



Mission of Love News

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

**THERE IS A DESTINY THAT MAKES US BROTHERS,
None goes his way alone.
All that we send into the lives of others,
Comes back again, into our own.**

*Catch
the
Spirit* ★

Marion Z. Jocola - glad to be 84 (*I have seen alot*) (Mineral Ridge, Ohio)

About nineteen years ago, a young couple, Bob and Kathy Price from Youngstown, Ohio decided to take a vacation in the Tropics, knowing that this would be a good way to help with Kathy's recovery from a serious surgery.

While seeing the sights in the small town of Isla Mujeres, Mexico, they wandered into a small gift shop and Kathy struck up a conversation with a friendly shopkeeper, Judith. There seemed to be an immediate bond and once when they revisited the shop, Judith invited them to her home to share with them the needs of the community, a bilingual preschool. They were shocked to see so much poverty and yet the native Mayan people seemed pleasant, kind and happy.

When they returned home, it didn't take Kathy long to realize that there must be a way that they could share some of the bounty of their lives with the needy Mayan people. Kathy and Bob put together packages of medicine, food, toys and educational material and sent it to their new friend, Judith. Word spread about their project and soon items of use came to Kathy Price from all walks of life, people donated old hearing aids, glasses, medical supplies, educational supplies and even good used tools that were gratefully received by the people in need.

As contributions continued to come in, Kathy widened her outreach by interested people who were willing to go on a trip to help construct buildings - a home destroyed by black mold, or fire, clinics to distribute much needed medicine and compassion, orphanages, schools. The teamwork of the crew is phenomenal, to the degree that they often have constructed a home or building in four days, complete with plumbing and wiring.

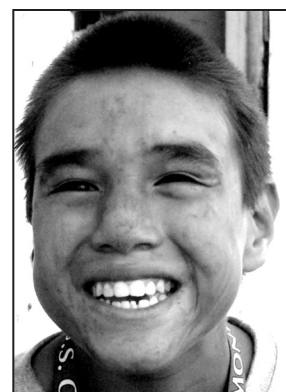
When a plea for help comes to Mission of Love, Kathy checks the situation and circumstances at hand and when she decides "That Doable," sparks begin to fly!

She makes plans for the next Mission of Love project whether it is twenty miles or even thousands of miles away! She procures building materials, supplies and tools needed for the job and recruits volunteers who pay their own way. They take with them tools and an open heart, most of the food they need and some to share with the people they will be helping. Kathy's energy is boundless and her laughter and smiling eyes often energize workers who are staying on the job even though the moon has come up and the stars are shining down on them.

The Denton Program is a tremendous help, as the Mission of Love works with the United States Air Force who will transport 20,000 pounds or more pounds of Humanitarian Aid to the impoverished areas. Kathy's Mission of Love is the largest user of the Denton Program in the United States.

Back home friends of the Mission of Love are busy with occasional fund-raisers like bake sales, lemonade stands outside of Sam's Club, raffles, Chinese auction and perhaps even a Seafood

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A WORLD OF NEIGHBORS:

Volunteers prove that reaching out to help your neighbors is an act of kindness that can extend for miles - or even around the globe.

Ohio charity helping foster family rebuild

By Mary Garrigan - Oct.15, 2008, Journal staff

Butch Cepplecha's definition of "neighbor" knows no geographic boundaries.

"There's neighbors, and then there's people who just live close by - and there's a big difference," says the Mission of Love volunteer and the owner of a heating and air conditioning business in Martin, SD.

Cepplecha has made the 100-mile drive from Martin to Red Shirt Table numerous times in the past two months to do the neighborly thing for the Varden and Mary Fast Wolf family. He's just one of a host of Mission of Love volunteers, led by the group's founder, Kathleen Price, who built the Fast Wolf family a home after a July 29 fire destroyed their old one.

The six bedroom, four-bath home was constructed by placing two surplus military housing duplexes together on wooden footing. There's no basement, and no central heating system. The house is well-constructed, but also well worn. The bathroom fixtures, kitchen appliances and dilapidated flooring all show their age. "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" it is not.

But the Fast Wolfs and the 15 foster and adopted children who currently live with them are thrilled with their replacement home. They can't wait to move in, after being crammed into a relatively small, two-bedroom home for the past two months.

And Price, a **gray-haired grandmother** from Youngstown, Ohio, doesn't need to take a back seat to Ty Pennington, the irrepressible host of the ABC television show, either.

Price started her charitable foundation 20 years ago on a shoestring and operates it to this day on little more than the sheer force of her will. Because everyone who works for her organization is a volunteer, she is able to tell donors that for every dollar she gets, she generates \$122 in goods and services that go directly to people in need. There is no "administrative overhead" at Mission of Love.

Her motto is "You are not here to save the world, but to touch the hands that are within your reach."



Perry Fast Wolf helps Mission of Love volunteer Andrea Reedy measure a piece of donated carpet before cutting it to size Thursday morning in front of Fast Wolf's new home.

Price's neighborly reach extends around the world, Mission of Love has provided humanitarian aid in Haiti, Mexico, Africa, and numerous Third World countries. But she has a special spot in her heart for the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, and for people like Mary and Varden Fast Wolf who live there. Price calls the reservation a Third World country within the borders of the United States.

"Mary and Varden are the great humanitarians," Price said, noting the many abused and abandoned children who have found a place to belong with the Fast Wolf family over the years. In our home there's always room for more children," Mary Fast Wolf said.

When the Fast Wolf home burned in July, Mission of Love was on the Pine Ridge building a Lakota - immersion school in Oglala, a project that several members of the Fast Wolf family had volunteered to help with.

The night of the fire, Price promised to return and replace her friends' home. In August, she kept her promise, bringing with her a 53-foot trailer filled with 44,000 pounds of food, clothes, household furnishings and building materials.

Since then, Varden Fast Wolf has often found himself standing in front of his recycled home, whispering a prayer of thanksgiving for all his neighbors - whether they live in Ohio, Rapid City or Red Shirt Table - who have helped his family build a new home.

"It's such a great feeling to know that there's a home here again," he said.

The Fast Wolf home was Price's top priority once again last week, as volunteers like Cepplecha pushed to finish installing water lines, electrical boxes and a wood burning stove to get the family into their home before winter hits.

It's what neighbors do, after all.

"You are not here to save the world, but to touch the hands that are within your reach." Kathleen Price founder of Mission of Love, a charitable foundation that offers aid to people around the world

HOME: Having a house again 'a great feeling,' homeowner says.

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"It's all about the forgotten "children"....



THERE IS A DESTINY THAT MAKES US BROTHERS, (cont'd from page 1)

Fest! This is a thumbnail sketch of the work done by a remarkable group - with love. Where there is a need, Mission of Love does its best to help. The thing that had thrilled me most in my years of working with the Mission of Love, was to find that the first truck of supplies allowed, into the devastation after "Katrina", described on national television as "a truck from North East Ohio," was our trucks and our workers, including medical volunteers, who were allowed to set up in a Wall Mart and distribute water, food, bedding, clothing, medical aid etc. Our Missions of Love was the first ray of hope to many of the victims of "Katrina" had seen since that horrible Day!

There have been many trips to impoverished areas and many hands of hope extended to people living in desperation and poverty. Only time will tell where the next desperate area is, that will be needing and receiving the services and love that Mission of Love provides. Maybe you can contribute time, talent, and even finances to help this dedicated grass roots group, which has no paid employees and receives no government money, yet disposes unbelievable help and comfort in the darkest hours to families in need. Little girls waiting quietly in line for their five minutes of play time with the village's only doll----young boys playing baseball with only a stone and a big stick----children walking long distances to take a bath in a creek or river, then only to dry off with the clothes they have been wearing - many families do not own even a towel!---- people sleeping and living in "abandoned" cars. Know that these are only a few of the examples that our volunteers have witnessed in their travels.

I am so happy to be one of Kathy's, Mission's of Love "gang". It's hard to imagine the direction my life might have taken if I had not heard Kathy speak of the Mission of Love, thirteen years ago at our church. I am so happy to be a small part of this great organization and will do all that I can to continue reaching out to those in need through the Mission of Love.

