

Spring 2002



# Mission of Love Newsletter



"You are not here to change the world, but to touch the hands that are within your reach."

## A Message from Kathleen Price, Founder and Director "Experience the Gift of Giving"

Our Mission of Love is ongoing and doing whatever it can, wherever we can. Since Sept. 11th, people seem to have forgotten about our grass roots organization which serves those who many don't consider human. Clearly, being a non-political, non-denominational organization has its disadvantages. And not having any substantial help makes our job so much harder. We can use some help to help those in need...

This will be the 11<sup>th</sup> year of operation for our organization. When I first started the Mission of Love, my intent was not only to help myself with my own life, but to help others realize how much they could help others in the course of their daily lives. Once there was a young man who eagerly described to his mother what he dreamed of doing for the poor. His mother asked, "When do you propose to make your dream come true?" Her son replied, "As soon as opportunity arrives." "Opportunity never arrives," said his mother. But we know...it's here *now*.

We all have a very deep longing to give--to give to society and to each other--it makes up our humanity. But like the young man, many of us simply don't know how to give of ourselves, we don't see that the opportunity is

there in front of us. It's sad when that happens...it's easy to lose our way in this very commercial world. We make things so complicated when they are really very simple. But the "gift of giving" is there to be discovered. We all long for that giving of kindness! Our Mission of Love tries to find ways we all can use our talents to make a difference in our world. It's not hard, but you must make the effort. The greater the effort, the greater the satisfaction.

The best way to diminish the power of fear, helplessness and hopelessness is to gain deep satisfaction in working together to give service to others. Let's all remember that this is the rent we pay for this space we inhabit on earth. Talk to anyone who has volunteered and you will learn about the personal satisfaction that comes from the giving of service.

I really like the unique story of a man who once stood before God, his heart breaking from the pain and injustice in the world. "God," he cried out. "Look at the suffering, the anguish and distress in your world. Why don't you send help to change the way the world is?" God responded, "I did send help...I sent YOU."

**"You cannot hold a torch to  
brighten someone's path  
without brightening  
your own"**

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can provide 120 lbs. of aid to  
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### **Upcoming Building Trips**

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**June 2002**

**Pine Ridge Indian**

**Reservation**

**September 2002**



*A Gift of Radishes for Kathy*

*...from a Mayan Elder.*



## Pine Ridge Reservation Trip Set for May

The Mission of Love is planning a building trip to the Pine Ridge Reservation again in May to build homes. Dates for the building trip are May 14-25, 2002.

Mission of Love will build a home for the Delane Stands family. Their home has been ravaged by problems with deadly black mold. An addition of two bedrooms will also be constructed for the family of Mary Fast Wolf, a woman who has adopted fifteen foster children.

During a visit to Mary Fast Wolf in February, she said, "I'd give my eyeteeth to have a few more bedrooms." Currently, her sons sleep in a trailer next to the house, as there is not enough room for all the children to sleep under one roof. (see "Letters of Need")

Those who are interested in accompanying Mission of Love on this trip should contact Kathy Price at (330) 793-2388 as soon as possible.

**Good works are  
links that form a  
chain of LOVE**

*The new  
Black Hills  
Dialysis Unit,  
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## Pine Ridge, S.D. Dialysis Unit Opens

The new Black Hills Dialysis unit has opened on the reservation in Pine Ridge, South Dakota. The unit, which began construction in June of 2001, welcomed its first patients the week of March 5 after a final Medicare inspection.

The Pine Ridge Dialysis Unit, owned by Warren Buck Elk, will replace another unit discontinuing

service in Pine Ridge. It will provide much needed services for renal

patients on the reservation, some of whom traveled 115 miles to Rapid City three times a week to receive dialysis treatments and medical care

Linda Budd, RN and Mission of Love volunteer, spent three weeks in January on the reservation. Helping set up the dialysis unit and order

supplies, Linda also worked in nearby Porcupine, SD as a dialysis nurse. "It was an awesome experience," Linda said. "We don't know how lucky we are to have accessible healthcare right around the corner." She returned to Pine Ridge in March after the Medicare inspection to provide staffing services.

Mission of Love assisted by supplying the Pine Ridge Dialysis Unit

with an 18,000 pound shipment of furnishings and medical supplies. Old Mill Transportation of Cleveland, Ohio provided the transportation for all supplies, arranged by John Wright, another Mission of Love volunteer.

Diabetes and renal failure are major health problems on any reservation, but especially so in Pine Ridge. Pine Ridge is located in the poorest county in the United States, and many of the people living there have little or no access to healthcare.

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### Recommended Reading:

"Journey through Heartsongs" by

Mattie J. T. Stepanek

A truly inspirational book, filled with gifts of inspired wisdom and wit by a young boy diagnosed with a rare form of Muscular Dystrophy. Mattie has an inner strength that transcends time and will touch your heart forever.



