

Mission to the Omaha Tribe

The Omaha Reservation is located in the northeastern corner of Nebraska with its eastern border along the Missouri River. Teams will have an opportunity to minister there in a variety of ways as they reach out to the native people in the community of Walthill, Nebraska through VBS, seniors' ministries, sports programs, and various construction projects.

The People: The Omaha people are the direct descendants of the Sioux Tribe. Today there are 6,000 enrolled members of the Omaha Tribe on the reservation and located in areas such as Sioux City, Omaha, Lincoln, and other small towns in between.

Walthill is located 75 miles north of Omaha, about a one-and-a-half hour drive. Walthill is centrally located, and travelers can go from Nebraska to Iowa in only a few hours.

The Language: The Omaha people speak English, but like most tribes they are in the process of reviving their language through their school systems and other cultural programs offered by the tribe.

The Omaha Religion: The churches that are located on the reservation are Latter Day Saints, Brea Brethren, Catholic, UmoHo Reformed, Methodist, and Presbyterian. In spite of all these churches reaching out to such a small number of people, the religion with the strongest influence and ties to the people is still the Native American traditional worship.

Ministry Opportunities: Ministry opportunities will include our first VBS program in Walthill; the youth director for the tribe's summer children's program in Macy has offered to assist us in setting up our program in Walthill. The children in Walthill have not had a consistent summer program, so it is vital that we begin one in 2007. We also hope to develop a program for the older youth through the ministries of 2007 summer teams.