CAN YOU ONLY IMAGINE?

Bob Carson - California

An inferno. A conflagration. A firestorm. Just a stockpile of dry fuel made up of weathered boards, plank and siding. A house fully engulfed and a home lost. But not just any home. This was the home of Mary and Varden Fast Wolf, for many years a crowded but loving sanctuary for children in need with nowhere else to turn.

Kathleen Price and a group of Mission of Love volunteers were on the reservation at Pine Ridge, South Dakota the night of July 30th. They had just spent a week completing the final touches on the construction of the Sacred Circle Lakota Language School in Oglala. It was then Kathy got the late night call on her cell phone. "Kathy, Mary's House is on fire. The whole house, it's all on fire! Please come!"



For more than 13 years, Mary and Varden Fast Wolfe have opened their hearts and their doors to foster children, to orphans, to friends of their own children, to kids who have lost parents to incarceration, alcohol, drugs or early death. Runaways? They're welcome at what many on the reservation call "The Mansion." Children with physical or mental disabilities? "Sure, Come on in! Dinner will be ready soon..." Toddlers and youngsters who are damaged by fetal alcohol syndrome? Mary and Varden have never said no. The Varden's house on the prairie at Red Shirt Table provides nurture and shelter for twelve to eighteen children at a time, as well as a menagerie of dogs, chickens and even a one-horned goat.

Mission of Love has tried to support the Fast Wolfe's extended family by building an expansive room addition, remodeling the kitchen and sending a steady supply of furniture, clothing, gas, toys and food to a house overflowing with love and children.

Fire consumes wood, paper, flooring and studs. Hot enough, and it melts and deforms brass, copper and steel. Fire doesn't discriminate. Along with the walls, it consumes clothing and the little 'favorite stuffed animals', birth certificates and driver's licenses, immunization and school records, social security cards and adoption papers, prescriptions and prescription glasses, car keys and wallets, cupboards with a season full of dry-goods and the freezer stocked with the 'too-hard-to-come-by' meat and staples.

But perhaps these material losses are just the 'blisters and surface burns'. Because fire can also burn a hole in your heart. Kathy Price arrived in time to witness the flames but also to both hear and feel the fear and dread of; "Now what?" and "What's next?" "Where will we all go?" And Kathy had an immediate response, the only response she ever has when people are in despair. It is Kathy's genuine loving reaction to children in need, to people in despair and to injustice makes it so compelling to be work with her.

Mary Fast Wolfe was the first to hear Kathy's response. Varden heard it next. All the children heard it. The gathered volunteers of Mission of Love heard it. In her understated way, Kathy announced, "We'll get you a house. Before the end of the month,

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Every action should be taken with thoughts of its effects on children seven generations from now.

-- Cherokee saying.



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we'll build you a house. We'll not see this family broken up and separated." Once more, Kathy repeated it so that everyone would hear it and know she meant it.

Less than a month later, on August 24. Kathy Price arrived at Red Shirt, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Once more, she was accompanied by a semi-truck full of building materials, furniture and supplies hauled in from Austintown, Ohio and a crew of ready volunteers from both Ohio and California. I was fortunate enough to be a part of that crew and also to witness the wealth of hope and love the Mission of Love offers.

The seeds of hope that Kathy had planted less than a month earlier were brought to fruition. I first saw it in the eyes of the gathered children; eyes full of trust, hope and expectation that exploded into yells of welcome. "Kathy's here! Her crew is here! Her truck is here!" The excitement was tangible. However, I have to say the adults seemed to still be in shock. The smiles were thin. Frustration and despair was apparent. The reality of their situation had descended on their hearts.

But Kathy's crew was ready to get started. Just an arm's length from the skeletal foundation of Mary's lost house, the foundation for a new house arose from the piers. Mission of Love had purchased some obsolete base housing from Ellsworth Air Force Base, north of Rapid City, about seventy-five miles away. Envisioning the potential of these empty homes she worked with another saint on the prairie, Rusty Puckett, a building contractor (and apparent master of all things mechanical.) Rusty and his crew agreed to move a 30 by 41 foot building across much of South Dakota, through sixty miles of opposing traffic, narrow bridges, low wires, and another half mile of ditches, culverts and raw prairie land to set it on our pier and post foundation. Then Kathy made sure we did it all again; a second trip added the second half of two duplex units onto the new foundation.

Volunteers and family members spent long hours working shoulder-to-shoulder, crafting, reconstructing and shaping a new home next to the ashes of the old one. The remainder of the week was spent binding the two units into a large (30 by 82') single family residence with six bedrooms, four bathrooms, and two large family rooms, all with a freshly painted interior and remodeled spaces to accommodate the traffic patterns and needs of the extended Fast Wolf clan.

It took just one week to give the Fast Wolf's a beautiful new home; a week we will all remember for the rest of our lives. Thank you Kathy for allowing us volunteers to see the expectant hope, anticipation and love radiating from the children, to see the resilience and grace of the Mary and Varden, to sense the relief they felt at finally knowing their family would be able to sleep together again, under one roof.

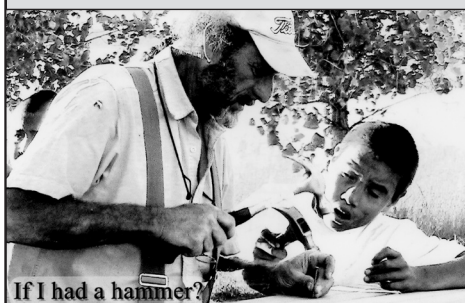
INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHTS . . . THE BLIND HORSE

Just up the road from my home is a field, with two horses in it. From a distance, each looks like every other horse. But if you stop your car, or are walking by, you will notice something quite amazing. Looking into the eyes of one horse will disclose that he is blind. His owner has chosen not to have him put down, but has made a good home for him. This alone is amazing.

If nearby and listening, you will hear the sound of a bell. Looking around for the source of the sound, you will see that it comes from the smaller horse in the field. Attached to her halter is a small bell. It lets her blind friend know where she is, so he can follow her. As you stand and watch these two friends, you'll see how she is always checking on him, and that he will listen for her bell and then slowly walk to where she is, trusting that she will not lead him astray. When she returns to the shelter of the barn each evening, she stops occasionally and looks back, making sure her friend isn't too far behind to hear the bell.

Like the owners of these two horses, God does not throw us away just because we are not perfect or because we have problems or challenges. He watches over us and even brings others into our lives to help us when we are in need. Sometimes we are the blind horse being guided by the little ringing bell of those who God places in our lives. Other times we are the guide horse, helping others see. Good friends are like this. You don't always see them, but you know they are always there.

"Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle".



If I had a hammer?

Tom Wilson, Mission of Love volunteer working with Justin Fast Wolf.

*As I learn, let me share;
As I take, let me give;
As I weep, let me care;
As I'm loved, let me live.*

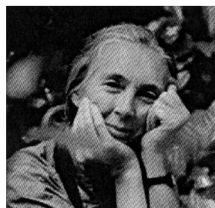
-Stephens



Bob Carson, California, Mary Fast Wolf, Pete Lukanec, Ohio.

LAKOTA CIRCLE VILLAGE SCHOOL

On 30th July there will be a grand opening of the Lakota Circle Village, an innovative school on Pine Ridge Reservation. This school, the brainchild of Leonard Little Finger, will fill a great need as Native Americans struggle to identify with their past as it provides students with an immersion in the Lakota language, and teaches about Lakota culture equally with the skills of reading, writing, and arithmetic.



This unique school would not have come into being without a great deal of assistance from the Mission of Love and its founder, Kathleen Price, who came in to assist Leonard and his local supporters.

The Mission of Love salvages many objects that would otherwise be tossed into the dump. Most of us waste so much, buying more than we need, and throwing out stuff that is desperately needed by those who are less fortunate. Kathy Price and Mission of Love works to reduce this needless waste and their efforts have helped many.

Thanks to the Mission of Love, students and teachers of Lakota Circle Village now have a beautiful new school and items that seem without value to some are lovingly restored and will be used and valued by eager students and teachers.

