



Signal



INDIAN LIFE MINISTRIES

March 2019

Please join us in praying:

- for each one who receives and reads our newspaper/books, that the Holy Spirit would heal, comfort and save them
- **for the Lord’s provision, through His people, to financially support:**
 - **Indian Life Ministries;**
 - **the publishing of the Indian Life newspaper and books; and,**
 - **travel to Native gatherings and free literature distribution**
- that the **Grant Proposals** being submitted to different foundations would be approved. This will go a long way toward ILM “breaking even” financially.
- that we would find **Businesses willing to advertise in our newspaper** to help offset the Production Costs. (we are adding 4 pages to accommodate this)

Share the Gospel this Year!

- Books for Men 1 (\$30) \$ _____ Books for Women 4 (\$45) \$ _____
- Books for Men 2 (\$45) \$ _____ Books for Women 5 (\$60) \$ _____
- Books for Men 3 (\$50) \$ _____ Books for Women 6 (\$50) \$ _____

Please feel free to suggest where to send your Christmas package by providing a name:

Name: _____

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City, State/Prov, Zip/Postal _____

! The CVV# (your 3 digit security code) is now required by the Credit Card companies for processing donations/payments to your card. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Death or Life?

From the book: Legends of the Trail

The night was long—and cold! A biting wind was whipping the freshly-fallen snow into drifts.

“Walk. Walk to keep from freezing,” Brave Deer told himself. “Even though you have to walk in circles.”

His body begged for a moment of rest, but he dared not stop. He might go to sleep. Then he would surely freeze to death.

Round and round the body of his fallen comrade he paced.

He must stay with his friend until the two of them were found no matter how long he had to wait. With what high hopes they had set out on the hunt!

And with what tragedy it had ended! Black Bear was dead. Worst of all it had been his, Brave Deer’s arrow that had taken the other boy’s life.

It was an accident, of course, but suppose the braves who sat around the council fire did not believe him. Suppose they remembered that the two had been rivals in many of the war games. What if they imagined that Brave Deer had a secret grudge against Black Bear? Then he, too, would die.

The village was not far away. Even in the whirling snow Brave Deer could have found it. He knew exactly where the trail crossed the dry creek bed and wound over a knoll. He knew every tree and bush along the way. Yet he dared not go. If for any reason whatever he left Black Bear, he would die. The others would track him and kill him. It was an age-old custom among his tribe and even a chief’s son must respect it.

How the story ends is not clear. Though a familiar one to eastern Indians of long ago, it had various outcomes. If the council decided that Brave Deer had not plotted his friend’s death, he would be set free—for a price. It must be paid in furs, beadwork or other valuables, and it might cost dearly. Time and many a dangerous adventure stood in the way.

Brave Deer had killed his friend by accident, but men are not always so innocent. They usually know when they are about to do wrong. They plan to do it. Or they let someone talk them into it.

“All have sinned and come short of the glory of God,” the Bible says. And *“the wages of sin is death.”* (Romans 3:23; 6:23)





Many a person has tried to run from what he has done only to learn that he was not getting by with it after all. *“Be sure your sin will find you out,”* the Bible warns. (Numbers 32:23) Even if a man—or woman—seems to escape punishment in this life, the Bible reminds people that *“it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.”*

It would be a pretty grim outlook if it were not for the message in the very next verse: *“So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many.”* (Hebrews 9:27-28) He died to pay the price that man could not pay. He paid it, not in beadwork or other valuables, but with the one thing acceptable, His own blood. Because of this, *“whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”* (Romans 10:13)

“If we confess our sins, He (Jesus) is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9 sums it up.



The above short story is a valuable message to share with people who may not know Jesus Christ or know Him as their personal Savior. This gospel message is told over and over again in our literature in different ways and through different stories about real people’s lives! **Thanks to those who responded to our Christmas letter, we were able to send 20 packages to prisons**

and other places! We would like to do so much more. Perhaps you would consider sponsoring at least one package to go to people who need the Lord. Just select one of the 6 options and send us your donation. We will take care of the rest!

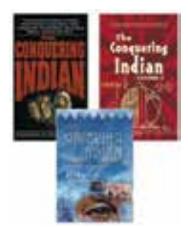
In the January/February issue of our Indian Life newspaper, we have “rekindled” the **Council Speaks** feature. We trust that you found it to be interesting and encouraging in your personal life. We are **looking for questions** to pose to our panel of dedicated Christians, who will give meaningful, Biblical answers intended to instruct, encourage and spur you on in your relationship with Jesus. Please send your question(s) by email to: ilm@indianlife.org or write them on a piece of paper and mail them in the enclosed envelope.

We have a very good team of people who contribute to putting together each issue of our Indian Life newspaper; most importantly our Editor, Jeanette, and our Graphics Designer, Robin. Then we have each of our contributors who faithfully write and send us their articles for each issue; some of whom have been doing this for a very long time. We are so very grateful for each one of these dear folks!

We do not know what this year will bring; whether the Lord will bless us with funding from new sources along with the continued faithful support of those who have shared in our vision over the years; whether He will bless us with additional staff/volunteers to assist in the work; and/or increase the reach of our literature to every council office on every reserve/reservation, every prison, every Native treatment/health center, Native school, etc. **Our prayer is that we be listening for His voice; obeying His commands; sharing His story whenever and wherever possible; and trusting Him to meet our every need.** Thank you for praying with us and for us and supporting us financially as you are able.

Share the Gospel this Year!

We offer gift packs to send to prison libraries, Native alcohol treatment centers, Native school libraries, etc. Select one or more package options below, send us your donation, and we will send you a tax-deductible receipt.



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