in just two days. There were a lot of blistered feet and sore muscles but everyone had a good time. The highlight for the kids was finding a human skeleton. The first any of them had seen. It is likely an old Arikara bundle burial that the high water from last summer unearthed.

June 1, 2012: Randy & Zoe (from Tomoka Christian Church, FL) along with two grand kids stopped by with items for the food pantry.

May 31, 2012: Big cookout at IOCC. About thirty (30) people gathered for grilled paddle-fish and hot dogs.

May 27, 2012: A small group gathered at the river to witness a Teen being baptized.

May 25-28, 2012: Clear Lake Church of Christ, Clear Lake, IA arrives May 25. Clear Lake group worked with youth during their stay. On Sunday DWM along with Clear Lake hosted a barbeque complete with burgers and hotdogs at a local park. Thank you Clear Lake Church of Christ.

May 25, 2012: Cricket (Melinda Perry) and her father (Rob Perry) stopped in at DWM for a two-day post college graduation visit. We've missed you Cricket!

May 20 - 26, 2012: First Christian Church (FCC), Richland, MO arrived and worked with youth in the community: fishing & swimming with youth, and spending afternoon and evening hours with the teens. This group also helped local youth prepare and perform at the annual Community Talent Night held at DWM. Additionally FCC helped redesign and build a new portion of the horse fence. This was FCC's first time to Diamond Willow. Great job FCC!

May 19 - 24, 2012: Auburn Christian Church, Auburn, NE focused primarily on the youth of the community: fishing & swimming with younger youth, and spending afternoon and evening hours with the teens. The group also helped local youth prepare and perform at the annual Community Talent Night held at DWM. Their mornings were spent cleaning the IOCC and moving some construction material to storage. Thank you Auburn Christian Church!

May 18, 2012: Last day of school for Crow Creek Tribal Schools.

May 6, 2012: Teen is baptized in the river Sunday afternoon. All basement wall-form bracing was removed by large group after church.

May 1, 2012: Inauguration event was held for the new tribal chairman and tribal council at the Crow Creek High School gym.

April 30 - May 7, 2012: Current Christian Church from Katy, TX arrived. Current worked to repair a concession stand at the Fort Thompson Pow Wow grounds that had been previously broken into. Some of the team Members worked directly with Hope Missions on the basement foundation while others kept the food prepared

in the kitchen for both groups. In addition the Current Christian group cleaned and organized areas of the IOCC in preparation for summer work groups.

April 28 - May 5, 2012: Hope Missions worked on the basement portion of the new duplex addition. Monday HM formed and poured the footings. Tuesday the floor area was prepared as well as a pad in front of the IOCC offices. Wednesday both the floor and the pad were completed. Thursday HM begins building lite form walls for the basement walls to be poured. Friday morning HM and many others worked through the rain to finish forming and bracing for the walls. At 1:00 the concrete truck and pump truck arrived and the walls were completed. HM also built a back porch on a local house here in the community.

April 26 - 29, 2012: Jon and Wilbur from Huron arrive to relocate sewer lines and dig foundation for new duplex addition. Thank you both for your hard work and dedication to this project.

March 24-30, 2012: Blue Ridge Christian Church work group arrived. They work at the Boys and Girls Club, building a partition and reception counter. Did lots of cleaning and organizing. They also did several kids programs during the week, ranging from younger kids on Sunday through teens on Wednesday. Thanks for all of your hard work Blue Ridge!

March 17-25, 2012: Students from Ozark Christian College in Joplin, Missouri arrived on March 17th. Lead by Joe Murphy and his wife Kristen, as well as Melinda "Cricket" Perry. The Ozark Christian College team specifically targeted the teens in challenging them to grow in their personal relationships with God and to persevere in their faith. Thank you Ozark Christian College group for spending your Spring Break serving the Lord here at DWM.

March 4, 2012: Rod, Val and children traveled to Sioux Falls to speak at Oakwood Park Christian Church (OPCC) in Sioux Falls, SD. Rod spoke to the High School/Adult Sunday School classes and during the OPCC Worship Service.

March 2-3, 2012: Dave, Vicki, Doug and Carla traveled to Spearfish, SD to attend a leadership couples retreat. The retreat, put on by the Northern Plains Evangelistic Association, was designed for ministers, elders, deacons and their wives. The primary purpose was to discuss "Developing a Functional & Biblical Leadership Team."

March 2-3, 2012: 14 DWM Youth and 5 sponsors traveled to Sioux City, IA area to attend the Sergeant Bluff Table Tennis Tournament. This event provided a friendly atmosphere for the DWM group to test their ping pong skills. Congratulations to all the youth and adults who won trophies. A special thanks to the Winnebago Tribe and Ho-Chunk Inc. for providing the hotel rooms, meals and hospitality!

February 29, 2012: Blizzard conditions at DWM. Approximately 8" of snow with drifts waist-high. Wednesday night bible study canceled.

February 19, 2012: DWM sponsors and promotes an Ice Fishing Tournament. 17 fishermen showed up for the fishing and chili afterwards.

February 18, 2012: About 30 youth participated in a fun event that included making homemade pizza, ice-fishing, bonfire with hotdogs and s'mores.

February 15, 2012: Several DWM staff and volunteers received a free half day training on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). We learned about the disabilities and impairments FASD causes as well as some practical tools we can use to help us teach children with FASD.

February 14, 2012: DWM set up a booth at the Healthy Heart program held at the Community Center. The program was set up by Indian Health services to promote a healthy start for babies. All the mothers of the 55 babies born in 2011 were invited to come and learn and enjoy a free meal. DWM provided free lap quilts, scarves, hats and gloves, bible gift bags, underwear, cloths and coloring books.

January 27-28, 2012: Nine DWM youth and 3 sponsors traveled to Kimball, MN to the annual SnoFeast Youth Rally. Thank you Kimball Church of Christ for the invitation!!

January 6-7, 2012 Rod and Dave took four youth to visit Summit Christian College in Gering, Nebraska. They took Shane, Little Aaron, Defond and Jacob to visit the college (almost 400 miles away). The college had extended a challenge called "Ascend the Summit" for Shane. They held a contest where a Diamond Willow Advocate would "pled" Shane's case before a panel and the panel would pick the most deserving recipients of a one year full-ride scholarship. Shane was chosen to receive the scholarship!

December 19-20, 2011: DWM set up Pinewood Derby construction at the Ft Thompson Community Center for these two days. DWM helped youth make about 30 cars in order to get ready for the big race on December 30th.

December 16-17, 2011: Diamond Willow sponsored Table Tennis tournament held at Lower Brule Community Center Facility. Thank you to Joel Bich and Rich Vaughn for planning this very successful event!

December 11, 2011: DWM held their annual Christmas program including a bonfire at 5PM. Kids roasted hot dogs and marshmallows.. The children's Christmas play program followed. You can view the videos at Christmas Party Part#1.

December 10-13, 2011: DWM sponsored meals for the Dakota Reconciliation Ride. Beginning in Lower Brule, SD and ending 330 miles east at Mankato, MN, the ride honors the 38 + 2 Dakota, hung in the largest mass execution in U.S. history on December 26, 1862. The official ride website describing the journey and history can be located at <http://www.dakota382008.com/dakota38.htm>. A website containing a trailer for a documentary on the Reconciliation Ride can be found at <http://smoothfeather.org/dakota38/>. Three DWM members rode on the beginning leg of the ride from Lower Brule, SD, to the Spirit of the Circle Monument on Big Bend Dam, Fort Thompson, SD: Sandy, Defond, and "Little" Aaron. Our thoughts and prayers go with the riders on the rest of their journey to Mankato, MN. The ride will complete on Christmas day with a ceremony in Mankato, MN.

November 4-5, 2011: Seven (7) men and teens traveled to Camp Kinship in the Black hills and participated in a Christian men's retreat. The group enjoyed the company of men from around South Dakota, participated in group sessions and had an opportunity to shoot clay pigeons with the guys.

October 25, 2011: First Teen Bible Study held at the Crow Creek Tribal School. The tribal school, which is located fifteen miles north of Fort Thompson, has dormitories on-site for the Junior and Senior High students to live. We will meet every Tuesday night at the school for Bible study and time of fellowship. It has been well attended with fifteen to twenty youth in attendance.

