

**Gabriel & Laura Ward  
For This Time Ministries  
P.O. Box 476  
Bagley, MN 56621**

**December 18, 2017**

Greetings & Blessings To You In Jesus Christ Our Glorious Lord!

It has been an amazing year, full of transition and changes, with many challenges, including the winter climate, but also full of many blessings and opportunities!

I want to praise and thank the Lord Jesus Christ who has been my steadfast healer and keeper throughout the various health challenges I've faced.

On November 17th, 2017 we completed our first year here as "official residents" of Northern Minnesota.

In December we joined with New Creation World Outreach Church to host meals on December 25th and 26th for the Dakota Memorial Riders and their families. This led to the formation of a volunteer committee from different areas to plan a special Dakota Honoring to be held over Memorial Weekend in May of 2017, in Mankato, MN.

The Dakota Honoring was hosted at New Creation World Outreach Church and several Dakota Elders and Leaders came and shared their stories about the prayer and forgiveness journey they had been organizing since 2005, in honor of the 38 + 2 Dakota that were hung in 1862.

It was a powerful experience for everyone involved!

In January, we began hosting monthly Native American Fellowship Meetings at the Lighthouse in Bagley, MN, and then over the summer months different Reservations asked to host them. The purpose of these fellowship meetings has been to connect and network leaders and congregations from different reservations and regions, for fellowship, prayer and communication.

Over the summer we enjoyed our final meeting at Strawberry Lake Christian Retreat and enjoyed having many guests join us at the lake front and in the Sanctuary throughout the week.

Throughout the year we have had the opportunity to host many guests in the 7-bedroom House of Light, where we live on 12 acres of land, outside of the town of Bagley. It's been a fun and refreshing time, and great fellowship for our guests and for us.

We are currently working with intercessors throughout the state, to prepare the spiritual ground on these very large reservations that surround us.

We have spent much time in prayer this year, seeking God for direction and guidance in reaching out throughout this vast area.

Since our arrival, we have also worked continually with the Lighthouse Board to help stabilize the ministry and prepare it for transitional changes for the future. We know that the Lord has wonderful plans for this amazing ministry, located right on Main St. in Bagley.

We are updating our communication system and planning on producing quarterly reports of our ministry outreaches to keep everyone better informed on what we're doing and how you can best pray for us in our labors.

We're believing God that 2018 will be a year of great opportunity and open doors, to share and demonstrate the Gospel of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ!

We so greatly appreciate all of you that have sown prayer and financial support into our lives and ministry throughout the last 34 years. We ask you to consider partnering with us, as we partner with the Lord, in reaching our Indian People and Reservations around Minnesota and throughout Native Country.

Your gift to For This Time Ministries pays for travel expenses, conference venues, teaching materials and all ministry expenses, especially when we're sent into regions where poverty abounds, and we must supply our own support. Every gift to For This Time Ministries is tax deductible.

We wish you all a beautiful Christmas season, filled with all the beauty of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and a healthy and prosperous New Year in 2018, with many opportunities for you to share the Love of Jesus Christ and all that He has done for you!

We are so grateful to the Lord who always causes us to triumph in Him!

We love and bless you, now and always,

[www.forthistime.com](http://www.forthistime.com)