*The only place "success"  
comes before "work"  
is in the Dictionary.*



Mary Fast Wolf's Family



## Successful Fundraiser Events

The Mission of Love Foundation held two successful fundraising events in February.

"A Nite at the Races" was held at Catered Elegance in Bedford, Ohio on Saturday, February 23.

Teresa DeVries and company planned the evening featuring an all-you-could-eat spaghetti dinner, Chinese auction, horseracing fun, friends and laughter. About 130 friends of Mission of Love were in attendance. John Swanson received the Mission of Love Mission Statement award for his support of the Mission of Love's work. Special thanks go out to Teresa, John and Lil for all their hard work and planning.

Mission of Love's Annual Fiesta Dinner was held at Bob Shotts' Colonial Catering in Canfield, Ohio on Tuesday, February 26. Kim Raimer received Mission of Love's Mission Statement award for unconditional support of our efforts. Phil Gonzalez's Mariachi band and Porgie the Clown provided the evening's entertainment for adults and children alike.

Sieglinde Warren, Advisor for Canfield High School's Interact Club, spoke of her experiences returning from Germany on Sept. 11. She recounted the "kindness of strangers" when her plane was forced to land as a result of the terrorist attacks. Sieglinde was stranded for several days in Canada until airports opened in the United States.

Though the weather outside turned frightful, the Mexican food was delightful, the Chinese auction was great, and a good time was had by all.



Kim Raimer receiving the Mission of Love Statement Award at the Mexican Fiesta dinner.



Erin Keich tells Porgie the Clown a secret!



Lil and helpers enjoy a "Nite at the Races."



Phil Gonzalez and his Mariachi Band

***The Mission of Love Foundation*** is a non-profit organization that provides humanitarian aid to those in need worldwide, especially children. Backed by individuals, local businesses and the U.S. Military's Denton Program, the Mission of Love airlifts clothing, medicine, food and building supplies to third world countries. Once the supplies arrive, groups of people, both young and old, from all walks of life, are there to utilize the supplies by building medical clinics, repairing orphanages, administering medical treatment to the ill and serving those who need help.

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### ***The perfect gift for Mother's Day...***

Mission of Love Cookbooks are still available. The cost of the "user-friendly" cookbook is \$12.00 and the cost of the recipe booklet (for your own good recipes) is \$3.00. Call Linda Budd at (330) 726-0547 or Kathy Price at (330) 793-2388 to order copies for yourself or as a gift for your mother.





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## Letters of Need

### From Delane Stands, Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota

To Kathy Price and the Mission of Love:

I, Delane, was asked by yourself, how would I feel to have my own home? It's kind of hard to think about, knowing what you've had to live in your whole short life, growing up with other families, mostly aunts and their kids. We and the older kids grew up living in basements. Then I was old enough to go to boarding school. I went because usually there was too much kids around. My mom had other duties. One handicapped sister, she's 25. Another sister, she's 22. Two younger brothers, 21 and 18, all going to finish high school.

My whole life, I had to share housing with someone because not enough housing available. About 5 years ago my girlfriend and I met and have 2 kids right now. I started kind of late in life on having kids. My first baby came when I was 25 years old. One is 15 months old. Her name is Delena Paula. My son is 3 years old, his name is Lawrence Baylor. Me and my spouse thought it would be OK for us to turn the basement into an apartment, but after living in the basement, the kids started to suffer diarrhea and a lot of coughing. The walls started turning black. I scraped it off with a paint scraper, but it came back. Washing it with Lysol just made it smell better, it didn't go away. During the whole time, we were all sleeping in a wet basement that wasn't safe. I tried all kinds of tribal things, like asking for a trailer from FEMA, but was told there were not any. I guess it depends on who you know and how well you know them.

Well, it's kind of hard to give you an answer to your question, but I'll tell you right now it will be the most beautiful house in the region. Especially the surroundings. Just a little imagination and a lot of labor of love...it could be the most beautiful thing that could happen for my kids. They could start their roots. Along with my own, they'd have a room to themselves so they won't have to share. My brother is going to school for Auto Mechanics, so was thinking of building a kind of shelter or carport with walls so we could make some money, a lot of money when he's finished with school. He'll just need some kind of shelter that's all for both. That's what we both have a dream of, of having a certified mechanic's shop. We really know how to use all sorts of tire machines, hoists, and racks. It's just hard to get the money to purchase some of the equipment.

