

Hello my name is Harry Yazzie Jr. From Kyle South Dakota. I have been with Mission of Love for over 10 years volunteering helping our Lakota families throughout the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Not only I'm part of it, this is my family. When people say it can't be done, our family gets it done. When people say it's too hard, our family says it's our challenge, when people seem to feel hopeless and worthless, our family expresses enthusiasm to give them confidence. When people feel depressed, our family gives them a hug. Our Mission of Love is contagious. My wonderful years with Mission of Love has given me confidence for my family and I. Volunteering my time to help another family gives me inspiration knowing this family has electricity, running water, and a warm place to sleep.

I have been in the construction business for over 30 years and I have two degree's in this field and I'm very grateful that I can put my talent to use, especially for Mission of Love. The bad news is that I now have cancer and heart failure. I'm a single parent now, I lost my wife to cancer three years ago but I watch all my beautiful children and been depressed.

For a long time taking fourteen pills daily to survive. I haven't worked in over two years and feeling sorry for myself.

Kathy Price came to my house, we had dinner and Mission of Love put me to work. My self-esteem sky rocketed into the universe with positive feelings of appreciation. I cried when Kathy asked me to help her build a house for two disabled quadriplegic young men. I'm now looking forward to this project, knowing I'm helping two of God's Children and helping them become close to their families.

Mission of Love (my family) has always given miracles to the needy with no middle person or paper work to fuss with. Only a hug and hand shake will do. The happiness on the people we help is our reward.

Ever since Kathy came, I went to my heart doctor and self monitored my heart (EKG) then my results was that my heart rhythm is normal along with my blood pressure. A pacemaker was surgically implanted in me, just in case of an emergency. (heart attack) .

What I'm trying to say, and I will get to the point. I'm not letting this disability handicap me from this Mission of Love project. Another project was mentioned then I asked to be part of that too. A smile hug and kiss on the cheek was all I needed from Kathy Price to give my confidence back. I love everything I do with Mission of Love and my children also participate and we work together as a family.

Pine Ridge Native American Indian Reservation September 11, 2017



Yazzie, Sieglinde, Katie and Kathy with Yazzie's children.