

Native American Testimonies About We Speak Life CD's Impact

Testimonies from the Native people Parry Stelter of Word of Hope Ministries in Canada) gave CDs to:

"I love that Cd, and I listen to it every day in my vehicle. Do you have more to give out?" Another man said, "Listening to this CD made me want to listen to it over and over again, because it was soothing to listen to."

"I loved the drumming and the flute music as people spoke from the heart"

"I never thought that Native American flute music combined with testimony could be so soothing to my soul."

"As a Native person I've always been intrigued by the Native American flute and the hand drum. After listening to your CD I now have a flute and two hand drums. It will be interesting to see how the Creator uses this in my life and ministry."

Testimonies from the Native people Roger Scarbro of AIMI in Arizona gave CDs to:

*I am teaching a Christ and Culture class at Indian Bible College in Arizona. I have 9 students (6 Navajo, 2 Apache, and 1 Hopi). I plan to give each of them a copy and offer one as extra-credit if they write a critic paper about it before the semester ends. I will give a copy to the Zuni who took my place as Youth leader at the Zuni Mission. I might give one to a San Juan Pueblo leader that is also a teacher at IBC. That leaves 1 copy that I will hold onto until I can find a key Native American Christian leader that could use it. **The few Navajos and Zunis that have rode with me and listened to it liked it a lot.***

Testimonies from the Native people Diane Norman of NAIM gave CDs to:

We gave one of the first batch to a Cherokee man in town. He has had a rough childhood and suffered abuse at the hands of a pastor, plus his daughter committed suicide about a year ago. He was so angry with God when my husband first met him, but in the past few months he has softened his heart and turned back to Jesus. He loved the CD and was very encouraged by the stories. Now he wants to start a street ministry.

Testimonies from the Native People Margaret (Ojibwe/Dakota) in Winnipeg gave CDs to: Margaret, is originally from area of Treaty 1 and Treaty 2 territories in Manitoba (*Treaty 1 is mixed Ojibwe and Dakota. Treaty 2 is Ojibwe). She now works with a street ministry in Winnipeg Canada and is involved with the elders in her First Nations center, as well as a local reservation.

According to Margaret, she gave away 21 CDs at the Tuesday street ministry. She said that there are lots of addicts there and that the CDs were going like hotcakes! One lady came running up, got the CD and then said she wanted to get a CD player just to play it. Additionally, Margaret gave a CD to one of the street ministry leaders, who said she wanted to listen to it first, before giving it away to anyone else. After the leader listened to the CD she said it was awesome, she loved it and everything in it was beautiful, and she wanted 20 more!

Other places she gave CDs to were: Chiefs at her reservation, at a funeral, to the native people at her church, and to her granddaughter.

Margaret kept saying that people just love to listen to it and that once she's through the box we sent her, she wants more!

Testimonies from Bible Ministry leader in the Mille Lacs County Jail, Milaca, MN:

10 have already been handed out, 2 to jail staff, 8 to inmates at their request - they are THRILLED with those testimonies and music! ...The guys in jail are loving the CD!

I received them (50 CDs) and...continue to have requests for them...the guys (especially Ojibwe) love the CD and ask for them.

Testimonies from Geneva (Leader) in Rock Nest Bible Ranch, BC, Canada:

We've given a few out (our regular ministries are on summer house and we expect to give away more during the regular year). They have been a such a blessing!

Testimonies from leader of YWAM Native Ministries "Calling All Warriors" Radio Program:

We had already used "Great Creator" from your videos posted to YouTube in several of our radio programs...Sunday's program, Episode #304 (<https://callingallwarriors.org/broadcast-archive/2021-episodes/>; select #304 Creator's Compassion and Power to Restore) contained the testimonies of Karin Austin Bravecrow; LaShane Oiyotte and Jason Houle, along with the music title "It's time to come back." We plan to use the other testimonies in future programs, as well as more of the music from the CD's...We believe that these firsthand testimonies can reach others with similar stories. Thanks again for the donation of music and testimonies. God bless you in you multi-faceted outreach! Thank you for reaching out to and ministering to Native people!

Testimonies from Charles Locklear (Leader) at Morning Star Ministries, NC:

I am in Florida among the Seminole tribe...Those who have heard it so far were deeply impressed with the message of hope that it provides. Thanks again for providing me the generous number and it will bless and encourage many people and most especially negative people. God bless you for all that you are doing

Testimonies from various Native American tribes in the United States:

*My cousin loves the CD and he sings for our special occasions in Dakota! He said he plays it every day!
- Kathy Blue Talbert (Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate tribe in South Dakota)*

I received a call from a guy I know from Sober Squad and he just amazed with the "We Speak Life" CD and testimony I'd given! One reason was because we know each other, but he was also just moved by the CD.

I'd also shared it one day with one of the ladies that are in housing program at Ruth House and she is fresh and new with her walk with the Lord. She cried and loved it. She said, "Oh my goodness that is powerful and amazing!" I said yes, the Lord is he will use our story for his glory.

*One other person that I shared the CD with said, "Ohhh wow! That CD is bad**s!" He said that he loved it he sat up all night listening to it. I just had to let you know! - LaShane Oiyotte (St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin)*

Testimonies from Robert De Corah (Director of Native Ministries International & Founder of Three Feathers Ministry, FL):

It was great to hear about your ministry of reaching native people through culturally relevant music to bring them to a saving faith through Jesus Christ.

Testimonies from Dr. Scott Tafoya (Founder of Truth Dancer Coaching) - Native American who grew up on the Santa Clara Pueblo reservation in New Mexico:

I just listened to the 3 links you sent and God spoke to me through them! I so believe it is needed for our Native American people to be free to allow the Gospel to redeem their culture, which includes their musical expressions!

This week I gave out most of the CD's you sent to some New Mexico Native churches, and the Indian Bible College in Flagstaff!

Testimonies from (former) Pastor Joe Boeringa of Vineland Native American Chapel on the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Reservation:

We received the 90 "We Speak Life" CD's on Tuesday this week. I am absolutely thrilled at the potential for ministry to Natives that this CD may have in our area. We are always looking for effective tools for ministry, and I believe God is going to use this one in miraculous ways. Thank you and your organization ever so much. We are thrilled with the CD's you sent to us. Our people love them, and have asked for extra copies to give to friends and family members that they believe will benefit from the message. We know many here who have been affected by addictions and are looking for a way to break free. Your CD gives answers and hope.

I also have contact with a lady who does jail ministry with women. I gave her a copy of the CD to play for them because she deals with a number of Native women from our reservation. Thanks again for making the CD's available to us. We know God is using them.

I wanted to share a testimony with you concerning the positive effects of the "We Speak Life" CD. About two weeks ago a Native woman came to the Thursday women's Bible study for the first time. She was in church this past Sunday as well. She is a relative of Melanie Benjamin (the chief), but she has only recently moved to the reservation area. We had her over for lunch at our home following the service. She shared with us how she has struggled with drug addiction in the past and even recently. She was raised in a Christian environment, but hasn't been going to church in recent years. A short time back she had considered going into the traditional Native religion. One of the important reason she chose to continue with the Christian way was listening to your CD (which she says she listens to over and over). She said she knew several of the people who shared testimonies on the CD. At this point she seems to have made a serious decision to pursue the Christian way and get closer to him. Many sincere thanks to you and the band for producing this CD and distributing it so generously. Blessings!