September 10-17, 2011: A group of ladies from Ohio came and held a Quilting class. The Ohio ladies offered support and guidance as women were taught to design, layout, and stitch a Lode Star pattern quilt. The group brought with them fabric, tools, batting and all necessary supplies to assemble a quilt. Thank you ladies for the awesome job you did loving on and building the confidence of the women in the Fort Thompson community!

September 10-11, 2011: A work-group from both Rapid City, SD and Lincoln, NE came to set up donated wooden playground equipment on site. The newly installed equipment was installed next to the existing set and provides more swings, two "forts" and a slide. Thank you all for your hard work in getting this set-up. The children just love it!

August 26-28, 2011: Annual DWM Board of Directors Meeting held onsite at the Ikce Oyate Christian Center (IOCC).

August 19-21, 2011: Fort Thompson powwow is held. The DWM tent was set up at the powwow. Free pancake breakfasts were served as well as free ice water and coffee all weekend long. A worship service was held under the tent on Sunday morning after breakfast was served. Thank you to those that came and helped serve.

August 18-23, 2011: John Hills arrives from Maryland. John help with powwow preparations as well as worked at the powwow. Thanks John for the extra effort!

August 15, 2011: Temporary wall removed between old sanctuary area and new. This new area will provide a third more space for week-to-week worship services.

August 11-15, 2011: Joe, Michele and family arrive from Ohio to assist DWM with daily activities particularly with the youth. Thank you for volunteering your time. Your help was greatly appreciated!

August 14, 2011: Richard, Cindy and "Little" Richard Sherrell leave for home in Missouri. The Sherrell family helped in the areas of: vehicle maintenance and repair; driving for the Summer Jobs Program; lawn and garden help; and much more.

August 2, 2011: Ceramic tile was completed in the foyer/entry of the newly constructed office area. Thank you Leon for all of your hard work. Great Job! Thank you Kimball Church of Christ VBS for contributing funds towards the completion of this phase.

July 29-31, 2011: Big Bend Powwow held in the outlying Big Bend district of the Crow Creek Sioux Reservation. The DWM tent was set up at the powwow. Free pancake breakfasts were served as well as free coffee and ice water all weekend long.

July 22-29, 2011: Antioch Baptist Church (ABC), Waynesville, NC arrives. ABC spent the bulk of their time working on a home in the Fort Thompson community. They removed and re-shingled an entire roof and painted the exterior of this same home. This house had been leaking during storms. Thank you ABC for a great week!!!!

July 18-24, 2011: Mason City Church of Christ (MCC), Mason City, IA arrives. MCC focused on youth during the afternoons. MCC also assisted with some construction projects around the Christian Center. MCC completed the stairs around the side of the building, enclosed an area around the chimney box and insulated some A/C duct-work in the basement. Additionally MCC helped with mowing some yards in the community. Thank you MCC for a productive, fun filled week!

July 8-13, 2011: Kimball Church of Christ arrives from Kimball, MN. The Kimball work group made a huge impact with some construction and cleaning jobs around the Christian Center. Kimball tackled the horse barn; cleaning, organizing and building shelves. Kimball also poured a concrete pad in preparation for some stairs going around the side of the building. Great job Kimball Church of Christ!

July 8-13, 2011: Five (5) teens traveled to inner-city Cincinnati along with a group from Mason City Church of Christ as part of a mission trip team. The teens operated through a local Cincinnati church and worked primarily with children. This trip represents DWM's first sending mission trip with youth.

June 27-July1, 2011: Eighteen (18) youth from DWM joined a group of fifteen (15) teens and adults from Indiana for a week long camp in the Black Hills. The theme of the week was "Life Lessons from the Book of James." Thank you Kingsway Christian Church for hosting such a wonderful camp!

June 25-July1, 2011: Kingsway Christian Church (KCC), Avon, IN arrives on June 25th. After worshiping at DWM on Sunday, KCC along with 18 DWM youth travel to the Black Hills in SD for a camp. Kids experienced the great outdoors, sleep in cabins, go on hikes, devotionals/lessons, and have service opportunities. Thank you KCC for your continued support of youth leadership training & discipleship.

June 18-25, 2011: Ringgold Church of Christ (RCC) focuses on the youth of the community. The days were filled with many youth enjoying one-on-one time, crafts, games, fishing and devotion time based on the movie "Finding Nemo." Additional time was spent taking McDonald's lunch to some kids in the community. Thank you RCC for a great week!

June 23, 2011: Larry Brink delivers a large amount of clothing for the IOCC Rummage.

June 21, 2011: Fort Thompson made the news for 9" of rain in the last two days. Two deaths in neighboring community due to a road washing out - 50 foot deep ravine remaining. Many other roads were flooded and closed for several hours.

June 21, 2011: 18 foot Accordion Partition installed between new office space and worship center seating.

June 18, 2011: Water release from Oahe and Big Bend dams increasing 10,000 cf/s today and tomorrow - up to 160,000 cf/s now, max load of design is 165,000 cf/s.

June 17, 2011: Curly Bear (older curly mare) died today.

June 16, 2011: Diamond Willow participated in a Community Safety Fair held at the Powwow grounds in FT Thompson. DWM was part of the planning committee and took a key position in the day as the food vendor and rest station. DWM was provided funds to purchase and serve about 600 hot-dogs, chips and drinks.. The emphasis was on safety of all kinds: Health; car seat; home; cancer awareness; diabetes awareness; electric; the risks of drinking and driving; etc.

June 11-18, 2011: Coal Run Church of Christ arrives June 11. Coal Run focused on several construction projects. In addition there were several jobs in the community that were done...A 150 foot safety fence was built at a local residence and several appliance repairs were done. Also Coal Run worked three days with youth building Pinewood Derby Cars that were then raced on Thursday at the community safety fair. On Thursday Coal Run helped setup, tear down the Diamond Willow tent at the Community Safety Fair and cook and serve 600 hotdogs, chips and drinks. Great job Coal Run Work Group and thank you for the woodworking tools!

June 6-7: 2011 The third annual Big Bend Hike was held June 6 and 7th. We had 16 young men and four adults take the challenge this year...40 miles in 2 days across the hot South Dakota Prairie! The scripture focus was I Corinthians 16:13-14, *"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love."* For more information view the video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pTpAa1Kafc0>

June 1-9, 2011: Tomoka Christian Church (TCC) arrives June 1. Tomoka focuses primarily on the youth of the community, as well as lawn maintenance for All Saints Cemetery and building and grounds maintenance assistance at DWM. Thank you TCC for a great week!

June 11, 2011: The annual Memorial Day celebration was held out at All Saints Cemetery. Tables, chairs and much food were taken to the cemetery. Rod Vaughn shared a scripture and a few words regarding Memorial Day. This was followed by a presentation by local veterans. Giving of gifts and a meal with much fellowship

was enjoyed by all. This years celebration was held on June 11th due to scheduling conflicts.

June 10, 2011: A special "Girls Night Out" was held at DWM. Girls had a special time with a devotional, games, cooking and fellowship. The focus was on purity and modesty and was lead by Samantha Conway and Cricket.

June 6, 2011: Richard, Cindy and "Little" Richard Sherrell arrive for the summer. The Sherrel family will be staying in one of the camping trailers at DWM. They will be lending help in the areas of: vehicle maintenance and repair; driving for the Summer Jobs Program; lawn and garden help; and much more.

May 27-30, 2011: Clear Lake Church of Christ, Clear Lake, IA arrives May 27. Clear Lake group had two very special days working with the youth. On Saturday night after "Teen Night" there was a bonfire for the teens and adults. On Sunday they hosted a barbeque complete with burgers and hotdogs. The weekend started off on the right note with a prayer walk. Thank you Clear Lake Church of Christ. You did a great job!

May 27, 2011: A crew of 20+ Diamond Willow volunteers of all ages spent the day reinforcing sandbag efforts in Fort Pierre, South Dakota. Fort Pierre is located about an hour Northwest of Ft Thompson. The home of a Diamond Willow supporter was in jeopardy of being overcome by flood waters. The crew split in two: half filling sandbags and the other built a reinforcing plywood wall. Sandbagging in Pierre and Fort Pierre goes non-stop for 52 hours and counting, as floodwater continues creeping into both towns. City officials hope to step up those efforts as the Army Corps of Engineers increases the amount of water being released from the Oahe Dam. Great job everyone for your superb efforts.

