

# White Eagle News

## Heading out to the Rez

Osyio (greetings) in the matchless name of our risen Lord! I pray this finds the sun shining brightly on your smooth path. It is our pleasure and an honor to bring you news of what the Creator is doing in the lives of the First Nations people (Native Americans) of this great land.



We just returned from Pastor Ellson Bennett's *Healing of the Nations Rally* in Sedona, Arizona (Navajo). It was a time of restoration for all who were there. Signs and wonders followed each day and the Glory of the Lord was upon us!

Believers of all backgrounds are becoming more interested in what God is doing with the "Host" Nations.

This ministry has been receiving requests on how to minister to these wonderful, spiritual "sleeping giants" of faith.

There are no secrets and certainly nothing that overrides what the Holy Spirit is telling you, but here are words of wisdom from Rev. John GrosVenor. Brother John (N.C. Cherokee) has over 48 years of experience in serving in the reservation communities. I have emphasized some of his words as they relate to my experiences as well:

1) Exegete [explore and understand] the culture(s) in a particular community or reservation

2) Learn what Christian witness is already being done there. *Never duplicate what someone else is already doing.* Never build on another's foundation. I was told many years ago, never go to any community and duplicate what is already being done. I began "native ministry" in 1958. "Christians" do "missions" in an old paradigm and ***Euro-American attitude that is destructive.*** Yet many think they are bringing the "gospel" to a People whom they think have not heard the Gospel. ***It's the same paradigm that has failed for 500 years.***

3) If there is a need for a certain type of Christian ministry in a reservation community, go to the Tribal Council or Chair and recognize their authority and go through the ***proper protocol*** to be granted permission to be there.

4) If a couple, denomination or group is ***intent on the continued destruction of Native culture and ceremonies then don't go.*** Many tent preachers have come to reservations or set up "churches" and preached against "Indian idols" and ***traditional ways*** and then leave a "bad taste" in the mouth of the local People -all in the name of "Christianity".

About a year ago, we had a gathering near the Agency for a veteran's memorial. All were invited to say a few words. One man stepped up the microphone and announced: "I am your new missionary and he introduced himself and his missions organization and told the crowd the Lord sent him and his wife to the Colville Confederated Tribes to be their new missionaries!

Can you believe such gall, ignorance and pompous pride? At this very moment, there are three groups (3) that are vying to get "something started" here. They are not talking to each other. It's the same old "White Mentality" over again and again.

Whether a group or couple is Indian or White that is ***Euro-American competition.*** I've gone to each of these groups and asked why they don't talk to one another and work together.

***The old "missions" paradigm must die. The definition of insanity is to keep doing something that does not work and expect different results.***

Wado Equa (thanks greatly) Brother John!

Remember – we are not pagans; our forefathers worshiped One Creator God, not unlike the Hebrews. Again we reference the oldest known documentation of this evidence in a history book written by **James Adair** – ***"Out of the Flames"***. I highly recommend this book. You may order it online from: [www.cherokeeswestern.com](http://www.cherokeeswestern.com). An intensive study of the Torah (Books of Moses and the Old Testament) will bless you with this knowledge as well.



Rev. Carmen Peters and Rev. Chari Bouse

At the **Healing of the Nations Motorcycle Rally**, June 10, 2006, Rev. Peters (Apache) imparts healing anointing to Rev. Bouse (Cherokee). Sister Peters was in a wheelchair and on Hospice when she received life saving healing at the Azusa Street Revival 100-Year celebration just six weeks earlier! God is Good - All the Time!

# Spiritual Growth

*Seek to mature in the Spirit so that because of use, your senses have been trained to discern both good and evil. Hebrews 5:14*

## “THE WAY”

History has recorded that the early “Christians” were not called that at all. They were referred to as following “The Way” of Jesus (Yeshua). **Acts 9:2** tells of Paul, before his conversion, getting permission to persecute anyone found of “The Way”. Again in **Acts 18:25** *This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John.* **Acts 19:9** also tells of evil being spoken about people of “The Way”.

Where did the religious Jews get this saying? Most scholars believe it is because Jesus told his followers in **John 14:6**, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.* This makes Jesus the Waymaker. He is the Way to God and to successful living. We call this “The Jesus Way”.

