



THE **GATHERING** PLACE

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**The greatest moments
of Native American
history lie ahead of us
if a great spiritual
renewal and awakening
should take place.
The Native American
has been a sleeping giant.
He is awakening.
The original Americans
could become the
evangelists who will
help win America for
Christ! Remember these
forgotten people!**

BILLY GRAHAM (1973)



LETTER FROM *The Pastors*

In early October of 2017, I (Jacob) was up late reading the Bible and fellowshiping with the Lord when I received an amazing download from the Holy Spirit. I felt God telling me to write down a very specific set of Scriptures and to “GO” to every tribal community (reservation) in Wisconsin and pray specific Scriptures over the land. We decided that ‘Sooner was better than later,’ and took off the following weekend on a Friday morning. When we arrived at each destination we prayed and asked God to heal centuries of brokenness starting with each tribal community.

Along the way we were notified that Milwaukee had a large urban Native American population and God immediately led us to begin praying over the city. After a year of prayer, prophetic words, networking and visiting we made the move. We believe we are anointed, called, and equipped to start a church here with an emphasis on reaching urban Native Americans as a fulfillment of Billy Graham’s prophecy.

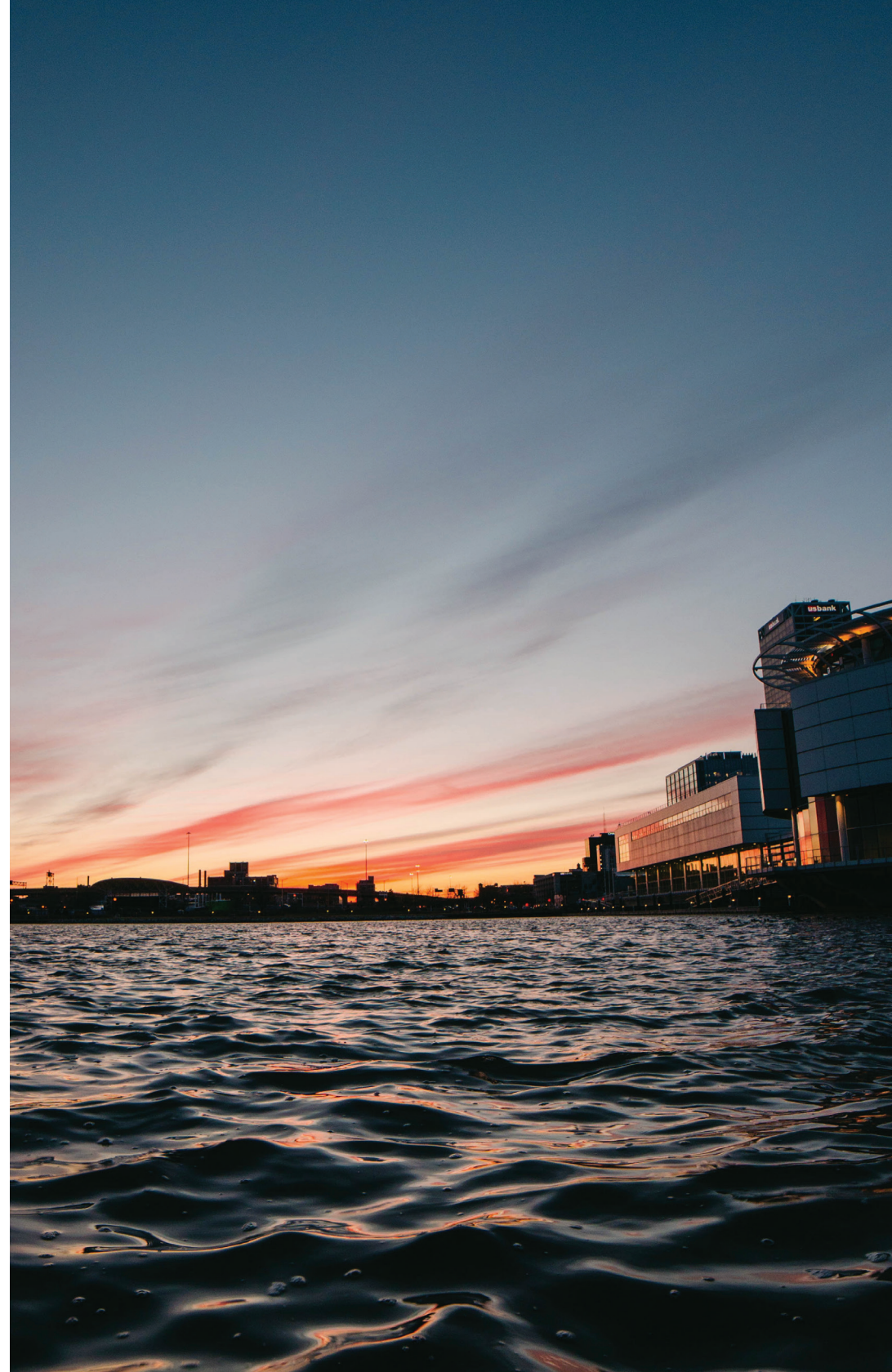
We believe the name THE GATHERING PLACE has a special anointing on it and we pray that the information provided here will stir your spirit to partner with us.