May 20-26, 2011: Auburn Christian Church, Auburn, NE arrives May 20. Auburn Church focused primarily on the youth of the community: fishing & swimming with younger youth, and spending afternoon and evening hours with the teens. Morning hours were filled with organizing storage spaces, insulating A/C ducts and moving final construction items out. A special bonus was the addition of a praise band to Sunday morning worship. Thank you Auburn Christian Church for all your support! You are greatly appreciated!

May 12, 2011: Last day of school for Crow Creek Tribal Schools. This also marks the beginning of the Youth Workforce Program. Crow Creek's graduation was held Saturday May 14. Brandi and Paige graduated, of those that are regulars at DWM.

May 10, 2011: Gloria White Mouse, age 82, passed away on Tuesday, May 10. The wake was held May 11-12 and funeral May 13. Gloria was an elder in the community and was known to be a sweet, gentle lady. She loved her large family, she had many grandchildren and many great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. She will be missed by many.

Gloria White Mouse: June 29, 1928 - Tuesday, May 10, 2011

May 6, 2011: The Crow Creek Tribal School systems celebrated Earth Day by sponsoring several student events. On primary focus was litter pickup within the community of Fort Thompson. All the High School students meet at the Golden Age Center in town prior to beginning this effort. The school asked Rod if he would say a few words and start the day with a prayer prior to the work. Rod in turn asked some of the youth leaders at DWM to step up and assist and they did. Aaron Traversie and Theron Big Eagle worked together in offering the opening prayer for the ceremony. They did a great job speaking over a PA system in front of all their peers. We are very proud of the great example that they are willing to set!

May 4, 2011: Twelve (12) teens completed a Financial Literacy class as a requirement for participation in the summer Youth Workforce Program. The six week class provided a service by offering basic financial understanding to the teens. They were educated on: check- book proficiency; how to reach a specific financial goal; the value of saving money; how limited financial resources affect personal choices. Additionally, the teens held mock job interviews and were taught about differing management styles and how to respond to each. Participants received recognition in receiving a certificate of completion and were treated to a cook out and bon fire at a local park by the Diamond Willow Staff. Congratulations teens on a job well done!

May 1, 2011: The Vaughn's visited Current Christian Church (formerly Grace Christian) in Katy, TX over the weekend of May 1st. Current Christian is one of the original supporters of Diamond Willow Ministries and their continued partnership has been instrumental in the work here. The Vaughn's were able to share at several special gatherings held over the weekend, sharing about all the latest happenings. The Vaughns also enjoyed some WARM weather while there, getting rid of a little South Dakota cold still set in their bones from the long winter.

April 26, 2011: Jack" Middletent, 70, of Chamberlain, died Thursday, April 21, 2011. He enjoyed playing softball and working on cars. He spent most of his life in Fort Thompson. The wake and funeral was held April 26-27. He was a brother to Sam Middletent whom many may know from her hours working weekly at DWM.

Fredrick W. "Jack" Middletent: May 30, 1940 - April 21, 2011

April 26-28, 2011: Gail attended the Christian Leadership Alliance Conference in Dallas, TX. This is the third year Gail has attended and as always it proved to be a good resource for tax and accounting updates for Christian nonprofits. In addition to the tax and accounting classes, there were many great motivational sessions with many challenging speakers like Richard Swenson and Chuck Swindoll. Worship was lead at each of the sessions by Anthony Evans and guest artists included Kathy Traccoli and Keith Green.

April 1-2, 2011: Gail Griner and Jacqueline (local resident and acting DWM ambassador) traveled to the Minnesota Christian Convention in St Cloud MN. This event provided an opportunity to reconnect with many DWM friends from the MN area. Made several new contacts as well. The theme was "Becoming More Than What You Are" - challenging messages.

March 26 - 27, 2011: The Thomas family traveled to Auburn Christian Church. Dave preached at first and second service as well as addressed the adult Sunday School classes about the work being done on the reservation through DWM. Looking forward to seeing Auburn Christian Church in May.

March 26 - April 1, 2011: Blue Ridge Christian Church work group arrived. They removed a section of wall between the existing foyer and the new foyer area. Did lots of cleaning and moving. They brought 13 new 8' tables, 24 new folding chairs and 19 stacking chairs - a huge need and praise. They also did several kids programs during the week, ranging from younger kids on Sunday through teens on Thursday. Thanks for all of your hard work Blue Ridge!

March 20-29, 2011: Ozark Christian College from Joplin, Missouri arrived on March 20th. Lead by Joe Murphy and his wife Kristen, as well as Melinda "Cricket" Perry. The Ozark Christian College team specifically targeted the teens in challenging them to grow in their personal relationships with God (the theme of the week is "Making your Faith Your Own"). Thank you Ozark Christian College group for spending your Spring Break serving the Lord here at DWM.

March 15, 2011: Carpet installation for the new addition was completed today. This paves the way for the new office space to be set up and moved into!

March 11-12, 2011: The Vaughn family, along with Terry Curley, Defond Obego and Aaron Traversie traveled to

northern Iowa to visit several churches over the weekend of March 12th. Rod preached at the Fertile Church of Christ on Sunday morning where Rob and Karen Perry (Cricket's parents) now serve. They were also able to meet with the work team from the Clear Lake Church of Christ which will be onsite over the Memorial Day weekend assisting at DWM. The youth spent much of their time at the Mason City Church of Christ, taking part of various youth activities and visiting with friends there that they have made over the past two years.

March 11-12, 2011: Chet and Max from Black Hills, SD; arrived to finish lighting fixture installation in the new building addition. Thank you Chet and Max for all your hard work once again!

March 11, 2011: Joel from Reliance, SD arrived to install wood baseboard trim in the offices and classrooms in the new building addition. Great job Joel. Thank you for the effort.

March 5-12, 2011: Ball State Christian Campus, Muncie, IN arrives March 5th. Ball State focused primarily on moving and organizing all storage space in the IOCC. They cleaned out the storage areas in the original part of the building and employed the areas in the new construction. In the evenings Ball State Christian Campus focused on youth. Monday and Tuesday was "Girl's Night" where they spent an intimate evening with the girls and did hair, finger nails, make-up and made bracelets. Wednesday night was a special bonus night of Praise and Worship for the community to enjoy. Thursday and Friday evening focused on boys and teaching Praise and Worship songs and technique to those interested. Thank you Ball State Christian Campus for all your support! You are greatly appreciated!

March 4-5, 2011: 12 DWM Youth and 4 sponsors traveled to Sioux City, IA area to attend the Sergeant Bluff Table Tennis Tournament. This event provided a friendly atmosphere for the DWM group to test their ping pong skills. Congratulations to all the youth and adults who won trophies. A special thanks to the Winnebago Tribe and Ho-Chunk Inc. for providing the hotel rooms, meals and hospitality! We also want to thank the Sergeant Bluff Table Tennis Club for making the opportunity available to DWM and for making us feel welcome!

February 27, 2011: DWM held the first annual "Family Talent Night." People of all ages came to participate in the singing, dancing, acting or whatever unique God given talent they have. Afterwards many stayed to enjoy the Nacho Cheese snack and desserts. A special thanks to Sanford Mid-Dakota Medical Center for donating bottled water and gifts.

February 11-12, 2011: Seventeen DWM youth and 3 sponsors traveled to Kimball, MN to the annual SnoFeast Youth Rally and Ski Trip. Thank you Kimball Church of Christ for hosting!!

February 5, 2011: DWM hosted our second Ice Fishing Tournament. The weather kept some at home but for those that did attend there was hot soup, coffee and good company.

January 26, 2011: An elderly woman was baptized marking our first for 2011.

January 22, 2011: DWM sponsors and promotes an Ice Fishing Tournament. 38 fishermen showed up for the fishing and hot soup afterwards.

January 21-22, 2011: Chet and friends from Hermosa, SD; Todd from Mitchell, SD arrived to continue working on lighting fixture installation in the new building addition. Thank you Chet and friends for all your hard work again!

January 21-22, 2011: Three men from First Christian Church in Rapid City, SD arrived at DWM to install trim boards around windows and doors in the new building addition. Thank you First Christian Church men!