In an ongoing effort to change the Euro-American mindset of evangelism I believe it is important to discuss the word “Christian”. The world’s definition has changed over the years. Many people in Church today believe they are a Christian because someone told them they were. In our great State many believe they are born again Christian because they were born in Texas. 😊

We either need a new dictionary for this term or we need to show the world by our actions that we are following The Way of Jesus. Your life and words will show which path you are following. A person who drinks to the point of getting drunk is not of “The Way”, though he may call himself a Christian. The same goes for someone who uses foul language on a regular basis, or an adulterer, or gives into fornication, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies. These are the ways to reject ones salvation and are not Christian at all!

if you are thinking of heading out to a reservation to evangelize, let me seriously advise you (**1 Thes 5:14 amp. version**) to be mindful of your words. The Natives have a different dictionary of the term Christian. I know because I once had that dictionary too. It is the one described above. I had not witnessed anyone following “The Way”. Do not call them pagan and do not come against their culture or traditions. When told I was going

into Sacred Circles and participating in Pow-Wows, etc. I had one Christian leader ask me “are you sure you didn’t lose your salvation?” I give witness to you that the activities were not pagan nor demonic, but respectful of one Creator God! And no, I did not lose my salvation!

Christianity has not effectively penetrated Native culture with the old methods. It is my heartfelt prayer that the Body of Christ will have its eyes of understanding enlightened to a new way of relating to our Native brothers and sisters. The only “Way” that will work will be The Jesus Way! Amen.

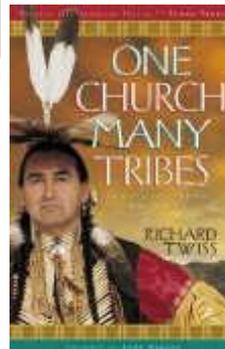
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*Grandmother, Sue and Roy Pipkin at Chapel of the Hills, Sedona, Arizona*

## Suggested Reading:

**One Church Many Tribes** - Following Jesus  
The Way God Made You, *By Richard Twiss*



Richard Twiss shows how by understanding the history and world view perspectives of North America's “host people” the church will discover some invaluable insights and needed Biblical principles for unity in the Body of Christ.

Order online today at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) or check your local bookstore.

**Merry Heart Does good like a medicine:**  
*If Adam and Eve had been Indians there in the Garden, we would not have any of these problems with sin. If they had been Indians they would have eaten that snake!* 😊



**The Legend of the Cherokee Rose**  
**Encouragement from Great Father**

The Cherokee were driven from their homelands in North Carolina and Georgia almost 200 years ago when gold was discovered in their lands. The journey known as the "Trail of Tears". It was a terrible time for the people - many died from the hardships and the women wept. The old men knew the women must be strong to help the children survive so they called upon the Great One to help their people and to give the mothers strength.

The Great One caused a plant to spring up everywhere a Mother's tears had fallen upon the ground on the journey. He told the old men that the plant would grow quickly, then fall back to the ground and another stem would grow. The plant would have white blossoms, a beautiful rose with five petals and gold in the center for the greed of the white man for the gold on their land. The leaves would have seven green leaflets, one for each Cherokee clan. The plant would be strong and grow quickly throughout the land all along the Trail of Tears. The stickers on the stem would protect it from those who might try to move it, as it spread to reclaim some of the lost Cherokee homeland.



The next morning, the women saw the beautiful white blossoms far back on the trail. When they heard what the Great One had done for them they felt their strength returning and knew they would survive and the children would grow

and the People would flourish in the new Cherokee Nation.  
*( Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? - Mathew 6:26)*

The Cherokee Rose became the State of Georgia's official existence emblem" by virtue of a joint resolution of the General Assembly approved by then Governor Nathaniel Harris on Praying for the peace  
Aug. 18, 1916.

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**To enter the Blood Covenant**

*(To be Born Spiritually-from above)*

If you would like to make the wonderful decision to make Yeshua the Lord of your life, simply pray this prayer: Heavenly Father, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. I pray and ask Jesus to come into my heart and be Lord over my life according to **Romans 10:9-10**. *"For if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."* I do that now. I confess that Jesus is Lord, and I believe in my heart that God raised Him from the dead.

Lord Yeshua, fill me now with the power of your Holy Spirit as your word says in Acts 1:8, and I will never be the same, in Yeshua's Mighty Name. AMEN!



For thousands of years the Hebrew tribe prayed for the "Peace of Jerusalem" (Psalms 122). In doing so did they not help pray our country into existence? This city in Israel has 9 letters in it's "floral name. They were not just praying for them but Assembling for the peace or the Shalom of

**JerUSAlem!**

Think about it!

*Wado RoyPipkin*