All through the years before my kids, I've learned how to use my skills. My woodshop teacher told me that if you could measure, know your tools and how to use a level, you will make yourself some money. He knew that I was smart to build things. My welding teacher spent a lot of time with me. So did my auto teacher. All are very and deeply respected for what they have taught me, because little did I know they were just preparing me for my future on how to better myself. Also, I owe my life skills to a lot of people, but it's hard to say that one day there is or might be a house for me. *That's only a dream, an American dream.*

Today it's kind of hard for me because there's family members going down quicker than they ever used to. I don't know what's making a lot of people sick. My mom's sick. She's living in the same house I used to live in, and I know her heart and kidneys aren't good anymore, but we're praying for everyone to make it through the year.

Me and my family will be doing good until we meet again, Kathleen. May God bless you and make happiness come your way.

Love, **Delane Stands and family**

(Delane Stands took a valiant position in whistle-blowing the situation about the black mold problem on the reservation to the press. His courage and strength are to be applauded and admired.)

"A successful man is one who can lay a firm foundation with bricks others throw at him."

—David Brinkley

### From Mary Fast Wolf, Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota

To Mission of Love:

I would like to make a request to have two bedrooms built on to my house. I have 15 children. I have a four bedroom house and I truly need this for our family. I would like to have a wood stove, as this is our premium heat. I would like to have it in one of the bedrooms. I use our wood stove to heat the house, so I could save on our propane so I could cook and have hot water to take baths. I try to look every way to save or cut corners. Some of my kids sleep on the floor in the front room. The boys do, but they don't mind, so they tell me, it's like camping out. This is a wish I would like to have happen for my family. We would all be ever so thankful. I read in the paper how much you all do for the people here on the reservation and all over the world. I know that your work doesn't just stop here, that you try to help everyone.

Thank you so much for all the work you do for the people.

God bless you, **Mary Fast Wolf and Family**



## Letters of Need

Dear Kathy Price,

Just a small message to tell you that often I think about you, because where I live is very difficult to communicate with you and my other friends in USA. Right now I am in San Pedro Sula for few days. I imagine that you know that La Mosquitia was hit again with a very bad storm. The indigenous has lost almost all their plantations, animals, homes. They are very sad because the conditions of the weather, no help has come to them yet. I know USA is having a hard time right now, but we will like to ask for help to our friends in USA. We will be so grateful because we have nothing, and whatever anybody can do for the poor in La Mosquitia will be appreciated. I will be in San Pedro, please send me email to let me know if we have any hope for help.

God bless you and take care,

**Norma Love Foundation, Honduras**

Dear Kathy Price,

Thank you so very much for your visit to Pine Ridge in February and for the much needed medical supplies. I have to say the highlight of your trip was when you and the Mission of Love offered to build us our much needed Hospice Palliative House on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. This, as you know, will be the only hospice service on any reservation in the country.

As you may know, life on Pine Ridge is very difficult, being in the poorest county in the United States with 86% unemployment. In the last 2 years, we have found it necessary to place 15 patients into the government hospital here. This has been unacceptable. We have striven to provide in-home Hospice service for hours, even a day or two. But the families were unable to continue care in their homes, so patients had to be transferred to the hospital. The patients are placed at the end of the hall and looked in on once in a while. All the work that was done for comfort care then goes down the drain, and there is no continuity of care. There are many end of life issues that have to be addressed, and by going to a hospital, these are not met.

Not only is the cancer rate increasing here on Pine Ridge, but HIV is alive and well. No one here wants to take care of AIDS infected people.

When Mission of Love completes the Hospice House, end of life health care will be improved by 100%. This will allow family members to continue to stay with their loved ones in their last hours. I went to the BIA in search of land. The gentleman I traveled with found 2.5 acres right along the main road in Kyle, in the center of the reservation. I feel that this request will be granted, because many people here remember Ellen Stephen, whom the hospice service is named after.

Thank you so very much.

**Bruce Williams, RN**

**Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota**



## A Plea for Help !

Mission of Love is in dire need of funding with which to buy construction materials. If the people who wrote the letters above are to have their needs met, Mission of Love will need to purchase lumber, plumbing and electrical supplies for all the building projects. We also need funding for furnishings for the the completed projects.

If you can help in any way, please send your tax deductible donation in the envelope enclosed in this newsletter. Since September 11th, all non-profit organizations are hurting for funding. We are no different. Our coffers are empty, but the hearts of those we need to help are full of hope...hope that Mission of Love can make their lives better.

Won't you help TODAY?



A turtle travels only when  
it sticks its neck out.



Go to the people  
Learn from them  
Love them  
Start with what they know  
Build on what they have.  
But of the best leaders,  
When their task is accomplished  
And their work is done,  
The people will remark:  
"We have done it ourselves"

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- 2000 year old Chinese Proverb



The children of Francisco Madera, Mexico



A small Mayan boy  
with new toy

We can do no great things.  
We can do small things  
with great love.