January 18-19, 2011: Kevin and crew arrived at DWM to install donated computer and network equipment for the "Computer Lab" room in the new addition. The team installed a LAN switch, cables, four PCs and a File Server with back-up hard drive. Thanks for your hard work gentlemen!

January 12, 2011: DWM staff attend QPR Suicide Prevention Training. Through this training each are now "Gatekeeper" qualified as a person who should be able to recognize a crisis and warning signs that someone may be contemplating suicide.

January 7, 2011: DWM participates in the first of many Suicide Task Force meetings. The Suicide Task Force meets weekly for the purpose of cross agency and organizational collaboration for the support and prevention activity that will be ongoing throughout the year.

January 1, 2011: David and Vicki Thomas family arrived onsite at DWM. Assisted by many at DWM, the Thomas' were moved in to the duplex on Sunday the 2nd.

December 26, 2010: Memorial for Alvin "Pee Wee" Fallis held this afternoon at the grade school. A dedicated father and cowboy, he will be truly missed by our community.

December 25, 2010: A young woman in her 20's committed suicide and died this evening. Please pray for her family. For many this time of year, hopelessness abounds. Please pray also that the citizens of the reservation may see hope in Christ, and the spirit of suicide will be rendered powerless! Your prayers are desperately needed for our community at this time!

December 25, 2010: Memorial for Sharon Hawk held this afternoon at the grade school. A precious mother, she will be missed.

December 22, 2010: A teen youth is baptized tonight, making this the 15th baptism in 2010! Praise God for her new faith in Christ. Following the baptism, a movie was shown depicting the events leading up to Christ's birth.

December 19, 2010: A young woman committed suicide and died at the scene this evening. Please pray for her family as they struggle to understand and deal with her death. Please also pray for the youth of the reservation, that no more youth attempt suicide, and that the spirit of suicide will be rendered powerless. Your prayers are critical at this time.

December 18, 2010: A young man in his early teens attempted suicide, but his life was spared. We praise God for preserving the life of this young man. Please pray that no more suicides will be attempted on the Crow Creek Sioux Reservation!

December 18, 2010: Bob & Hahn from Brookings, SD visit DWM's Teen Night and provide pizzas for an evening treat.

December 12, 2010: DWM held their annual Christmas program including a bonfire at 5PM. Kids roasted hot dogs and marshmallows in the cold, while those who wanted to remain warm, ate soup and fry bread indoors. The program followed. The 38 + 2 riders enjoyed a hot soup lunch and supper at DWM. This will be their final night stay in Fort Thompson during their 17 day journey on horseback to Mankato, MN.

December 10, 2010: DWM sponsored the breakfast and evening meal for the Dakota Reconciliation Ride. Beginning in Lower Brule, SD and ending 330 miles east at Mankato, MN, the ride honors the 38 + 2 Dakota, hung in the largest mass execution in U.S. history on December 26, 1862. The official ride website describing the journey and history can be located at <http://www.dakota382008.com/dakota38.htm>. A website containing a trailer for a documentary on the Reconciliation Ride can be found at <http://smoothfeather.org/dakota38/>. Three DWM members rode on the beginning leg of the ride from Lower Brule, SD, to the Spirit of the Circle Monument on Big Bend Dam, Fort Thompson, SD: Sandy, Defond, and Hannah. Our thoughts and prayers go with the riders on the rest of their journey to Mankato, MN.

December 7, 2010: Doors on first floor of the building addition are hung, and lights are ordered.

December 2-7, 2010: Local men from the community work on the building addition, blowing in insulation. They also work on staining and varnishing the interior doors for the addition.

December 2, 2010: Wake held for Kari Ann Wounded Knee, age 40.

November 30-December 1, 2010: Larry from Huron arrives with bales of hay for the horses. He stays the night to have plenty of time to connect with friends at DWM and many from the community. Thank you Larry for your generosity. The horses are happy again!

November 28, 2010: A large attendance at DWM. 44 youth at Sunday morning classes and near 75 adults in worship. As you can see by the numbers, although the basement addition is not fully finished, it is useable with only flooring needed and a few odds and ends. It has been the home to classes on Wednesday nights as well as Sunday mornings. Corraling that many children in individual classrooms has made class time go much smoother. Oftentimes teachers are heard to say "Thank God for all those that worked on the new addition and the generosity of many!" Thank you!!!!

November 24-28, 2010: Dawn and Amanda from Mason City Church of Christ, Mason City, IA arrived at DWM to help out with a community Thanksgiving supper held for folks that had no family dinner to attend. 24 folks joined for Thanksgiving Supper. The two also helped with other duties while at DWM. Thanks gals for all the help!

November 20, 2010: Rick, Bob and Hahn from the Brookings Christian Church, Brookings, SD arrived with 13 frozen turkeys and other fixings to distribute to folks for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The three also brought pizzas and soft drinks for Teen Night, and attended as well. Thank you Brookings Christian Church for your generosity!

November 14, 2010: 18 Youth and 3 Sponsors trekked to Sioux Falls, SD to a Toby Mac concert. It was the first time 15 youth had ever attended a concert. A great time was had by all!

November 10-13, 2010: Five men from First Christian Church in Rapid City, SD arrived at DWM to help complete finish work in the basement addition. The men stained and varnished trim and doors. Before they left, they had all the doors, complete with locks installed in the basement. The next morning the first classroom was used for the children's class! Thank you First Christian Church men!!!!

October 31, 2010: Retired Preacher John and his wife Jan from Kingsway Christian Church, Avon, IN, stop by DWM. John shares a preaching message during the worship service. We were pleased to have them both stop by on their way through SD.

October 27, 2010: First snow of the year, along with 30mph wind.

October 26, 2010: 60mph+ wind here at DWM. Wow, what a wind!

October 22, 2010: NLC holds youth night with pizza and bonfire. A great time had by all!

October 21-23, 2010: Jackson Church of Christ (JCC), from Montezuma, IA arrives. The group installed a deck on Ken and Sharons trailer, and provided other miscellaneous construction and maintenance as needed. Thank you JCC for all your help!

October 21-24, 2010: New Life Christian Church (NLC), from Alexandria, MN arrives the 21st in the evening. The group worked painting in the new building addition, staining trim, assisted with the mailing of the Sept/Oct DWM newsletter, horse barn cleaning, taking down and storing away DWM tipi for the year, and other general maintenance items. Thank you NLC for all your hard work!

October 16, 2010: Todd and friends from Mitchell, SD arrived to assist Chet on the electrical and lighting in the new building addition. Jerry from Woonsocket, SD arrived as well to finish installing the ceiling tiles in the new addition basement.

October 15-16, 2010: Chet and friends from Hermosa, SD arrived to continue working on the electricity and lighting placement in the new building addition. Thank you Chet and friends for all your hard work!

October 14, 2010: Rod performed a wedding ceremony for a visiting NC couple near the Missouri River at dusk. It was a beautiful celebration! The couple had quite a day, in that earlier that afternoon they were both baptized in the cool waters of the Missouri River, making this event the 13th & 14th baptisms of 2010. A special day indeed! Congratulations to the happy couple!

October 13, 2010: A group from Chamberlain, SD travels 25 miles north to DWM in order to put on a young

girls night for 6-10 year olds. The youth heard a lesson on different soils and were able to actually plant seeds in the different kinds of soil they learned about. Thank you Chamberlain group for sharing your time and talents with the youth!

October 5, 2010: Larry from Huron, SD arrives with a load of rummage for distribution from DWM. Thank you Larry for support!

October 4-5, 2010: Jerry from Woonsocket, SD installs the drop ceiling tracking in the new building addition. Thank you Jerry for all your time and assistance!

September 30-October 3, 2010: Carmen and Steve from MN spent time at DWM helping with the new building addition. These gentlemen were able to insulate and paint. Early this coming week, DWM hopes to be able to install the drop ceiling in the basement portion of the new addition. Thank you Steve and Carmen for all your help!

September 27-October 1, 2010: A wellness conference was held at DWM and sponsored by the local women's shelter, Wiconi Wawokiya, (Project SAFE).

September 25-27, 2010: Wake and Funeral services held for Verlyn Drapeax, Sr., 47. He leaves 6 children, 4 of whom are 10 and under. Verlyn will be missed. It is great however, to have the 4 little boys back around!