Thank you, Kathy. Thank you Leonard. Together you and all those who have helped are truly making a difference. Congratulations!
Yours sincerely,

Jane Goodall PhD, DBE
Founder – the Jane Goodall Institute
& UN Messenger of Peace 28th July 2008

Dear Mission of Love,

I am writing to you to thank you for your wonderful donation of office and building materials. What an extraordinary gift from an extraordinary group of people, starting of course with the indomitable Kathy Price, your founder.

What an extraordinary crew you have Kathy! Your generous donations will fi-

nally allow us to set up our office after three seasons working in Pine Ridge without one. It will also allow us to set up our classroom space and truly reach out to Native American youth and community members here on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

We look forward to working more with you in the future and to helping you help others.

Sincerely,
Jason Schoch

**The Jane Goodall Institute's
Roots & Shoots
Native Americas' Project
Pine Ridge Reservation
Can Wigmunke, the Rainbow
Tree: Co-Founder**

Pine Ridge, South Dakota

Dear Ms. Price

Please accept this letter of thanks for the donations of clothing, shoes, and personal items we received today from Mission of Love. As you are aware, the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation is one of the poorest areas in the United States when speaking of poverty-level subsistence, unemployment, severe housing shortages. Our people are proud but struggle to feed and clothe their children because of high levels of unemployment. The gifts you bring are very welcome, especially among the domestic violence victims and their children, whom our organization serves. Many times women and children are forced to flee the violence with only the clothes on their backs. I am sure all the women we serve can use an appreciate the items you left with us. Thank You.

You asked what other items would be helpful. For many of the women we work with lines, towels, toiletries, disposable diapers, dishes, cookware, and blankets seem to be their most immediate needs. Many times women have to set up a new household for their children when they flee an abusive relationship. often without the most basic of the household and personal items the rest of us take for granted. Toys for the children are also greatly

appreciated, because they have to leave their own behind in most instances.

Again, thank you for your generous assistance.

*Respectfully,
George Twiss, Managing Director
Outreach Services*

TODAY'S SPEAKERS:



Boardman Rotary President Shannon Tirone,
Kathy Price

Kathy Price – Mission of Love

Our speaker Kathy gives so much of herself to help the needy children and people in need in countries all over the world. From building a language school for the Lakota Indian tribe so the children could learn the customary language of their tribe to building homes for those in need at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation to aiding those hurt and displaced in Hurricane Dean to delivering wheelchairs, hearing aids, educational supplies and you name it – Mission of Love has carried out its mission of providing humanitarian aid to those in need worldwide – especially children.

We are truly lucky to have people like Kathy Price who cares enough to try to make a difference. We also have many Rotarians in our club who are involved with Mission of Love and other groups who aid people in need.

The "Review"



"Mission of Love's mission is to provide humanitarian aid to those in need."



"THE GREATEST TOOL AVAILABLE IS EDUCATION."

Dr. Robert Kennedy

In April 2007, I was invited by my good friend Dr. Rashid Abdu to join a group going to Pine Ridge to build a school. After thinking it over I agreed as it seemed to be something I should do. Being retired for several years I had spent my time remodeling our old home and building several buildings which were needed. Now was the time to help others and before long we were on our way.

As described by Rash 's article in the newsletter (fall-2007), work began very quickly at the site as materials and equipment were ready to go due to Kathy's three months of preparation. In six days the building was up and enclosed. Long days of hard work, periodic storms and the ever-blowing winds were overcome and we left with feelings of satisfaction for our contribution.

This past April many of us were able to return to Pine Ridge to complete the interior and exterior work to assure a late summer grand opening. Again we worked hard, fought and overcame the daily rain-mud scenario, the chilly wind, and got the job done. With Kathy's leadership and her provision of resources and materials the completed facility is both unique and functional---a source of pride to the all involved.

In looking back over my experiences at Pine Ridge, there are many things I have thought about and now share. I believe I cannot overemphasize how wonderful it was to meet and spend time learning from Leonard Little Finger. As a former educator, I grasped his concept of the need for an immersion curriculum at the Sacred Circle School and the pressing need to move quickly to assure there will be those who can teach using the Lakota language to make the myths and culture come alive. As time goes by, fewer individuals who will be available with that critical knowledge. I also developed many friendships with those Lakota who came to help. From them I learned about family and tribal histories, cultural practices, as well as the many problems of living on the reservation. I learned about poverty and its debilitating effects on families, issues of drug and alcohol abuse, the practically non-existent health-care system on-site, and the long-term impact of young people growing up with little hope for a better life ahead. Obviously the tribal problems are not new and probably had roots in the nineteenth century. Among the major changes forced upon the Lakota nation.....the loss of tribal lands.....the destruction of the tribe by the military war of attrition against them.....the destruction of the buffalo....the loss of great leaders and warriors who helped shape and maintain tribal practices and culture from generation to generation.....and lastly, the implementation of the reservation system to instill an agrarian society. By these and other actions the once noble Lakota ended up surviving as a 'defeated society'.

So here we are today over a century later, knowing time is running out as the generation who knew survivors of the Massacre at Wounded Knee' steadily decreases. For the Lakota nation to survive will take much work. The greatest tool available is education. This is the message and contribution of Leonard Little Finger and the Sacred Circle School. Children must have an environment uniquely tailored to learn the tasks assigned along with teachers who are capable of seeing the ultimate purpose of continuing the Lakota Nation in all its many facets. This is an unbelievable undertaking!

As one who played a minor role in this undertaking, I hope the contribution will have a great impact for the future of the great LAKOTA NATION.



Correction to 'Sacred Circle School to Open'

Dear Editor,

I am writing about the article "Sacred Circle School to Open" which was well-done but included an error about the Mission of Love organization.

The Mission, founded and directed by Kathleen Price, has no church affiliation of any kind. Under her leadership, assistance has been provided to indigenous people around the world.

To make this possible, volunteers from all walks of life have provided expertise, skills, financial support, and their time. The opportunity to assist Leonard Little Finger fulfill his dream of building a school to assure the continuance of the Lakota language and culture for future generations became a priority. For those who worked hard to make the school become a reality, the sense of accomplishment, joy, and satisfaction cannot be measured. Our experience has become part of our lives never to be forgotten.

Dr. Robert Kennedy



INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHTS...

Show respect to all people and grovel to none.
When you arise in the morning give thanks for the food and
for the joy of living.
If you see no reason for giving thanks, the fault lies only in
yourself.
Abuse no one and no thing, for abuse turns the wise ones to
fools
and robs the spirit of its vision.
When it comes your time to die, be not like those whose
hearts are filled
with the fear of death, so that when their time comes they
weep
and pray for a little more time to live their lives over again in
a different way.
Sing your death song and die like a hero going home.

WITH THESE SIMPLE WORDS

76 APS loads for 'Mission of Love' to Belize

YOUNGSTOWN AIR RESERVE STATION, Ohio - Air Force Reserve Master Sgt. Victor Rivera instructs Airman 1st Class Trevor Merrow as he pulls a 60K aircraft loader into position behind a C-17 cargo aircraft. Both airmen are assigned to the 76th Aerial Port Squadron here and were involved in loading nearly nine tons of educational supplies being sent to four rural schools in Belize, Central America. The airlift of school supplies is for a Denton Program humanitarian effort by the "Mission of Love Foundation," a non-profit organization based in Youngstown, Ohio. U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.



by Tech. Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.
910th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

YOUNGSTOWN AIR RESERVE STATION, Ohio -- Airmen from the 76th Aerial Port Squadron helped 240 school children in the Central American country of Belize without ever leaving the cargo ramp at Youngstown Air Reserve Station.

Members of the cargo ramp team and other 910th AW volunteers palletized 17,325 pounds of educational supplies and equipment being sent to four rural schools in Belize.

The schools were built as part of New Horizons, a humanitarian civic engineering assistance exercise designed to give training to U.S. military units in civilian construction or medical care services. U.S. troops involved in the exercise build basic infrastructure (roads, bridges, schools, wells, etc.) and provide medical, dental and veterinary services. While the New Horizons exercise enabled the buildings to be constructed, there was not funding available to provide for the furniture or supplies to make the schools operational.

