

Kathy and I spent eight days in September on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. The days there were two-fold: to plan future projects and to take care of some unplanned immediate needs. That made for a jam-packed eight days. In response to the question, “What did you do there?”, the following are samples of our accomplishments.

How would **YOU** cope?

1. Your sister has undergone treatment for burns she received while gathering up belongings from the Dakota pipeline. She has been fitted for a mask to help heal the scarring. The mask is in Denver, 4 ½ hours away and she needs to be there for a final fitting. You have a car and some gas money, but the car needs a radiator costing \$250. Your family is unable to help.
2. You are the mother of six children and live in a house which has a bathroom, but the shower doesn't work. All that is needed is \$50 worth of plumbing supplies and someone to install the items.
3. Your estranged husband took your car, ran it off the road when it ran out of gas and then lost the key. Your car has been by the side of the road for three days. If you don't move the car, chances are that the windows will be damaged by someone trying to vandalize or enter the car. Luckily, you are well liked.
4. You are a senior citizen and live quite a distance from a neighbor. Folks are trying to check up on you, but are unable to do so because your cell phone bill has not been paid.
5. Two young men were in an accident and are now quadriplegic. They are in a nursing facility hours from family. They need a home. The land is available.
6. You need to see several doctors in one day in different facilities. You have no vehicle. There is no public transportation.
7. You are a young pregnant mother and desperately need gas money for you and your 7 year old to get home to a town just a mere 12 miles away. You ask folks to buy your art so that you have money for gas with a bit extra to avail yourself of a sale on pizza in the grocery store.

These are just a few of the everyday situations that people on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation face every day. Kathy Price and the Mission of Love were integral parts in helping the individuals resolve most of their issues and to continue to dream.

In the words of Langston Hughes “Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die, life is a broken-winged bird that cannot fly.”
~ Sieglinde Warren



Kathy Price, Alex White Plume and Sieglinde Warren building a Lakota Home for two paraplegic relatives of Alex.