September 19, 2010: Art finished his work on the new building addition and heads for home to MN. Thank you Art for your expertise in helping the new building addition move on to the next step. Interior painting remains as well as insulation, ceiling tiles, doors and flooring. One step at a time! Much has been accomplished since the beginning of this project in April 2010.

September 16-19: The Vaughn family travels to Iowa for Christ's Family Reunion, a gathering of state wide Christian Churches. Rod was able to speak at the gathering, visit many folks that have been to DWM on work group trips, meet new folks, and attend worship at Mason City Church of Christ, Mason City, IA.

September 15, 2010: A group from Chamberlain, SD travels 25 miles north to DWM in order to put on a girls night for 6 to 10 year olds. The young ladies had a lesson and made beaded icicles. Soon we shall see the real kind. Thanks Chamberlain group for all the time you spent with the youth!

September 9, 2010: Art from MN arrives to help finish the taping and texturing the new building addition.

September 5-7, 2010: Wake and Funeral services held for Lisa Owen, 47.

September 1, 2010: OK Larry leaves after a long summer of volunteer construction work. Thank you Larry for all your expertise over the summer months of construction on the new Ikce Oyate Christian Center Building Addition!

August 27-29, 2010: Annual DWM Board of Directors Meeting held.

August 25-30, 2010: Denise from NC arrives to assist local community as well as give a presentation to Board of Directors during annual meeting. Thank you Denise for your service to our community!

August 23, 2010: This week local folks lend a hand continuing to paint the first floor of the new building and begin sheetrocking the basement level.

August 22, 2010: There had been no suicides in 2009 or 2010 until today. Unfortunately a young 20 year old man took his life. Wake services were held August 23-24 and funeral service held August 25th. Please pray that this new suicide does not spur more!

August 19-22, 2010: Jerry and his daughter from IL arrive at DWM for a visit.

August 19-22, 2010: Fort Thompson powwow is held. The DWM tent was set up at the powwow. Free pancake breakfasts were served as well as free ice water and coffee all weekend long. A worship service was held under the tent on Sunday morning after breakfast was served.

August 18, 2010: The DWM tipi was set up on site during Wednesday night Bible Study time. Youth and adults alike learned, hands on, the proper way to set up a tipi along with analogies found in the Bible through a special Bible study.

August 16, 2010: This week local folks lend a hand in priming and painting the first floor of the new building addition.

August 14-23, 2010: Dave, Vicki and family arrive from MO to assist DWM with daily activities particularly with

the youth. Thank you for volunteering your time. Your help was greatly appreciated!

August 9-12, 2010: After a short trip back to MN, Art textures the first floor of the new building addition. It is now ready for primer and paint! Thank you Art for your continued support!

July 28-August 6, 2010: Art from MN lends his expertise at taping the sheetrock on the first floor of the new building addition. His excellent skills are preparing the building for further finish work. Thank you Art for volunteering!

August 6, 2010: Barbara from KY and her sister all the way from Germany stop by for a short visit to DWM.

August 4, 2010: John and Jan from IN stop by for a short visit to DWM.

August 2, 2010: Local man instructs youth in traditional Native American drumming and singing.

August 1, 2010: The Coull Band, a bluegrass group of musicians and singers who attend the First Christian Church of Rapid City, SD gave a concert free of charge at DWM. The music was greatly enjoyed by many in the community. Thank you Coull Band for sharing your talents with us!

July 31-August 7, 2010: Church of Christ at Cogan Station, (CCC), Cogan Station, PA arrive July 31. CCC focuses primarily on the youth of the community, as well as lawn maintenance for the local community and building and grounds maintenance assistance at DWM. Thank you CCC for a great week!

July 30-August 1, 2010: Big Bend Powwow held in the outlying Big Bend district of the Crow Creek Sioux Reservation. The DWM tent was set up at the powwow. Free pancake breakfasts were served as well as free coffee and ice water all weekend long.

July 30, 2010: Summer Interns Brian & Annie Barr leave DWM in order to continue their college studies at Mid-Atlantic Christian University in NC in mid-August 2010.

July 27, 2010: Youth Director, Joe Murphy, leaves DWM to attend his wedding on August 8th. He will return to college to finish his degree at Ozark Christian College, Joplin, MO in mid-August 2010.

July 25, 2010: Farewell celebration held for Youth Director, Joe Murphy and Summer Interns Brian & Annie Barr. Thank you all for your service to DWM, the local community, and Christ. You will not be forgotten!

July 25-30, 2010: Neb/Wyo/Dak camp for Junior High students held in the Black Hills. Two young boys were able to attend. Thank you to Bob from Brookings, SD for volunteering as sponsor during the week of camp!

July 24-31, 2010: Coal Run Church of Christ, (CRCC), Pikeville, KY canceled trip to DWM due to severe flooding in their home church area. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you, as you serve those in your local community that are in need!

July 24, 2010: Wedding performed for Johnny & Beverly!

July 19, 2010: Semi Trailer loaded with clothing rummage arrives, through the generosity of several friends associated with a member of DWM. The semi trailer was unloaded through the efforts of the TimberRidge work group and distributed to all three districts on the reservation. Many times the outer lying Crow Creek Reservation districts of Big Bend and Crow Creek are overlooked in the distribution of items due to their distance from the town of Fort Thompson, and their lower population base. DWM continues to make every effort to share items with these districts as often as possible.

July 22-23, 2010: Wake and Funeral services held for Nathaniel Charging Whirlwind, stillborn infant.

July 18-23, 2010: Neb/Wyo/Dak camp for Senior High students held in the Black Hills. Summer intern Brian Barr sponsored the youth as well as a volunteer from the TCC group. 8 Senior High students were in attendance; 3 gals and 5 guys.

July 17-24, 2010: TimberRidge Community Church, (TCC), High Ridge, MO arrives July 17. TCC focused primarily on the youth of the community: holding an on site mini-carnival, fishing & swimming with younger youth, and spending afternoon and evening hours with the teens. A special trip to Pierre including a movie and picnic was a highlight for many youth during their week at DWM. As a service to the community, the work group mowed lawns. TCC also greatly assisted in food preparation and service to a local family that needed extra assistance with a wake and funeral. A special bonus was the addition of a praise band to Sunday morning worship. Thank you TCC for all your support! You are greatly appreciated!

July 11, 2010: Special Sunday morning message given by Brian Barr, including a skit produced with the help of his wife Annie and visiting brother Justin.

July 10, 2010: Farley's trailer is moved to his homesite.

July 10-15: Mason City Church of Christ (MCC), Mason City, IA arrives July 10. MCC holds special young ladies days, focusing on youth 7-12. Activities for girls include: ballet lessons, guitar/singing lessons, baking, and cheerleading. MCC also assisted with the setting of 3 cemetery headstones for individuals in the local community, which was a great blessing to the 3 families that were represented. Headstones are very expensive and many graves go unmarked for this reason. A gentleman in the MCC group was generous in making the headstones himself and providing these free of charge to these 3 local families. Drug and alcohol counseling assistance by a gentleman specially equipped within this group, helped a local community member during the week. Youth general activities including daily swimming. Assistance with sheetrocking on first floor of building addition. Thank you MCC for a productive, fun filled week!

July 7-9, 2010: John & Jane from Michigan arrive for a couple of days to lend a hand at DWM. Your assistance during the week was of great value and appreciated very much!

July 7, 2010: During men's Bible Study time, another teen youth was baptized, making this the 12th baptism of 2010!

July 2-July 9, 2010: Antioch Baptist Church (ABC), Waynesville, NC arrives July 2. ABC ladies worked with a small group of young ladies during the week, helped DWM get the next newsletter ready for mailing, and assisted with general upkeep of the main building at DWM. They also cooked delicious meals during their stay! The men focused on construction. They spent the bulk of their time working on a home in the Fort Thompson community. They removed and reshingled an entire roof and painted the exterior of this same home. This particular house had not had new shingles since the 1960s, and was currently leaking during storms. The resident was very pleased with the work and worked each day alongside the crew. ABC men then moved down the street and replaced shingles on a home that had been blown off during high winds earlier in the summer. This group also assisted at the building addition, by adding insulation to the exterior and interior walls. This made a tremendous difference. Now, when walking in the addition, you can actually see the walls and get more of a feel of what the building addition will be like when finished. ABC also celebrated Independence Day, July 4th, by hosting a bonfire/BBQ/picnic at the beach, which was attended by many in the community. A great time was had by all. Thank you ABC for a great week!!!! ABC departs July 9th.

