

Dear Friends, Family, & Co-conspirators,

This has been another year of many changes, and we thank all of you who have stood with us in one way or another through the fray. Brian is finishing up his first official year as a nurse at the VA Hospital spinal cord injury unit, Leah has been spear-heading our new forays in ministry with Native peoples, Graeme has entered high school and been doing much computer based music creation and on the verge of taking the title as tallest family member, both Meghan & Amelia are based out of Chicago with Meghan, along with her husband Justin, working full time with Jesus People USA (www.jpusa.org) and Amelia following God's leading in a wide variety of ministry adventures.

Amelia spent a few months in Israel working with Iris Global (<u>www.irisglobal.org</u>) and many short-term outreaches in US cities. She also attended the One Thing conference (<u>www.ihopkc.org/onething/</u>) in Kansas City. Currently, Amelia is pursuing becoming a staff member with Youth With A Mission (<u>www.ywam.org</u>) at their Discipleship Training School in Yosemite.

Meghan has been raising finances for Cornerstone Community Outreach (<u>www.ccolife.org</u>) through managing their online resale store. In the ongoing struggle to come along side the down trodden in Chicago, Meghan has joined forces with Chicago Tiny House (<u>www.chicagotinyhouse.org</u>) an outreach that grew out of the Uptown Tent City (<u>www.uptowntentcity.com</u>). In June 2017 Brian & Leah attended the annual North American Institute of Indigenous Theological Studies' annual symposium (<u>www.naiits.com</u>) in Oregon, where we heard talks by Natives on issues impacting Native communities from spiritual, social, and political perspectives.

In July Leah attended the Living Waters Family Camp & Richard Twiss Memorial Powwow (<u>www.wiconi.com</u>), also in Oregon, which featured a Christ-centered sweat lodge, teachings on the historical precedent of redeeming elements of culture to glorify God, & an all-day Creator-celebrating powwow.

The summer also saw the birth of the Good Medicine Way, initially called All Nations Gathering (<u>www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100021637278365</u>), in which we joined forces with local Native believers Casey Church, Heather Jim, & Preston Jones to begin Albuquerque's only Native-style Jesus way fellowship. We've been meeting on Friday evenings to share meals, sing songs to Creator with Native drumming, & discuss the First Nations Version of Luke's gospel (<u>www.firstnationsversion.com</u>). Growth has been slow & steady, the fellowship sweet.

Heather & Preston are involved in a wide variety of dynamic outreach to Native college students. If you would like to know more about their endeavors, please email heather.jim@intervarsity.org

Brian, Preston, & Casey opened up 2018 by joining Jonathan Maracle (<u>www.brokenwalls.com</u>) for a weekend full of shows in New Mexico. It was a blessing to share in active ministry with one of the musical pioneers in Native contextualization efforts.

Creator's love to you all,



Brian, Leah, & Graeme (along with Amelia, Meghan, & Justin)