Building a Church on the Rez!

Towards the end of 2010 a donor pledged $30,000 in matching funds towards building a church on the Coeur d'Alene reservation in Plummer, Idaho. And recently through the Lord’s provisions, the Plummer church plant group accumulated $30,000 from various donors to make the match complete.

With $60,000 in hand, the Plummer church plant group is developing a wish list of features to be incorporated in the building prior to meeting with an architect. The architect is giving us a break on his normal fee; building materials have been donated; labor pledged -- it’s beginning to look like a church facility will soon be a reality on the three lots situated along Highway 5!

It’s hard to focus on the tasks at hand such as Vacation Bible School. The time and attention of everyone is engrossed in preparations for building a church on the Rez! May His kingdom be enlarged and His name glorified!

—by Diana Pierce, Osburn, Plummer and St. Maries churches

Native American Camp Meeting and White Swan

The weekend of June 25, was Native American Camp Meeting for UCC, hosted by All Nations Center. Our guest speaker was Fred Rogers, Native Ministries Coordinator for the Southern Union.

A mission team from Salem, Oregon, came the week of the camp meeting, going from house to house giving out literature, Bibles and invitations to the special weekend. About 30 Indians attended. Native singers from the Yakama Nation gave a musical on Sabbath afternoon.

Monte Church led in the general Sabbath School lesson study. We had a most enjoyable time! What would bless even more if representatives from your nation would join in sharing testimonies or helping in the various aspects of the weekend.

—by Steve Huey, All Nations Center pastor

Does your Church Minister to Native Americans

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—by Kathy Marson, Upper Columbia Conference Communications Department

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