July 2, 2010: Teen baptized after returning from the KCC summer camp. This is the 11th baptism of 2010! Praise God for this teen's new found faith in Christ!

June 26-July 2, 2010: Kingsway Christian Church (KCC), Avon, IN arrives on June 26th. The KCC group will split into two groups. One group will work on Heating and Air Conditioning (including duct work), will work on the computer network for the new building addition offices, and will be making some adjustments to the current sound/projector system. The other, main group, will be heading to the Black Hills in SD for a camp they prepare for youth. Youth will depart June 28 and return July 2. The focus is spiritual and leadership training. Kids will experience the great outdoors, sleep in cabins, go on hikes, devotionals/lessons, and have service opportunities. They will also see the sights of the Black Hills and have fun! 15 youth attended the KCC camp this year; all were new to the camp program. Thank you KCC for your continued support of youth leadership training & discipleship, and for sharing your expertise in the furthering of the building addition completion!

June 25, 2010: Wake service held for Jalayla Rose Hawk, 14 months old.

June 24-30, 2010: First Baptist Church, (FBC) Jasper, GA arrives to work on the engineering process of tying the original building to the new building addition. When the work is complete, an opening on the main floor will be secured, and an additional opening will be secured on the basement level. Thank you FBC for lending your expertise and sweat equity to ensure a safe building for everyone to enjoy!

June 21-24, 2010: Wiring commences on the building addition, thanks to Chet and crew from Rapid City and Todd from Mitchell, as well as telephone communication help by Craig from Highmore. Thank you for all your hard work!

June 22, 2010: Propane line is run to new building addition.

June 21, 2010: Funeral held for Hayden Hunter White Mouse.

June 20-25, 2010: Ringgold works on construction projects in the local community: painting, wheelchair ramp, and deck. They build a deck onto the existing DWM entrance deck, which will enable folks to get into the new building addition safely. RCC also assists the group One Sight in providing volunteers to work for 3 days during an optical eye clinic held in Fort Thompson, sponsored by the National Guard. Afternoons are spent with local youth, skits, an "Easter and Christmas in Summer" celebrations, swimming, and devotionals. Additional time was spent in the local and outlying communities by delivering sack lunches and visiting with folks. RCC held it's annual carnival this year in conjunction with the 2nd annual Safety Day Fair held at the

beach by the dam on June 23rd. RCC manned several inflatables in which the youth of the community had a spectacular time! In addition, a small group from RCC was also able to help a local drum group with transportation to the Black Hill's monument Crazy Horse for a special drum group presentation. RCC group departs for home on June 25. Thank you RCC for a great week!

June 19, 2010: Main group from Ringgold Church of Christ (RCC), Hagerstown, MD arrives. Rapid City gutter crew departs for home.

June 18, 2010: Black Hills Seamless Rain Gutters, a Christian owned company out of Rapid City, SD arrives to assist DWM by installing gutters on the new building addition. Thank you very much, and just in time with all this rain we are having! Advance group for Ringgold Church of Christ arrives. A steak dinner was held for all those at DWM. Thank you!

June 17, 2010: Wake held for Bobby Cook, age 57.

June 13-17, 2010: World Mission Builders finishes out Phase II and the building addition is "In the Dry". Many folks have come and gone. Some came with groups from churches, others came as individuals or families, but all came with a Mission in mind.....putting a building up. Folks came from the following states during the two week period: IA, IL, IN, KS, MO, NM, OK, TX, and SD. We appreciate all you accomplished! The building is a precious tool that will enable folks in our community to further come in contact with the Light of Christ.

June 12, 2010: Creve Coeur Christian Church, Creve Coeur, IL departs for home. Siding continues.

June 11, 2010: A couple of trailers had leaks from the storm the previous night, but no damage was reported on site. The sun comes out, and folks are back to work. Shingling is completed and siding begins to rise on all sides of the building. First Christian Church, Brazil, IN departs for home.

June 10, 2010: Wrapping is added to the top portion of the exterior of the building, work on the valleys where the old building meets the new building commences. One half of the roof is shingled. Siding begins to appear on two sides of the building. Exterior doors are installed and an additional room is roughed in on the first floor. All just in time, as a whopper of a storm with high winds and rain poured down in the late night hours.

June 9, 2010: Sheeting and tar paper on roof is completed, and shingling begins. Wrapping is also put around the exterior walls, as well as the addition of windows. A fish fry was held for all work group members and the local community as well as folks from Highmore Church of Christ, Highmore, SD. Spider Man even came for a visit, to the amusement of young and old. Bible Study was held thereafter.

June 8, 2010: Trusses are able to be set right on schedule with the crane.

June 7, 2010: Exterior and Interior first floor walls go up, sheeting is nailed to the outside walls of the building, and trusses are readied for installation tomorrow morning. Wayne from TX goes on a buffalo hunt. The meat will be used to feed many at Diamond Willow Ministries. Creve Coeur Christian Church, Creve Coeur, IL arrives.

June 6, 2010: Eating, fellowship, worship, fishing, and a few odds and ends.

June 5, 2010: First Christian Church, Brazil, IN arrives to accompany WMBs work group. Laminated beam, and floor joists are placed. Chet from Rapid City, SD arrives to go over some electrical details for the building addition.

June 4, 2010: WMB connects all basement wall sections, finishes sill plate, and prepares the basement for placement of the laminated beam. Several community members join with DWM to dig Indian turnips (tipsina). The turnips were dug, stripped of their outer covering, and then braided together to be hung and dried. Later in the fall/winter months they will then be used in soup.

June 3, 2010: Many more members of WMB arrive on site to begin construction on the new DWM building addition. The area around the addition site was sculpted and leveled by a tribal member using a grader. Later, WMB began organizing the basement wall sections.

June 2, 2010: Larry from Huron departed. TCC group finished cleaning building and grounds and departed back to Florida. A few members of the World Mission Builders (WMB) construction work group begin to trickle in.

June 1, 2010: TCC group took a day trip to the Black Hills with a couple local folks. A few TCC members stayed at DWM and helped complete some special jobs. Most importantly washing vehicles. Thanks TCC! Larry from Huron arrived.

May 31, 2010: TCC held Youth activities in the afternoon, mowed lawns in the local community, and finished up a few more things to get the building addition foundation and area ready for the next big group that comes to put up the walls and roof. With school completed, this week is the first week for many youth in the youth employment program to begin their jobs at McDonalds, AI's Oasis, and Taco Johns.

May 31, 2010: Wedding performed for Rob and Lisa of Fort Thompson.

May 30, 2010: The annual Memorial Day celebration was held out at All Saints Cemetery. Tables, chairs and much food were taken to the cemetery. After singing "America" and "Sweet Hour of Prayer" in Dakota, Rod Vaughn shared a scripture and a few words regarding Memorial Day. This was followed by a presentation by local veterans. Giving of gifts and a meal with much fellowship was enjoyed by all.

May 29, 2010: TCC prepared food and supplies for Memorial Day celebration on Sunday, leveled dirt around DWM building addition foundation, mowed and cleaned windows at a local home, and put a/c unit in duplex garage (temporary classroom for 7-10 year olds).

May 28-29, 2010: Local group of 13 young men and 3 adults went on the annual arduous hike around Big Bend, staying overnight out on the prairie. It is a challenging hike that reaps many rewards!

May 28, 2010: TCC mows lawns in town, and sorts through pre-built wall sections, putting interior walls down into basement of the building addition to make ready for construction to begin the following week. A girls night was held at DWM. Girls had a special time with a devotional, fingernail painting, makeup and learning to make earrings and necklaces. Todd from Minnesota, stops by to visit the horse, Red Cloud, that he donated to DWM that was the initial donation that began the DWM horse program. Thank you Todd for your generosity!

May 27, 2010: TCC heads to cemetery to make it ready for Memorial Day, mowing and painting of crosses. Other folks from the group begin sill work on the basement building addition.

May 26, 2010: Tomoka Christian Church Work Group (TCC) arrives late in the evening.

