



2016 Year End Report

Polished Arrow

January 19, 2017

2016 Highlights:

- January—SW Native American Christian Conference
- February—Native American Leadership Conference in Blythe, CA
- March—Pasadena Pow Wow
- April—
 - Azusa Fest & Azusa NOW
 - Spring Festival at St. Borromeo's
 - 1st Annual First Youth Nations War Conference
- June—
 - San Luis Rey Pow Wow
 - Native American Holy Ghost Conference
- September—Hart Park Pow Wow
- October—
 - Vacaville Conference
 - ANNA Call
- November—
 - Santa Fe Springs Pow Wow
 - SCIC Pow Wow
- December -
 - Christmas Boutique at Lutheran Church

BIBLES

We believe one of the most important things we do is make Bibles available at no cost to those we encounter on our outreaches. We believe the Bible contains God's Words of Life and relevant for living today. It is one of the many ways in which His truth is brought to light to overcome injustice, sorrow, and grief. We shared previously that our sources for these Bibles had announced they would no longer print them. With your help in 2015, we were able to buy 26 cases. We have approximately 8-10 cases left. We were notified toward the end of 2016, that a smaller, more affordable Sacred Road book has become available. We do not know how long this will be available, so we will be looking into publishing our own Native New Testament. Now that we are aware we have a source for the Sacred Road book, we have more time to design and determine how to publish one of our own. We have discussed adding testimonies and study guides that are pertinent to Native American life. If you would like to contribute a testimony or a page or two for the study guide, please contact us or send it to us by email or postal mail with your permission to include in the New Testament.

Equipping and Enabling

Equipping and enabling are also of great importance to our ministry. All of us have prayed for many years that more Native Christians would step out into ministry. We also need to help resource them so they can. We have shared very little in the past of our ministry efforts to enable and equip Native American Christians, and many of these efforts will continue to remain private. Some that we can share include our full board agreement to continue to provide a 501-C3 covering for Randy and Cheryl Bear Barnetson and their work in Vancouver and Nadleh Whut'en First Nation, respectively. What this means is that we can receive U.S. donations for them and provide a tax receipt to the donor when the check or credit card/PayPal is made out to Polished Arrow with a memo or note for Randy / Cheryl. We most likely will expand this covering to include a local man whose ministry has been informal but far-reaching and full of fruit. We will disclose the name once we have a board approval expected in February 2017.

We have enabled several individuals to participate in Native American conferences such as the First Youth Nations War Conference, the ANNA Call, and many others. Enabling means providing traveling expenses, hotel, meals, and/or other expenses. These individuals use their God-given gifts to bless the participants at the conferences, as well as receive prayer and teaching from others that edify and mentor or disciple. The ministry of one individual so deeply brought a move of the Holy Spirit that one could hear weeping all over the congregation. Others stood up and thanked him for modeling how a Native American Christian leader should look, act, and sound. Later, he asked for prayer from some of the Native American pastors. What he received was something rarely given to a Native Christian from non-Native pastors. He was affirmed and confirmed as already having a ministry and encouraged to step out in it.

2017 Ministry Needs and Visions

2017 Schedule

(Subject to Change as God Leads)

Jan—SW Native American Conference

Mar 4-5 Pasadena Pow Wow

Located between Howard St and Elizabeth St (south/north) and Hill and Allen (West/East) on the William Carey University campus.

FYN Conferences and Outreaches

Dates TBA

April Spring Festival at St. Charles Borromeo Church in North Hollywood

Dates TBA

June 10-11 San Luis Rey Pow Wow

4050 Mission Ave, Oceanside, CA

July 26-30 Wiconi Family Camp

Aldersgate Conference Grounds, 7790 Marion Rd, Turner, OR

September 24-25 Hart Park Pow Wow TBA

Oct 6-8 First Nations All Tribes Gather

The Mission, 6391 Leisure Town Rd, Vacaville, CA

Nov 4-5 Santa Fe Springs Pow Wow

12100 Mora Dr, Santa Fe Springs, CA

Nov 18-19 SCIC Pow Wow

88 Fair Dr, Costa Mesa, CA

December Christmas Boutique

Dates TBA

OUTREACH AND MINISTRY

We plan to continue our outreach efforts at the pow wows, as well as our fundraising efforts at the art festivals and boutiques. Please continue to pray for the divine appointments that allow us to fulfill our mission and bring the knowledge of Jesus to others.

POLISHED ARROW JOURNEY OF HEALING

Prayer is our strongest weapon. We can do nothing that equals or exceeds what we can accomplish in prayer. Praying in agreement with God's Word makes it all the more powerful in our lives. We plan to continue our postings and encourage others with the promises of God for healing, strength, and discernment.

2017 DIRECTORY

We will be focusing more time on the directory of First Nations Ministries, Churches, and other Christian organizations. We have not updated since 2011. It is a lengthy, difficult process to track down changes and new additions, but we are committed to completing another update this year. Please keep this project in prayer and please contact us with any knowledge of churches or ministries to include. The purpose of the directory is to facilitate communication and knowledge of work efforts of other organizations, to assist volunteers and donors in their search for ways to assist, and to help those traveling or relocating to learn more about Native ministries in their new neighborhoods.

EQUIPPING

We will continue to enable and equip Native Christian leaders to go where they feel God is calling them and to take along Bibles and other

resources they need as we are able. Please consider joining us in this effort. Enabling them to go requires transportation, lodging, meals, and expenses. Transportation costs can include airfare but often include at least gas money and at most car rentals (Rez cars are great but not always able to go the distance). Hotel, meals, and expense money are more than many get even when invited, although there are some welcome exceptions to that. We use our funding to resource those individuals that we know are called of God but have no formal 501-C3 or giving base. We do not want to let the absence of funding from churches or other sources keep anyone from answering God's call. The vision has always been to seed resources into their ministries until such time as they are enabled with their own donor base. It has been an amazing gift to see this happen. Please join us in our efforts to help dedicated, gifted men and women "put on their shoes" and spread the gospel as the Native American Christian leaders God has created them to be.

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Any donation, cash or non-cash, helps us fulfill the mission of this ministry. We can receive cash donations on our website (www.polishedarrow.com) or Facebook page (Polished Arrow Journey of Healing). A monetary gift for any of the resources in our bookstore at www.polishedarrow.com also helps with our outreaches, projects, and Bibles. To donate by check or with a non-cash donation, please mail to the address below.

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