

SPOTLIGHT ON MISSIONARIES.....

Ron and Kathy Countryman



The Countrymans had a great love and burden for Native American people and believed that God had a plan for their lives to work and minister among this indigenous people group.

In 1975, the Countrymans sold their home and small horse farm in northern Illinois and moved to Montana to follow the Lord's call to minister to the Native Americans. In 23 years the Countrymans have successfully pastored three churches within the state of Montana and for the last 32 years have lived in the small ranching community of Big Timber. With funding from their denomination, Ron and Kathy were able to purchase 24 acres near Big Timber, which is now known as the Four Winds Ministry Center.

Ron Countryman began his ministry in 1977. He has served on the Montana/Wyoming youth board, North Central Regional council, and as district overseer. He was awarded the District Overseer of the Year award in 1988, 1989, and again in 1990.

Ron served as advisor to the Big Timber Youth Rodeo Association and served on the board for Big Brothers, Big Sisters at the time of its inception in Sweet Grass County. Ron is a 19-year veteran of the Sweet Grass County Sheriff's Department serving as a reserve deputy and the chaplain for that department.

Ron is a member of the Church of God Chaplains Commission and the International Conference of Police Chaplains. He is director of the Montana Native American Ministries and Four Winds Ministry Center.

Kathy Countryman has served on the Ladies Ministries board for the North Central Region. She is a teacher/speaker and has been asked to minister at training sessions at Four Winds and at ladies' retreats and seminars around the state, predominately to Native American ladies. Kathy served as a substitute teacher at Sweet Grass County High School and was also in charge of the School to Work and adult education programs. She also serves as the assistant director of the Four Winds Ministry Center.

In 2008 Ron and Kathy received one of the greatest and most infrequent honors. The Turnsplenty family adopted Ron and Kathy into their family and into the Crow Indian Nation.

PLEASE PRAY FOR RON AND KATHY COUNTRYMAN