May 22, 2010: 8th Grade and High School Graduation for Crow Creek Students. Brian and Annie Barr arrive for their summer internship. Seventeen (17) youth trek to the Drive-In Theatre. Although it rained the whole movie, the kids still had lots of fun.

May 20, 2010: Larry departs to Huron, SD.

May 19-20, 2010: Basement is sheet waterproofed, and back fill is put in, pounding in between layers.

May 19, 2010: Larry from Huron, SD arrives for another visit.

May 13, 2010: Larry departs to Huron, SD.

May 12, 2010: Larry from Huron, SD arrives for a visit, bringing a load of rummage. Oklahoma Larry arrives at DWM in the afternoon to help with the Ikce Oyate Building Addition.

May 9, 2010: After worship several folks and teens assist in taking down the scaffolding and bracing needed for the building addition basement walls, as well as loading them on a trailer. Their help was greatly appreciated! A memorial was held in honor of Karen Kirkie.

May 7, 2010: HM departs for home.

May 6, 2010: Walls are poured for the Ikce Oyate Building Addition basement. A Hog roast celebration followed, including homemade ice cream. Hope Missions (HM), along with local residents from Fort Thompson, as well as members from several churches in the surrounding area attended.

May 5, 2010: HM continues to build on the lite form walls for the cement pouring tomorrow morning. Other HM members paint the interior of a local residence, water seal DWM picnic tables/wheel chair ramp/deck, and complete various other small but very important jobs at DWM. Teen girls separate from the Women's group for Bible study in the evening and move to the Vaughn home (the only available space for the meeting...the building addition is really needed!). Fourteen (14) teen girls are in attendance at Bible Study.

May 4, 2010: Inauguration event was held for the new tribal chairman and tribal council at the Crow Creek High School gym. New officials are: Tribal Chairman, Duane Big Eagle; Tribal Council Members: Donald McGhee (Crow Creek District); Rocky Fallis (Big Bend District); Shannon Shields, Eric Big Eagle, Peter Lengkeek and Wilfred Keeble (Fort Thompson District). HM begins building lite form walls for the basement walls to be poured.

May 3, 2010: HM works on many items that may seem mundane, but are very important. Some items

included: insulating a duplex garage/office area, forming a sidewalk at the duplex, organizing rummage, cleaning and organizing closets in Ikce Oyate Christian Center, cleaning and organizing the horse barn including tack and construction/tool rooms, and other miscellaneous jobs. All were needed and done well! Pouring of the cement basement floor was completed. An unfortunate accident occurred during pouring. A piece of dried cement lodged in the pumper truck and blew out the end of the pump with great force. The gentleman manning the pump hose was thrown 12 feet. His pants were ripped by rebar as he flew through the area. A scratch and bruise were his only injuries. Much cement spewed from the end of the pump, including small rocks. The area hit with this cement was the only area free of people. We praise God that no one was seriously injured. Prayer has been surrounding this project from the inception. It was evident today that the Lord is watching over everyone. We are very thankful for his provision!

May 2, 2010: Teen is baptized, making this the 10th baptism of 2010!

May 1, 2010: Chamberlain High School powwow is held in Chamberlain, SD. Hope Missions attends along with many from the Fort Thompson communities as well as the surrounding area. Hope Missions' second work group arrives in the evening.

April 30, 2010: Basement floor area is leveled and rebar is put into place.

April 29, 2010: Footings are poured as well as anchors for new permanent DWM basketball goals. Rebar is set into footings. Tiny from MO, arrived to assist the Hope Missions group. Welcome Tiny!

April 27, 2010: Leveling continues. Digging and setting of footings for pour.

April 26, 2010: Leveling of the basement addition area, with the transit begins. Rick returns home to Iowa.

April 25, 2010: Five (5) youth are baptized in the cool Missouri River.

April 24, 2010: Memorial held for Melvin Joseph.

April 23, 2010: Hope Missions (HM) initial crew of men arrive to begin work on Ikce Oyate Building Addition footings, floor and walls. Rick, from Monroe, IA also joins the group for a few days.

April 21, 2010: Wooden fencing is put around the dug out basement area for safety.

April 19-20, 2010: The day began with a local tribal member that attends DWM, singing a Dakota song and leading in prayer asking for God's blessing on the Ikce Oyate Christian Center Building Addition project and for safety. John and Brian from Huron, SD then began digging the basement for the new Building Addition. Brian ran the excavator, John ran a dump truck, and Joe Murphy joined and ran an additional dump truck as well. The extra fill dirt is being placed around the basketball court. Food for the two days was prepared by local women. Kati Walter, intern from Germany lended a hand as well.

April 18, 2010: A teen that regularly attends DWM was baptized in the cold waters of the Missouri River at Diamond Ministries beach. Air temperature in the morning was 45 degrees. Water temperature was near there. She is the sister to a teen that was baptized March 7, 2010. FCC work group returns home from their stay at DWM.

April 17, 2010: FCC work group served lunch. While the ladies helped organize the clothing that was dropped off and put pantry items away that they brought to DWM, the men worked outside removing a walkout small deck and stairs to make way for the building addition basement digging, and also rerouted downspouts. Many local teens and young ones dug a new 18 inch trench in order for the propane line to be moved for the building addition. Crafts were assembled in the afternoon while a local woman showed those interested, how to make fry bread and homemade pigs in a blanket using fry bread. FCC put on another singing night in which hymns were sung in English and Dakota, and a tasty meal of soup, fry bread, and fry bread pigs in a blanket were served.

April 17, 2010: Small group of ladies and teens from Burwell, NE drove to DWM to drop off a load of clothing for DWM. Much was brand new, still having the tags on them. We appreciate your efforts, enjoyed the visit, and are so very pleased that you brought your very best!!!!

April 16, 2010: First Christian Church (FCC) from Rapid City, SD arrives. Evening time is spent with a meal for adults followed by singing hymns in English and Dakota. FCC brought lots of food for the food pantry. Excavator arrives on site at DWM to begin the first stage of the Ikce Oyate Christian Center Building Addition, the basement and foundation.

April 15, 2010: General election for Tribal Council and Chairman.

April 14, 2010: A nice rain last night provided enough moisture to green things up. Lots of green in the fields

and hills surrounding DWM. Spring looks like it is here finally!

April 13, 2010: Wind is 70 miles per hour today. Very blustery! Six (6) youth make their way to McDonalds in Chamberlain for their orientation before beginning work.

April 9, 2010: Teen birthday is celebrated with a party at DWM.

April 7, 2010: The ice is finally off the lake and the boat ramp is put into the lake today.

April 6, 2010: A Family Service and burial were held for baby Hillary Big Eagle.

April 5, 2010: Many gather to watch the final March Madness Men's basketball game. Leftovers from Easter dinner serve as the evening meal.

April 4, 2010: A special Easter dinner was held at DWM for staff, youth, and members of the community.

April 3, 2010: Many watch the Men's Basketball final four games. A special memorial meal was held at DWM in remembrance of Mary Medicine Crow. Teen night held.

April 2, 2010: BRC group leaves early in the morning. Teen boys hang out at DWM and spend the night.

April 1, 2010: The BRC group serves DWM staff a special grilled steak meal at lunchtime. Yum! Hay for the horses arrives. Many youth and BRC group members use their muscle to move the large round bales from the trailer onto DWM property. A bonfire and hotdog roast was held for youth as the BRC group winds down their activities for the week. A tribal vote was held to determine further procedures on the primary election.

March 31, 2010: Kati Walter arrives as a spring/summer intern for DWM. Kati is from Germany and comes to DWM by way of Chicago, IL, where she completed a previous internship.

March 31, 2010: Youth 10 and under have a special class during Wednesday night Bible study with the BRC group. After the lesson, several youth and BRC group members take a very quick dip in thawing Lake Sharpe, down at Diamond Willow Beach.

March 30, 2010: BRC group take on 7-10 year olds after school. Drum group practice for teen and youth boys.

March 29, 2010: BRC group work on local home repair in Fort Thompson.

March 28, 2010: OCC group leaves after worship services concludes. BRC group take on 5-7 year olds from noon to 3pm. A family birthday party for Max was held in the late afternoon.

March 27, 2010: Girls Basketball tournament at the tribal hall. DWM donates a star quilt for the event. Saturday evening teen night. Blue Ridge Christian (BRC) arrives in the evening.