### The Charles Schultz Philosophy

Take this quiz:

1. Name the 5 wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last 5 Heisman trophy winners
3. Name the last 5 winners of the Miss America contest
4. Name 10 people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer prize
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.
6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do? The point is, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. They are the best in their fields. But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name 5 people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special
5. Think of 5 people you enjoy spending time with
6. Name half a dozen heroes whose stories have inspired you.

Easier? The lesson? The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They are the ones that care. Pass this on to those people who have made a difference in your life. Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It's already tomorrow in Australia. -Charles Schultz

### Baldwin-Whitehall School District Collecting Books for South Dakota Children



Reservation in May.

In celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday, students enrolled in five different schools in the Baldwin-Whitehall School District in Pennsylvania are busy collecting used books for the children of Indian Reservations in North and South Dakota. PTA parents will aid the effort by separating and categorizing books, and getting them ready for shipping.

The books will be given to children who don't have ready access to books or other reading materials.

The book drive was organized by Ruth Akers, an 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, and Suzy Gerst, PTA president. Last year, students of the school district collected close to 10,000 books. Some books will go to day care centers, local hospitals, or other organizations within the community, but the majority will go to children on Indian Reservations. Mission of Love will transport a portion of these collected books to the Pine Ridge Indian

**Thanks so much!** to Paul and Luana Rubin who support Mission of Love with a monthly donation from their business, [eQuilter.com](http://eQuilter.com) in Boulder, Colorado. Paul and Luana have been faithful supporters for the last three years by sending a percentage of their profits to Mission of Love. Thank you for your love and support!



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They were sent from above  
They were sent to show their love.

They are cared for even more.  
They're like an eagle that likes to soar.

They're Mission of Love.

They were prayed for every night,  
God tells them "You're doing what's right"

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They will always be there,

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They mean so much,  
They have that soft, gentle touch

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--by Cheyenne River Fast Wolf  
8<sup>th</sup> grade student, Pine Ridge, South Dakota



The Canfield High School Interact Club helping at the warehouse in Ravenna.



## Receiving The Gift of Love

by Tina Dudek, Mission of Love volunteer

Everyone talks about the joy of "giving". We read books and see movies about it. Talk show hosts dedicate long shows discussing it. People give of their time, talents, material goods and finances just for the joy that they feel upon "giving". What we don't often discuss though, is the joy of "receiving". I discovered this while on a mission trip to the Mayan jungle towns in Mexico.

As part of our trip with the Mission of Love, Kathy Price scheduled visits to several different remote Mayan villages. We loaded up her van in the morning with a suitcase full of small toys from fast food restaurants, maybe some sandals and baseball hats. We took along a doctor and nurses with suitcases full of Tylenol, Advil, and cough and cold medicine. Before we arrived, Kathy would find out how many families were in the village and we would stop at a small grocery store to buy supplies for each family that would include a bag of dried beans, a bag of rice, a bottle of oil, bananas, and a half dozen eggs.

As we entered the village, people appeared from out of their huts. The children were let out of school early to see the Americans. Villagers would line up and stand in the hot sun for hours for a chance to see the American doctor. The volunteers spoke not a word of Mayan--the villagers not a word of English. Yet we were able to communicate with each other at the most basic level--the communication of caring. They live in squalor--yet ask for nothing. They were surprised and grateful for the small amount of food we were able to give them. They proudly wore the new hats and sandals we brought. The children lined up single file and patiently waited for their chance to pick out one tiny toy.

We loved them, hugged them, and shared whatever we had. There was a beautiful feeling involved in the giving of so little.

It was when we were ready to leave that we found the joy in "receiving". As we said our goodbyes to the beautiful people of these poor villages, a surprising thing would happen. There would be a knock on the van window, or one of us would be grabbed by the arm, and a few of the older women would be standing there offering US gifts of homemade tortillas, tamales, or soup. What little they had to feed their families--and they were giving it to US! What a joy it was to receive their love in return!





# Indian Version of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm

The Great Father above is the Shepherd Chief.

I am His, and with Him I want not.

He throws out to me a rope and the name of the rope is "love"

and he draws me to where the grass is green

and the waters not dangerous.

I eat and lie down satisfied.

Sometimes my heart is very weak and falls down,  
but He lifts it up again and draws me onto a good road.

His name is wonderful.

Sometimes it may be very soon, it may be longer,  
it may be a long, long time, He will draw me into a place

between the mountains. It is dark there,

but I'll draw back not, for it is in there

between the mountains that the

Shepherd Chief will meet me.

There the hunger that I have felt in  
my heart all through this life will be satisfied.

Sometimes He makes the love rope into a whip

but afterwards He gives me a staff to lean on.

He spreads a table before me with all kinds of food.

He puts his hand upon my head and all the "tired" is gone.

My cup he fills until it runs over.

What I tell you is true. I lie not. Those roads that are

away will stay with me through this life,

And afterwards I will go to live in the Big Teepee,

And sit down with the Shepherd Chief forever.



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