After learning of the situation in Belize through the U.S. Military Liaison Office there, Kathleen Price, the founder and director of a Youngstown-based group became involved in fulfilling the request for needed supplies.

Ms. Price's non-profit organization, the "Mission of Love Foundation," provides humanitarian aid to those in need worldwide, especially children. The group has airlifted and trucked clothing, medicine, food and building supplies to third world countries across the globe. It has also given relief to areas in the U.S. including the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota and has rebuilt homes in Louisiana destroyed by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

The "Mission of Love" was able to gather the donated items and educational supplies for eight classrooms in the four new buildings including 240 student desks with chairs, cafeteria furniture, teacher tables with chairs, 16 blackboards, 100 boxes of chalk, restroom supplies as well as 240 school knapsacks filled with pencils, pads, crayons and more for the school children.

All in all, nearly nine tons of donations were gathered for the humanitarian mission to the small country bordered by Guatemala and Mexico. The groups wanting to send these supplies faced only one obstacle, but it was a big one: How would they get this mass of cargo to Belize?

That is where the Denton Program and the 910th Airlift Wing became involved in this exercise in goodwill.

The Denton Program allows private U.S. citizens and organizations to use space available on U.S. military cargo planes to transport humanitarian goods, such as clothing, food, medical and educational supplies, and agricultural equipment and vehicles, to countries in need. The program is jointly administered by a government agency known as USAID, the Department of State (DOS), and the Department of Defense (DOD). In Fiscal Year 2006, 576,000 pounds of humanitarian goods were sent to 12 different countries through this program.

The Denton Program has enabled the "Mission of Love Foundation" to complete 44 airlifts including the current mission to Central America. The 910th and a C-17 cargo aircraft, assigned to Charleston Air Force Base, S.C. worked together to move the cargo from Ohio to Belize by way of South Carolina. After Ms. Price contacted YARS seeking assistance for this humanitarian mission, the 910th Logistics Readiness Squadron put out a call for volunteers to help out in the effort and gain valuable equipment preparation experience at the same time.

After the "Mission of Love Foundation" brought the mass of furniture and supplies to the base, the volunteers here set out to prepare it for the trip to Belize. Maj. Dawn Sturdevant, the 910th Logistics Readiness Officer said she was thankful for the support given to the mission by members throughout the 910th.

Tech. Sgt. Robert Moss, assigned to special handling with the 76 APS, is one of the Airmen who worked on this humanitarian

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I am living in Poverty, but in Peace. Hopi



WITH THESE SIMPLE WORDS...

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mission. He also works with East Corporation as a civilian contractor and was involved in coordinating the effort to get the donations from the ground here onto the C-17 and eventually to Central America. He said he was glad to be involved in the airlift that would benefit those in need.

"It is an honor to be able to help others," said Sergeant Moss.

Once the cargo was delivered to YARS, it was stacked onto five pallets, wrapped, covered with cargo netting and put on the bed of a 60K aircraft cargo loader. An additional pallet of cargo was placed on a smaller aircraft loader.

The C-17 appeared out of a clear blue sky over YARS on August 4, Saturday of the UTA weekend. As the Mobility Air Command aircraft taxied up to the loading ramp and opened its large rear door, the 76th Aerial Port cargo ramp team members quickly set to work.

The 76th APS personnel made a short job of loading the six pallets of onto the C-17 with assistance from the crew from Charleston. After the Belize-bound cargo was secured aboard the jet-powered aircraft, Ms. Price shook hands with the aerial porters as well as the South Carolina crew and thanked them for the efforts to help with the humanitarian mission. Within moments of Ms. Price and the ground crew from YARS climbing off the C-17, it was prepped for take off, taxied down the runway and lifted off toward South Carolina.

From Charleston, the cargo of educational supplies and equipment was scheduled to be flown, August 18, to Belize City, Belize aboard a military aircraft supporting redeployments from the U.S. Southern Command. A part of the Denton Program features the use of aircraft being utilized for existing missions. In this case, the aircraft bound for Central America would usually be empty and return with cargo and personnel from the region.

Ms. Price smiled as she watched the cargo aircraft shrink to a small speck in the bright blue sky and finally disappear from view. She said she was also thankful for the kindness shown by the Airmen who helped make the airlift happen.

The involvement of the Airmen here in this humanitarian airlift reflects the Air Force's core value of "Service before Self." It is a value that the "Mission of Love" shares and embraces in every effort the group undertakes.

The result of the effort undertaken by the "Mission of Love Foundation" and members of the 910th will be evident when four schools in the Central American country of Belize are able to open their doors and welcome 240 children for the first time. As she talks about the end result of this "Mission of Love," Kathleen Price's eyes light up.

"It doesn't get much better than to be able to be of service to those in need," she said with a smile.

Crooked Tree Government School (*Operating under the Ministry of Education*) ***"Striving for Excellence" Crooked Tree Village, Belize District, Belize C.A.***

Mission of Love

Dear Mrs. Price:

On behalf of my students, teachers and parents of Crooked Tree, I hereby extend our sincerest gratitude to your foundation for your generous contribution made to us. The furniture, water coolers, bags and other important miscellaneous items came to us at a time of need. The opening of school for the new school year, always find us short of furniture as old ones wear out and new children arrive. Therefore, you made us very happy and your gift served as such a motivator to begin the new school year with hope and optimism. We would have written to you before but we only just obtained your address from the Brigadier General Mr. Lloyd Gillett. We do not have Internet here in the village, therefore we express our gratitude through this medium. If you would like to communicate with us in the future, you can write us at the above address.

We wish you blessings and prosperity as you endeavor to improve the well being of the less fortunate.

May you and your workers have a prosperous New Year.

Gratefully yours,
Verla Jex, Principal



The ones that matter the most are the children. They are the true human beings.



INQUITOS, PERU

Dear Kathy,

Here in the Peruvian Amazon, we are still using the wonderful donations sent to us by Mission of Love.

With your help we have been able to save the lives of people too poor even to afford a disinfectant that many Americans can buy in the corner drug store. Your medical instrument kits have made it possible for our health teams to go up the Amazon River's tributaries in small boats to tiny villages where they assist at births, give inoculations, dispense pills, and perform minor surgeries that have saved limbs and lives and alleviated needless pain. In our larger clinics, your hospital furniture has allowed us to receive and shelter patients with comfort and dignity.

Mission of Love's school supplies, desks, chairs, and tables have opened the world of learning to isolated and impoverished Indigenous children who up until now have been denied access to any sort of education. Your donations of tools have allowed us to set up vocational programs in the building trades, culinary arts, and other useful skills that give young people a means of making a living and supporting a family.

The needs, of course, continue to be endless. We would appreciate further help whenever and however you might be able to offer it. May God bless you and your volunteers and donors for all the miraculous changes they have brought about by their good work so far.

With love,
Martha Betty

*Note of Thanks from Cleveland, Ohio
June, 2008 , Kathy Price, Mission of Love Foundation*

Thank you!

Dear Kathy,
A few weeks ago John Wright brought us a manual wheelchair, walker, and water cushion from your organization. We want to thank you very much for your help for us. You do so many GREAT things for so many people in need - your group is a blessing! John is a very good person and we want to thank you again! God Bless.

Very Sincerely,
Bernie and Nancy Dragen

**Lubumbashi, Congo DRC
To: Mission of Love, Kathleen Price Director**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, We would like to thank you for the benefits for which we have received from the Mission of Love. Your sharing and being of service, goes straight to our heart. Madam Maria and Julia have been the symbol of this love that has been shown to us when they presented the donations to us. We hope that you will be able to offer such kindness to those, who are also in need in the Congo.

Once again I would like to thank you for the clothing for our children.

In the name of,
Doctor Noah Nutampaha

DEAR KATHY PRICE,

Martha Betty Herrera Altamirano,
Secretary General. Caritas Iquitos, Malecon Tarapaca
260 Iquitos, Peru
June 19, 2008

Kathleen M. Price, Director and Founder

Dear Kathy Price:

We salute you with our utmost respect and wish you peace and good health. We are profoundly grateful to you and your organization. We thank you for your enormous support in the past to help alleviate the great needs of the poor living in our part of the world.