March 26, 2010: OCC group has late night teen night. Teens focus on Psalm 40, going to several small group stations, then coming together for group singing.

March 25, 2010: Chet, from Hermosa (Rapid City area), SD, arrives with a load of tires and furniture. OCC group has youth activity for teens.

March 24, 2010: Larry, from Huron, SD, arrives with a load of rummage. OCC group has another youth activity during Bible Study time.

March 23, 2010: OCC group has youth activity for younger kids. The topic this week is fear. Drum group practice for teen and youth boys.

March 22, 2010: Ten youth filled out applications and interviewed for employment at McDonalds and Taco Johns in Chamberlain, as part of a new youth employment program. Ozark Christian College students were on hand to assist in the process. After the process was completed, all youth gathered at a local park to relax and have a picnic supper.

March 20-21, 2010: Bob & Hahn from Brookings, SD arrive to help out at youth night on Saturday night as well as lend a hand on Sunday morning.

March 20-28, 2010: A group from Ozark Christian College (OCC) arrives from Joplin, MO. The group consisted of 10 college age young people, led by 2009 summer intern, Melinda "Cricket" Perry. It was good to see her back at DWM.

March 19, 2010: A temporary KELO (CBS) Television tower was erected, which enabled many Fort Thompson residents to have the ability to watch CBS for the first time since January 22, 2010. Due to an ice storm on that cold winter day, the tower collapsed leaving residents with 3 remaining channels (ABC, NBC and PBS). Adding CBS today generated much excitement!

March 19, 2010: CCST State Boys Basketball game was held in Sioux Falls, SD again Winner. CCST 48 - Winner 59. CCST boys obtained 8th in State.

March 18, 2010: Primary election for Tribal Council Members and Chairman. (Held every 2 years.) The six council members represent the three districts of the reservation: Big Bend, Crow Creek and Fort Thompson.

March 18, 2010: CCST State Boys Basketball game was held in Sioux Falls, SD, against Madison. CCST 44 - Madison 60.

March 17, 2010: Today ends a record: 96 consecutive days of temperatures below 40 degrees. Whew! Spring is here!!!!

March 16, 2010: Drum group practice for teen and youth boys; DWM board of directors meeting.

March 12, 2010: CCST District 12A Regional Girls Basketball game was held in Fort Pierre, SD, against Mobridge-Pollock. CCST 63 - Mobridge-Pollock 73.

March 9, 2010: Warmer temperatures have changed the landscape. After months of frigid temps below freezing it is finally warming up. We've had lots of rain, which has helped melt the snow. There is lots of standing water and lots and lots of mud around. It has been quite a job to keep up with the mud! :)

March 9, 2010: Drum group practice for teen and youth boys.

March 8, 2010: Crow Creek Sioux Tribe (CCST) District 12A Regional Boys Basketball game was held in Chamberlain, SD, against Miller. CCST won, 73-64. On to State Finals, March 18-19.

March 7, 2010: A teen was baptized today! It was a special day with her sister and mother in attendance.

March 6, 2010: A couple of men from the community gathered together with youth and put together a buffalo hide drum to use for singing during community gatherings. The drum has been almost a year long project beginning with obtaining a hide, soaking, scraping, and stretching the hide; making the octagon shaped drum frame; and finally stretching the hide and sewing it onto the frame. (See photos under "Crow Creek Traditions")

March 5-8, 2010: The first work group of 2010 arrived from Journey Christian Church, Wayne, NE. The group consisted of college age young people that worked with the youth over the weekend.

March 1-5, 2010: A wellness conference was held at DWM and sponsored by the local women's shelter, Wiconi Wawokiya, (Project SAFE).

February 30, 2010: Tod Wigglesworth is officially retired and working as a full-time volunteer at DWM. His passion is working with the teens of our community. We are thankful to have another full-time staff member. Tod formerly worked as a truck driver during the week and volunteered his time on weekends at DWM. Welcome Tod to the full-time DWM family.

February 23-26, 2010: Wake and funeral services for Mary "Bunny" Staples-Johnson, age 69, held at DWM.

February 20-21, 2010: Bob & Hahn from Brookings, SD arrive at DWM for a visit to assist in Saturday evening youth night and enjoy fellowship during services on Sunday.

February 15-20, 2010: Rod Vaughn was able to share an update with the Tomoka Christian Church in Ormond Beach, FL.

February 13-14, 2010: Chet and Betty Jo from Hermosa, SD along with Chet's daughter Donna from Black Hawk, SD arrive Saturday to discuss planning for the electrical work to be done on the new Ikce Oyate Christian Center building addition. Donna on Sunday was able to share a flute rendition of "Amazing Grace" which was enjoyed by all.

February 14, 2010: Two youth were baptized.

February 12-13, 2010: Youth ski trip to Sioux Falls. All youth attending were required to volunteer a set number of hours of service work at Diamond Willow Ministries over the last several weeks.

February 10, 2010: Mitchell J. Quilt, age 58, brother to Terry Quilt passed away. Service will be held at a later date.

February 10, 2010: DWM was able to distribute blankets to those in need after the regularly scheduled Bible Study time. Blankets were donated by friends of DWM from Huron Christian Church, Huron, SD. Thank you all for your generosity!

February 9, 2010: A youth reward night was held for those youth over the last several weeks that have attended a required number of youth classes, have had exceptional behavior, and have memorized the verse for each week. This evening's reward was a trip to the Chamberlain bowling alley for bowling and pizza.

February 9, 2010: Rod and Val Vaughn attend the annual Pastor's Day at the SD State Capitol.

February 7, 2010: A Super Bowl Party was held at DWM. A family event with food and fun!

February 7, 2010: Rod Vaughn was able to share an update on DWM at Huron Christian Church, Huron, SD.

February 2, 2010: A Youth Night for those 10 and under was held at DWM. A time for a small group of youth to interact with food, games and quality attention time.

January 31, 2010: Unexpected load of clothing, food and fresh fruit and vegetables arrives at DWM for disbursement to the community. We thank the many from MN that made these donations possible.

January 31, 2010: Rod Vaughn was able to share an update on DWM at churches in Mason City, Clear Lake and Fertile, IA.

January 28-30, 2010: Wake and funeral services held for Pauline Shields, 61, sister to Terry Quilt of Fort Thompson, SD. Services were held at DWM.

January 27, 2010: Trusses for the new Icke Oyate Christian Center building addition arrive for storage until spring.

January 25, 2010: A small group of youth came together to watch a movie and have supper at DWM.

January 24, 2010: A get together was held at DWM to watch the NFL playoffs. Lots of food and fun. Later in the evening during the second NFL game, the young folks went to the tribal hall gym to play basketball.

January 23, 2010: Family birthday party held at DWM for a local youth. An Indian Taco Feast, cake and ice cream were available for guests as well as games. Pin the tail on the donkey and musical chairs were a lot of fun!

January 22, 2010: The KELO (CBS) Television tower located just across the river, collapsed due to an ice storm. It will be several months before a new tower can be erected.

January 20, 2010: Birthday party held at DWM for two local youth. Although the weather outside was cold and very icy, the kids had fun. It was a special celebration.

January 19, 2010: A Youth Night for youngsters 10 years old and under was held at DWM. This is a time for our those younger to get quality attention in a small group setting. Food, games and fun are the agenda for the evening.

January 18, 2010: An ice fishing tournament was held with 43 youth and 27 adults in attendance. Many local community organizations participated by donating food and prizes. Several games were played by youth and adults with prizes for top placings. The fish weren't biting much, but the attendees were. Three roasters of chili were consumed along with 100 hot dogs, cookies and pastries. The only fish caught were perch. Prizes were awarded to youth for the 3 largest fish caught as well as the smallest fish caught. Prizes for adults were awarded for the 2 largest fish caught. A great time was had by all.

January 10, 2010: A sledding day was held Sunday afternoon. Sledding was commenced on a very large hill near the Bad Nation area. A bonfire was built for warmth and roasting hotdogs. With the steepness of the hill it added to the fun and exercise. Later in the afternoon snowmobiles were used to traffic sledders to the top of the hill, which added greatly to the fun.

January 7-9, 2010: Wake and Funeral services held for Clifford Metcalf, age 56.

January 6, 2010: Wednesday night Bible Study cancelled due to subzero temperatures and high winds.