In Christ,

Jacob & Maria Valtierra

*The Gathering Place
exists for the purpose of:*

*Loving
Creator,
Loving
Life,
& Loving
Others*





Why We Gather

- **We GATHER for fellowship.**
Healthy relationships are the foundation of our community.
- **We GATHER for prayer.**
We expect our prayers to be answered.
- **We GATHER for teachings.**
We teach the Word of God, but also learn about relevant issues in Native American communities in our region.
- **We GATHER for culture.**
Arts & crafts, stories, and passing down knowledge.
- **We GATHER for language.**
General greetings & community words.
- **We GATHER to serve others.**
Local, Regional, and International service projects.
- **We GATHER for traditional foods.**
Supports the health, wellness, and healing of tribal communities.

We are grateful to the Ho-Chunk, Menominee, and Potawatomi for their work and lifestyle on the “Good Land,” (Milwaukee) prior to European contact. As we **GATHER** we formally acknowledge the land and its stewards past, present, and future. We recognize and honor the Indigenous Peoples as the original caretakers of “The Gathering Place by the Waters” (Milwaukee).



History

The Milwaukee area was originally inhabited by several Native American tribes (Potawatomi, Ho-Chunk, and Menominee), with French traders and missionaries first passing through the region in the late 17th century. After 300 years of contact less than 5% of Native Americans are following Christ.

The Need

- ▲ 70-80% of Native Americans live in urban areas across the US
- ▲ Health disparities are rampant among Native Americans in Milwaukee (*Heart disease, cancer, diabetes, alcoholism, stroke, obesity*)
- ▲ No pentecostal outreach to Native Americans exists in Milwaukee County
- ▲ 10-15,000 Native Americans live in the Milwaukee metro-area (*55,000 Statewide*)
- ▲ The average age of Milwaukeeans is 31.3 years old
- ▲ The average family size is 3.37
- ▲ Only 11% of Native Americans living in Milwaukee have attained a Bachelor's degree
- ▲ The percentage of indigenous language speakers is virtually non-existent
- ▲ 31.05% of Native Americans are living in poverty
- ▲ The average family income is \$44,000
- ▲ There are 22,000 veterans in Milwaukee (*6.6% are American Indian*); 1 in 2 American Indian males serve in the military; 1 in 4 American Indian women serve in the military

TIMING

12-10

MONTHS OUT

*Start home groups, Fundraise,
Website, Social Media*

9-7

MONTHS OUT

*Build Launch Team, Internal & External
Marketing*

6-3

MONTHS OUT

*Finalize venue; begin Launch Team Meetings
Make large equipment purchases*

2-1

MONTHS OUT

*Establish systems, Promote Launch,
Train Launch Team*

Projected Launch

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020



Values

Why The Gathering Place?

The Gathering Place is about rebuilding tribal nations through the healing power of the Holy Spirit.

WE VALUE:

- »→ Each tribal nation as a distinct people group created in the image of God.
- »→ The history of each tribe including: Acknowledging the past from a Native perspective.
- »→ The land on which God has strategic placed Native nations.
- »→ Indigenous language revitalization as a source of cultural identity & communication of God's Word.

We are affiliated with the Assembly of God National Fellowship & the Assembly of God Native American Fellowship

Support

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: ‘They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.’”

1 Corinthians 9:6-9

FUNDRAISING GOAL

Facility Rental — \$35,000

Staff Salary — \$40,000

Equipment — \$50,000

Marketing — \$20,000

Ministry/Outreach — \$35,000

Total — \$180,000

Please consider partnering as a one-time giver or monthly (recurring) giver by going to TheGatheringPlaceMKE.org/give

INTERCEDE

Prayer and fasting are the foundation of our ministry:

We cannot rebuild nations on our own.

Partnering with us in prayer is vital to the health and growth of The Gathering Place.

If you are willing to partner with us in prayer please respond by email at admin@TheGatheringPlaceMKE.org