



## 2025 END-OF-YEAR GOALS

ONE TIME GIFTS FOR GENERAL FUND: \$60,000

MONTHLY PLEDGES FOR NATIVE STAFF FUND: \$14,000

ONE TIME GIFTS FOR YOUTH MINISTRY FUND: \$15,000

ADDITIONAL MONTHLY PLEDGES FOR YOUTH MINISTRY FUND: \$4,000

## MAXIMIZING THE IMPACT

THE GENERAL FUND INCLUDES MONEY FOR BASIC, OPERATION EXPENSES OF THE MINISTRY. FOOD & TRANSPORTATION FOR SUNDAY MORNINGS, MERCY MINISTRY, FIREWOOD DELIVERIES, "BACKPACK BUDDIES," VEHICLE MAINTENANCE, CHRISTMAS OUTREACH, AND MORE.

## The Needs of Our Neighbors

*Based on observations over the last 20 years and information from reliable members and leaders in White Swan:*

- 75% of the children, in White Swan, live with disabilities.
- 70% of teenagers in White Swan are functionally homeless.
- Overall, the life expectancy on the Yakama reservation is 39 years old. With male life expectancy being as low as 35.
- More than 80% of children are subject to physical and/or sexual abuse by age 14.
- The school dropout rate is as high as 78%.
- The unemployment rate is as high as 75%.
- Native communities experience the highest rates of poverty in the U.S.
- The highest rates of homelessness in the U.S.
- The highest rates of drug use in the U.S.
- Youth death rates in Native communities are 2-4x higher than in white communities. (source: nam.edu)
- High rates of unemployment.
- High rates of alcoholism.
- With over 1 million Native people in America, only 2-3% of Natives claim to be Christian.

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# The Mission of Sacred Road: Loving our "First Neighbors"

Did you know that our “neighbors” are living in conditions that rival many third world nations? Since the 1855 treaty, which established the Yakama Indian Reservation in Washington State, the culture, families, and dreams of the Yakama people have steadily disintegrated. Sacred Road Ministries (SRM) was incorporated on February 11, 2005, with a burden to love our “first neighbors.” Since then, the Lord has equipped the ministry to love our “first neighbors” by redeeming broken lives, restoring hope to the oppressed, and rebuilding the communities on both the Yakama and Warm Springs reservations. The goal of SRM is to be a unified and growing community of believers who have a passion for God, for each other, and for the lost, and who are prepared and equipped to serve the Lord by ministering in the Indigenous communities of America and the world. SRM is a church planting ministry moved in to action by Isaiah 58, as God calls His people to minister to the needy and oppressed. All of our efforts are motivated by the message of the Gospel and spreading the good news of Christ. We seek to raise up generations of leaders, built-up through strong relationships, discipleship, and consistent service.



Our success is displayed in the active and increasing participation from the Yakama and Warm Springs people in our programs, in their continued openness to the Gospel, and in the work projects completed in the community. We have seen countless lives transformed from hopelessness to joy, love, acceptance, and meaning. Below are a few examples of successes we've witnessed and celebrated:

- With some of the highest suicide rates in America, no person involved in SRM programs has been lost to suicide in 20 years of ministry.
- SRM has celebrated over 100 baptisms since 2003.
- Two decades of investing in young people has produced a new generation of teenagers and young adults who are stepping up to serve and lead in their own community.
- At the invitation of the Warm Springs Reservation in Oregon, we expanded the ministry to serve that community by loving them through mission teams, Kids Clubs, and mercy ministry.
- Our small, Bible study grew into the Hope Fellowship Church plant and has Sunday morning services in which the Word is preached and Sacraments are administered.

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