



Welcome



Welcome to the home of Flutes for Hope.

As Theresa and I go through the final items before Christmas I am taking some time to wish all of our friends a happy holiday season. It has been just over 2 ½ years since we started this outreach. In that short time, through your support, we have been enabled to:

- Make four mission trips to South Dakota and Montana
- Conduct flute-making workshops in three different reservations
- Help the Lakota elders educate several hundred children on the flute, one of their core cultural icons
- Bring encouragement to native youth, helping them in pursuit of their dreams
- Lend a helping hand to those in need through donated clothing and other items

The latest of these is our second annual collection of winter items the Waniyetu (winter) Project. We teamed-up with Lamb's Chapel Christian Center and GE Volunteers during the month of November collecting coats, shirts, and other items for Manderson, SD and Howes, SD on the on the Pine Ridge and Cheyenne River reservations. One of our partners, a local knitting club asked Theresa to speak about the collection and the work we do. She was able discuss issues concerning Native Americans on the reservations today. Upon her visit, the knitting group presented her with sixteen shopping bags stuffed with hats, scarves and other knitted items.

The items were packed and shipped in early December to South Dakota, where the temperature was already -14 degrees. The items were distributed by the local schools in Manderson, SD and Howes, SD to the people most in need.



"The kids really liked the knitted hats" said Mr. Bryan Charging Cloud at Wounded Knee school. He also expressed sincere appreciation for the baby items (blankets and other wear) as these were very much in need this year. Mr. Manny Iron Hawk, Principal at Takini also expressed his thanks to the people who contributed this year and both send their wishes for a Merry Christmas.

Ken and Theresa