We wish to tell you that the upcoming donation which you plan to send us will be used to help poor people in the various areas of need administered by our organization. All of the items donated will help the impoverished villagers in our rural areas, and we will emphasize the needs of those most vulnerable: children. Our organization is one of the few designated by the government of Peru to receive donations without need to pay import duty charges when your cargo arrives in our country.

We thank you for the valuable support which you give to help those in most dire need in this, one of the economically poorest of Peru's regions.

Sincerely,
Martha Betty Herrera Altamirano

In Search of Success Mission of Love Mission Statement

Success
To laugh often and much;
to win the respect of intelligent people
and the affection of children;
to earn the appreciation of honest critics
and endure the betrayal of false friends;
to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others;
to leave the world a bit better,
whether by a healthy child,
a garden patch
or a redeemed social condition;
to know even one life has breathed easier
because you have lived.
This is to have succeeded.



If I am in Harmony with my family, that's success.



THE ANSWER CAME, 25 YEARS LATER

Renee Paar, Carrolton, Ohio

There was a time, many years ago, that I was confronted by an angry, wounded Sioux Indian man, demanding to know what I, a white woman, would want to talk to him about. "I just want to know the truth, of how it is for you to live today." I replied. In order to do that, I would need to come to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, he told me.

Now, twenty-five years later, I'm riding through the Badlands, where layer upon layer of rolling hills and buttes meet a gray sky, talking snow. Buffalo grazed and horses stood, heads lowered against the weather. Kathy's "Lets make it happen" is now a fact.

Kathleen Price is a conductor of the highest order. Fascinating to watch, she orchestrates so much, for so many. Every person who enters Kathy's sphere is greeted, treated with utmost respect, interest, and care. Constantly on the phone, her Mission of Love encompasses far-flung places and those a hug away. Amazing, is a poor word for what Kathy does in one little day. What I feel this very intuitive lady doing for me today, is creating an atmosphere of entering in, to become a part of what we are about here.

She stopped at the bottom of a hill, with steps leading up, and quietly said, "This is the site of the Wounded Knee Massacre". And so we walked in silence up the steps, and looked at the names carved into the grey stone monument. In the profound silence, broken only by the wind, came the connection to the mass grave filled with the victims....deep, old, necessary, to fully grasp the need of both red and white worlds. The staggering reality of being there, was overwhelming.

Wounded Knee was the tragic result of the "us" and "them" mentality of the time. But no longer can there be, us and them. WE, the people, have a job to do, and together we can do what we cannot do alone. So we drove on, with the awareness that we are all one here....united, to do a work.

"Have you had anything to eat?" was Kathy's concern, as she talked to Steve, the truck driver of the huge semi waiting for us at the school, driven 1200 miles from Ohio. We bought Steve some food, and delivered it to him. Leonard Little Finger, great grandson of Chief Big Foot was there to greet us, and his warm handshake and direct gaze told me so much about the quality of the man he is. A welcoming talk, a prayer for the work ahead, and we set out to unload the truck. I grinned to myself as I saw how full it was, wondering what it took to get the doors closed after loading it. We carried, slogging through mud generated by drizzle and light snow, and many footsteps. At least four couches, chairs of all kinds, desks, clothing, a complete institutional kitchen, beds, refrigerators, deck building material and a steel handicap wheelchair ramp. The unloading went on for hours, and it was wonderful.

By the time we finished up the first night, linoleum had been laid in the bathrooms and kitchen, carpet in others, a working toilet, and a bathroom door was hung.

Outside, posts had been set and made ready for for decking at the main entrance. More had happened....we had become a solid unit, a team focused. It was exciting to see what we could do, with Kathleen conducting all.....somehow we all fit the job. There was always something to do, hold, sand, vanish, scrub, move, change, brew....or find hilarious.

Our hosts were gracious, always smiling or ready to provide a meal, spend time explaining a native tradition. Their hearts were open to us, and I was grateful.

Every day we arrived and entered that land belonging to Leonard Little Finger and those before him, survivors of Wounded Knee. The sacredness of this task I was privileged to be a part of, swept over me. Many Lakota Indians came to visit, to admire the building, and to speak of how much it means to them, to have this language school for their children.

Leaving Rapid City, circling in the air to head toward Denver, my thoughts returned to my friend, who knew so well what I needed to learn about how it is to be a Sioux living in today's world.....thanks Dusty, for changing my life.

UPCOMING BUILDING MISSIONS OF LOVE

January - Casa Guatemala - Orphanage

March - Pine Ridge, SD

April - Jean Lafitte, Louisiana

May - Youngstown, OH - Addition for
Felix Riveria

June - Pine Ridge, SD

September - Pine Ridge, SD

October - Mayan Mission

"You are not here to save the world,



but to touch the hands that are
within your reach."

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LAKOTA LANGUAGE AND CULTURE CAN'T BE SEPARATED

By Jim Kent, Journal columnist

Although classes have already begun in most communities, the Sacred Hoop School in Oglala - on the Pine Ridge Reservation - will open its doors next week. This first private Lakota language immersion school on the Northern Plains is a dream fulfilled for its founder, Leonard Little Finger.

I met Leonard in 2000, while covering the repatriation of a lock of his ancestor's hair. That ancestor was Leonard's great-great-grandfather - Big Foot, the Minneconjou Lakota leader who died along with most of his people at the Wounded Knee Massacre.

I recall sitting in an open field with Leonard on a warm summer afternoon as he discussed his plans, hopes and dreams for a school where the children of his community could learn the Lakota language and, therefore, the Lakota culture.

For though "language" is defined as "a body of words and the systems for their use common to a people who are of the same community, nation, geographical area, or cultural tradition", nowhere is the cultural tradition aspect of that definition more relevant than in the Lakota culture. I'm sure this is true of all Indigenous languages, but I know that it's true for the Lakota language.

I've lost count of the times I've heard an elder tell me that you can't just learn the words and phrases that make up the Lakota language, you also have to learn to be a Lakota - for the culture created the words and the words the culture. The two are inexorably linked.

One can no more learn the meaning of the Lakota language without absorbing the culture behind it, than one can learn how to drive without getting behind the wheel of a car. Until you're actually on the road, it's all just words on paper. It's the same way with the Lakota language. You can memorize the words and their definitions, but to actually understand them - which is to understand their origin and their place within the Lakota culture - you have to live them every day.

That's one reason why "it's hard to be a Lakota" - as the saying goes, and the primary reason why a place is needed where Lakota children can be taught to live their culture - and thereby, truly learn their language.

Now, I know that "we're all Americans", and that someone who's reading this or who hears about the school will ask "What's the big deal?" and "Why don't they just learn English like all the rest of us?"

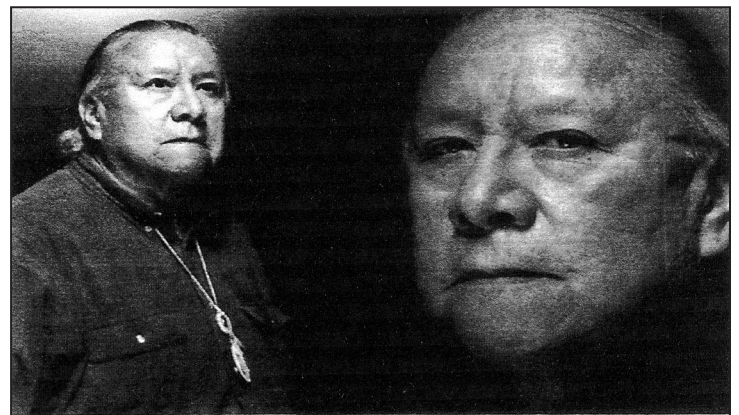
Right. Well, there isn't enough space for this column to respond to those questions in depth..

But suffice to say that we all came here from someplace else - as in, from some other culture - except the Native Americans. And whether it was 100 years ago like my Irish grandmother or 200 years ago like my German ancestors, there is also a distinct culture - and language - in each of our pasts. A language - and a culture, that our ancestors (here's the key word) "chose" to leave behind - whether while on the boat or when they arrived.

The Lakota were not given a choice. Instead, their language - and culture - was beaten out of them.

Funny thing though: the language is still here, and the Sacred Hoop School will ensure that the culture also remains.

Jim Kent lives in Hot Springs. Write to kentvte@gwtc.net
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**MI CANTE ETANHAN
WOPILA ECICIYAPI !**
TRANSLATION:
FROM MY HEART, I SAY " THANK YOU" !

SACRED HOOP SCHOOL

OGALALA, SD (lakotacirclevillage.org)

PRESS RELEASE 8-08

Oglala, S.D. Leonard Little Finger, a great-great grandson of Sitanka, Chief Big Foot, leader of the Mniconjou Band of Lakota who was massacred, along with his people at the Wounded Knee Creek Massacre of 1890, has established a private school, Cangleska Wakan Owayaya, Sacred Hoop School, at the newly constructed facility known as Lakota Circle Village, announces the formal dedication of the facility and school. The dedication ceremony will take place in Oglala, SD., on August 22, 2008, at 7pm. The school is the first Lakota language Immersion School within the Northern Plains region, owned and operated by a non-profit organization, dedicated and fully committed to the continuation of the Lakota language.

The school and facility is located on land that he inherited from his grandfather, John Little Finger, who was a survivor of the Wounded Knee Creek Massacre, who left a legacy statement, "They may have killed our people, but they must never kill our way of life"

The primary focus is to develop Lakota thinkers using the understandings of the Lakota civilization that had sustained the people for hundreds, if not, thousands of years. "The foundation of our culture is the language, for it interprets our philosophy and theology establishing a way-of-life that is integral within spiritual and cultural norms exceeding or equivalent to other world cultures." In fact, says Leonard Little Finger, "We can acknowledge that our knowledge understanding are as accurate and as comprehensive as any other of the nations of the world." He added, We, as Lakota people, have a strong desire to produce language programs, not to interpret the English language, but to continue on with the Lakota - based understandings articulate by the meanings within our language. For in our language interpretation there is this tremendous understanding, unique with an ability to articulate simultaneously both sides of the brain, emotion and feelings, along with logic. English can only articulate one side at a time."

"By establishing this school, we can now freely move forward to continue the desires of our ancestors, especially to those who experienced the near annihilation of our civilization", he added.

Relying solely upon private assistance the cost of construction of the building has come in many forms. Peter Maffay, a German musician, widely recognized in his country, spearheaded the effort to raise funds needed to purchase the materials to build the facility through an organization that he has founded, Alliance for Children. This organization has provided support for 14 children programs throughout the world. Through his support, Lakota Circle Village, became the 15th organization, and also the only one in the United States. Leonard also sought the talents of a highly regarded Native American musician, Robby Romero, to provide his musical abilities in a CD that was recorded and distributed throughout Germany. Robby, and his Band, Eagle Thunder, are well recognized throughout the world, as a world class Band of Native American musicians. His song, Heart Beat, was the first song in the CD, following a prayer for the children of the world, by Leonard. Robby Romero, an Apache, has been involved in numerous fund-raising efforts for Native American causes, and whole-heartedly agreed to provide his support for this effort. In the actual construction of the building, Kathleen Price, founder and director of Mission of Love, a Youngstown, Ohio-based organization, provided immeasurable assistance to make this effort become a reality. Through her untiring efforts to locate building materials, mostly discounted cost, donated, or items to be discarded, she managed to assemble all the materials needed to build a quality building with Mission of Love volunteers. She, also, managed to provide all of the equipment that would be needed including desks, cooking equipment, chalk boards, school bus, and other innumerable items. There was even a red school bell which is aptly located at the front door. Along with all these needs, she brought an experienced labor force consisting of people from all walks of life, who too, were dedicated and committed to making this idea become a reality. All of the volunteers, came to Oglala, at their own expense and time taken away from their regular lives.

With the funds provided, the untiring efforts of many people, Lakota Circle Village has become a reality, and Cangleska Wakan Owayawa, will have it's dedication.

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You are here
to enable the world
to live more amply,
with greater vision,
and with a finer spirit
of hope and achievement.
You are here to

Enrich the World

(Woodrow Wilson)



910TH AIRLIFTS AID TO HONDURAS

Mesquite Indians

Mission of Love

By Bob Coupland
Tribune Chronical

VIENNA - Humanitarian aid will be delivered to those in need in Honduras thanks to the collaboration between the Austintown-based Mission of Love and the 910th Airlift Wing at the Youngstown Air Reserve Station.

On Friday, 22,000 pounds of medical supplies, clothing, tools, education and construction materials were loaded onto a C-130 aircraft. Air Force reservists spent Valentine's Day preparing the six pallets of cargo for the flight.

The cargo will be taken to MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., before being sent to Cornel Enrique Cano Air Base in Honduras.

Kathleen Price, founder and director of Mission of Love, said goal is to supply the basic needs of a hospital in Honduras, where it will benefit doctors working with the La Mosquitian Indians. Most of the are lacks fresh water and suitable sanitary conditions.

Price said this was the third flight of humanitarian aid from the base in the past four months and the 45th mission that the 910th Airlift Wing has participated in with Mission of Love. The next shipment will be Feb. 28.

"It doesn't get much better than to be able to be of service to those in need," Price said.

Price said this mission will send the needed hospital beds, examination tables, over-the-bed tray tables, night stands and sewing supplies. In March, the first ambulance will be sent the Honduras for the hospital.

"Wherever there is a need, we manage to find a way there and to be of service to the people," Price said.

The recipients of the items is the Norma I. Love Foundation, which requested help for the Mesquite Indians.

The collaborative effort is part of the U.S. Military's Denton Program, which allows citizens and organizations to use available space on U.S. Military cargo planes to transport humanitarian goods to countries in need. The program is jointly administered by the Department of State and Department of Defense.

Master Sgt. Bryan Ripple, 910th Airlift Wing public affairs, said one of the benefits of the collaboration is it allows for Mission of Love to get the cargo to where it is most needed



and to also allow the reservists to gain experience and flight training.

Many volunteers were at the base Friday for the send-off.

Volunteer Sieglinde Warren of Poland, who has been on mission trips to Mexico and a South Dakota Indian reservation, said there is such a need in so many parts of the world for simple things that are taken for granted here.

Peggy and Bob Elston of New Middletown have taken part in different mission trips. "It always makes you feel good knowing you are helping others," Peggy Elston said.

Bob Elston said the military has made the Mission of Love's goals possible in reaching out to other countries.

"This is a matter of working hand-in-hand to reach out to those needing help," he said.



MIRACLES DO HAPPEN! SEAN AMOS MISSION OF LOVE VOLUNTEER

Miracles are everywhere in the world and happen every day. Some are large in scale and some go by without notice. The best types of miracles are the ones that last a lifetime. I have experienced numerous miracles or acts of God in my life. The first one was when my twin sister and I were born two and a half months premature where we stayed in the hospital for almost two more months. I have been through many trials and tribulations in my life. At one point in my life I was mentally and spiritually dead inside, where I was completely numb to everything in life. I have also been blessed with many miracles along the way.

When I was nineteen I was fortunate to meet a woman who does miraculous things for people who she doesn't even know. That woman was Kathleen Price. I was accompanying the "Mission of Love" to Isla Mujeres, Mexico, when I experienced the first miracle with the non-profit organization from Austintown, Ohio, where we built the first of its kind, a Cerebral Palsy Clinic.



For the Past three years I have joined the "Mission Of Love" on three other missions. One to Louisiana to help the victims of the hurricane Katrina and twice to South Dakota on the Pine Ridge Reservation to build the Sacred Circle Hoop Lakota Language School. Also, the first of its kind. I have also spent time at the Mission of Love warehouse in Ravenna, Ohio, doing some shipping and receiving of aid to be airlifted to the Indegenous of our world, including the Lakota Souix Indians of South Dakota.

I am currently a full-time student at Cleveland State University, Cleveland, Ohio, where I am studying business. I went through numerous obstacles trying to acquire an internship in the third sector of business (non-profit). Cleveland State did not have an internship for that sector of business. I talked with the marketing department chair and he told me that there was no such internship for what I was seeking and that I should talk with the business schools dean. The dean said the same thing, that we did not have an internship for non-profit business. After the failing appeals for an internship, I expressed to Kathleen that they didn't have an internship for me. Kathleen encouraged me to keep on looking for a way. I finally talked with one of the professor's that was excited to hear about the work that the Mission of Love was doing and he granted me with an internship and offered to be my facilitator of the internship. Hopefully, this will encourage the school to look more into non-profit business education. There is a new organization that a group of students are starting that I am getting involved in. The group is making students more aware of their ability to help others in need and learning the best ways to make a difference.

Dear Mr. Joseph,

This is to express my appreciation for all the service work that Mr. Sean Amos has accomplished during his time in helping both the Mission of Love, and the school that I have founded located in Oglala, South Dakota. This is a community school founded to preserve and protect our Lakota language from becoming lost. This school has depended largely upon the volunteer help, and assistance that has come in many forms. I invite you to visit my website: Lakotacirclevillage.org to find the purposes and activities, to date.

Sean has demonstrated the lack of fear to tackle any type of work that was needed, some being extremely tiring. His initiative to learn new things, work-related or culturally, was greatly appreciated.

I have been proud to make his acquaintance, and I know that he will be a success in any endeavor in conjunction with Cleveland State University, and a career in life.

Sincerely,

Leonard Little Finger - Founder/Director, Lakota Circle Village, P.O. Box 47, Oglala, S.D. 57764

Dear Kathy and Friends of Mission of Love,

Thank you so much for your generosity. Your donations have already had a huge impact on the people of La Mosquitia. The beds and equipment that you have given, afford sick people some comfort as they recover in the hospital in Puerto Lempira. The doctors are wearing their scrubs and the babies, their diapers. There is nothing that has gone unused.

In spite of the trials and tribulations dealing with transporting these supplies, the Americans at the base in Soto Cano partnered with the Norma Love Foundation, and we were finally able to receive these much needed goods. In the future, we look forward to assistance from the Honduranian government, so that we can keep your donations moving to their intended locations.

The attached photos are of the arriving donations and these very same gifts, in use. Your continued support is so appreciated, as is the invitation to visit us here to see your generosity at work in La Mosquitia.

Thank you and God Bless you all
Norma I. Love



CASA GUATEMALA NEWS

Rio Dulce August 2008 - Volunteer Mission of Love team going January 2, 2009

Dear Friends,

Casa Guatemala is a nonprofit organization founded in September of 1977 for the care and protection of children. There are currently 250 children who are placed in our care by the Guatemalan Ministry of Child Welfare because of abuse, abandonment and extreme poverty. By providing good nutrition, medical care, education and adoption services, Casa Guatemala has made a positive impact on the lives of thousands of children who would otherwise be faced with abuse, exploitation, starvation and even death.

A Children's Village situated in Las Brisas, Rio Dulce was created to achieve our goal of providing an atmosphere filled with love, learning and laughter. It is a paradise spanning over 100 acres of tropical jungle peppered with eco-friendly structures which make up the community. These include separate dormitories for the girls, boys, volunteers and local staff. In addition, there is a school, medical clinic, library, carpentry shop, outdoor playing fields and a dining hall. The village attempts to be self-sustaining through farming and much of the produce such as eggs, meat, fresh fruits, and vegetables are consumed in the daily diet.

We are in the midst of the horror movie. There has been a rash of vampire bats biting the children at night. We have had a relatively peaceful existence in the jungle up until the last couple of months when eighteen of our children were bitten by the bats. They gain access to the children's dorms through openings in the roof which are used for ventilation. All the children have mosquito nets, but because they move about during sleep, their exposed limbs are frequently targets for the bats. Our children are being vaccinated for rabies, but in the meantime, we are taking measures to safeguard everyone at night by sealing off the openings on the roofs.

A SWAT team from the Police Department of Tallahassee, Florida responded to our plight by coming to Rio Dulce to work on sealing the roofs. They were off to a great start, but unfortunately due to circumstances out of our control, they were unable to complete the job within a week as the temperatures were so high that three members got very sick and had to return.

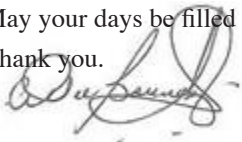
Despite the setbacks, one quarter of the work is complete. We still have to seal off all the other structures and put screens on all the windows.

While Sam, the leader of the SWAT team is organizing another team, Kathy Price from Ohio is organizing man power to help repair the green houses. We are hoping to use Kathy's team to instead complete the work of sealing of the roofs of the dormitories, as the children's safety is our TOP PRIORITY. However, funds are lacking.

We are looking for a miracle at this point. We trust that God is with us and will help us provide for all of the children in our care. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity and for making a difference in our world.

May your days be filled with love and peace.

Thank you.



Angie and the children
Casa Guatemala.



Guatemala May 13 2008

Kathleen M. Price - Director and Founder - Mission of Love Foundation, Hemlock Court, Youngstown, Ohio 44515, U.S.A

Dear Kathleen,

As you know for our long lasting relationship we are in need of supplies to support our humanitarian programs, our services to those in need always depend in the contributions and supplies we get.

We have just finished the medical clinic in Rio Dulce, with it, our services now have a much bigger coverage, We also have done an expansion in the School Farm.

The center we have in the city, we constantly get individual and other organizations asking for supplies to be able to cover their areas.

I know you have been very busy helping other countries, but we think that is about time for us to contact you again and ask you for some supplies. We need you to help us with medical supplies, with supplies to improve our installations in Rio Dulce and the city that with the time the deterioration is evident, food and clothing for distribution in our clinics and social work services, school supplies for our school and schools in the small Indian villages in Izabal area.

Dear Kathy, I want you to know that a commission from SOSEP was sent to Rio Dulce to reconfirm our existence and our work, It is my believe that they are pleased and thankful for the humanitarian work we do in the area.

As we have done in the past, this time again we will share the shipment with SOSEP, general hospitals, other orphanages, elderly people homes, schools, and clubs who are giving social services to the poor communities.

Thanks again and I hope the authorities grant you with the proper authorization to send such a needed supplies.

Sincerely yours, Angelina P. de Galdamez - Casa Guatemala Centro de , Niños Desnutridos Abandonados, y Huerfanos ONG



No Expectations. No Affiliations. Just Our Work of Love.



Ms. Kathleen Price - Mission of Love, Director
Dear Ms. Price:

September 16, 2008

The Town of Jean Lafitte, La is requesting emergency assistance from the Mission of Love, due to the devastation caused by Hurricane Ike. Hurricane Ike flooded and destroyed hundreds of homes in our communities and many of our citizens will have no homes or personal items. The devastation is widespread and touched everyone in our community and the citizens are in dire need of help and support. They would be very grateful for any assistance that anyone would give to them. Thank you all of your assistance in the past and for your willingness to come here and help our community again.

Mayor Timothy P. Kerner, Jean Lafitte, Louisiana

To the Dedicated Members of the Mission of Love,

Greetings:

My struggles ON a daily basis have overwhelmed me to the extent where I had not taken a moment to show appreciation for your act of LOVE, in helping me to find a vehicle for transporting my paralyzed husband to and from.

Shortly after my request this summer for such a vehicle, Kathy Price searched on E-Bay, found one for sale in Michigan, made arrangements, and took a trip with another member of your Mission of Love and delivered the vehicle to me. For a long time I had been looking for one.

The handicap-accessible van has been useful to date, in transporting my husband, Felix to his Doctor's appointments and to other places. Know that it has lightened some burdens on our family live styles.

Dear Kathy,

I am writing on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Rivera. Felix is paralyzed from his neck down. He has had physical therapy extensively, but is confined to a hospital bed at home.

Mrs. Rivera and her son Felix have been desperately searching for a wheel - chair transport vehicle for a long time, unsuccessfully.

Because Missions of Love have done such wonders for the needy, we are hoping your organization can help this family to find the appropriate ehicle needed.

Felix was thrown off a golf cart in his backyard. Mrs Rivera has hopes to be able to take her husband to a doctor in Pittsburgh in the future, and do what is necessary to find his cure.

Our heartfelt, THANK YOU! Felix continues to progress very slow; but we continue to hope for recovery, even if it's partial. We pray and ask for your prayers too.

Again, Thank you for your expressions of love to our family and all the lives you continue to touch by your unselfish actions. May God continue to Bless you, so you may continue to bless others.

Sincerely,

**Virgen I. Rivera, Felix Riveria, Son and the
Rivera Family - Youngstown, Ohio**

Mrs. Rivera's hospital bed is in the living room, because of lack of room, and for the sake of convenience. Her bed is next to his for the same reasons, and to make it easier for her to tend to his needs.

In the future we hope Mission of Love can build an addition (1 room) to utilize for Felix. We believe that your beautiful people will find it in their hearts to help. We want to express our utmost and sincere appreciation for your Love in this matter.

Please feel free to inquire about any information that you may further need.

**Very truly yours,
Virgen I. Rivera - Youngstown, Ohio**



Lakota Breeze Fast Wolf & Kathy.



Brian Royea piloting a C130 with aid.



Champ Muzza.

THEY TRULY ARE MODELS OF BROTHERLY LOVE

September 15, 2008

TO: Kathleen Price, Mission of Love

FR: Patricia Catches The Enemy, RE: Roof Repairs

This morning upon awakening, I was feeling depressed and hopeless of my housing situation---I was thinking of all the things that needed to be done concerning my house here; the roof needed to be fixed. I met some difficulties in getting assistance with my own tribes' many helping agencies. Then I have a house that needs to be moved from Kyle on to my land but there too, I ran into obstacles with my own district and those people who are in authority to assist the needs of our people.

So, as I reflected on these problems, I was feeling depressed and hopeless about what else I can do to help my situation. I prayed to the Creator to guide me, to show me or lead to someone or something, that he knows of the greater design of my life, that of myself I am not in control. And I let it go.

My friend called me and asked me to meet them for a late breakfast which we did. I feel God answers prayers through people. When I returned home, there was a message from Leonard saying to call him or Kathleen, from there things started to happen one after the other.

The Mission of Love (Kathleen and Leonard) are extraordinary people. I am experiencing (as I write this) that faith does move mountains. My roof is being repaired in a matter of 2 hours----I had been banging on tribal doors for 2 years seeking help to get this roof fixed. I even went to "Remember" Church and to the Pine Ridge Retreat Center seeking help which I never received.

In conclusion, I thank the Mission of Love for all their dedication and work to a people less fortunate and I will forever be grateful for taking their time and energies and love in accomplishing all that they do. They truly are models of brotherly love.

Pine Ridge, South Dakota

Hello,

My name is Lakota Breeze Fast Wolf, from the Red Shirt Table, South Dakota. Red Shirt is one of the nine districts on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. My family has been a part of the Mission of Love before our tragic accident, in which our house burned down on July 29, 2008. It was six o'clock in the evening when my sister noticed black smoke coming from the basement stairs. My parents, Mary and Varden Fast Wolf, who adopted and cared for over fifteen children in need of a home, went to check it out when they noticed it was too late to do anything. They hustled all the children out of the house where it was safe. My mother who was crying hysterically made me all shook up and I just couldn't believe what was happening. I kept telling myself this isn't happening but I came to and realized that it was. Everyone was in Shock! We are now living each day as it comes and goes, with no expectations.

Without Kathy Price and the Mission of Love, I don't know where we would be. You do not know how much of an impact you've made in our lives with your support and donations. My family and I are very grateful to have such a person so kind and loving as you and all of your volunteer workers. May God Bless you and your kind and loving heart.

September 6, 2008

Dear Mission of Love,

Well once again, Mission of Love came to our rescue. First of all, they had already built us 2 bedrooms and a huge living room in which we will surely miss, because all of the children had their space to play. Now we had a disaster on July 29 and boy that was a great loss. We lost everything! The children lost all of their toys and clothes. Our family lost all of our photos.....know that we made it out of our home with just the clothes on our backs. I still feel sick about the fire, but I have to be strong for my children. Mission of Love was here on the REZ doing touch up's on the Lakota Circle Village School, so when the fire happened I called Kathy and she and the Mission of Love volunteers came right out to see us. I was very happy to see them, in our time of need. Know that they are my family and I love each and every one of them. Kathy left a few days later and started working immediately on our house and began gathering things to replace what we had lost. I will always be so thankful for all the help and the hard work that they put into all of this. Our thanks also goes to our friend Rusty Puckett.

from the Fast Wolf Family

Red Shirt, Pine Ridge Reservation, SD



\$1.00 DONATION = \$122.00 WORTH OF GOODS & SERVICES



A Mission for Many

Neither rain nor sleet nor ice or the holidays shoppers could deter us from our mission this past week. Kathy Price goes the word that the 910th Airlift Wing Plans would take eighteen thousand of pounds of aid to Central America on a "Mission of Love". All we had to do was get it together. In order to get it together, it not only takes people with a desire to make a difference with donations of goods and monies, it takes people willing to give of themselves physically and get right in there and just do it. The warehouse where the Mission of Love houses thousands of pounds of aid for their humanitarian acts of kindness has no heat, water or electric. You would never know it though, I never felt better in my life! Getting to the warehouse through the ice was a chore in itself, but when the spirit is willing the possibilities are truly endless. The sorting and packaging of the goods takes an unbelievable amount of energy and time to prepare. Then the building of pallets with the goods is no easy task as it all has to be tightly wrapped with shrinkwrap so as the Airforce can then transport it to the airbase. There are two workers at the Arsenal that volunteer to help the loading of the semi, along with the 5 or 6 military who helped load and cover everything with plastic so as not to get ruined from the sleet and imminent weather conditions. The sun did shine down on us briefly as to thank us for the effort at hand. Saturday 12/15/07 a friend of mine volunteered to bring the trailer full of school supplies from AMS that we filled a few weeks back to the airbase. We then helped the Airforcers (Tom, Albert, Michael, Randy, Anthony and Bob) unload and palletize the goods. You see after the airforce gets the supplies to the base they have the arduous task of inspecting and repackaging all the supplies onto stainless steel pallets that are weighed and placed in a cargo plane, which is then deployed on a *true mission of love*. There are people *wanting* to make a difference in this world, and then there are people *making* a difference in this world. My longtime friend Chuck helped by being a part of it. He gave of himself and made a huge impact and I know he will continue to give. I've learned that if you let things like the weather or time or money stop you from *just doing it*, you'll miss out on the feeling in your soul that is inexplicable. The plane with the cargo will leave today to go help thousands of families in a land far far away. The feeling of actually being a part of it will stay with me forever. Take my advice . . get off the fence and into the game. . .you'll never be the same. . .If you would like to change the world and don't know where to start, give us a call at the Mission of Love. . . "Coach K"



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

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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 and food and building supplies to third world countries, including the poorest community in the U.S. - Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, South Dakota and to hurricane Katrina victims in Louisiana. 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.

VOICE OF THE HAWK ELDER:

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I BELIEVE in another world, a better world.
I believe in many worlds, as many worlds as there
are places to put'm in all of Creator's Creation.

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Creation's much much bigger than we think.
It's so big the whole sky full of stars
is just a tiny part of it.

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Creation's not just out there--
it's here inside of ourselves, too.
Each one of us IS a universe.
Every molecule, every atom is a Universe,
a World with still other Worlds inside o' that.
That's how Creation IS! It's so big in so many ways
you and I can't even dream of it all.

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BE A SHARER, be a giver, be a helper
and the whole of Creation opens up around and over you,
like an Umbrella Tree.
All of Creation is like an
Umbrella Tree we live under--really, inside of,
'cause we ourselves our part of it!

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That's the most wonderful thing of all,
that we ourselves--even our selfish little selves--are part of
that World, of that Creation, of that Umbrella Tree,
of that Holy Mystery!

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Yep, that's the greatest thing of all, even if we go
our whole lives and never even know or realize it's so.
Whatever this great Holy Mystery is,
we--each and every one of us--are part of that Holiness.
Be thankful for that.

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Stop askin' for little things.
Just be grateful for that Big Thing.
So send out a big thanks to Creation
for makin' YOU part of Itself!

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