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Walking in Partnership

I am so grateful for my wonderful life partner. On July 20th I had a total hip replacement & David has served as my 'right hip man' for the past six weeks. I have just left my cane by the wayside and am walking 'almost' limp free. I attribute my speedy recovery to all the prayers offered on my behalf. Thank you!



One month following my surgery we were at our NAIM Staff Conference in Alberta. One afternoon was devoted to family games. Everyone was placed into color coded teams consisting of all ages, young to old. Everyone was supposed to participate in at least one event. Being a 'team player' I did not want to abandon my team, but I was severely restricted in what activities I could participate in. (You have to understand that

NAIM can be rather zany at times like this.) I finally decided that the sanest, of all the options, was to engage in the three-legged race. That meant extreme trust in whomever my partner would be since I was still on strict 'hip precautions' to prevent dislocation of my new hip, plus I had only recently graduated from a walker to a cane. Shirley, a fellow co-worker, became my partner. It was important that we walk in sync and communicate clearly each step of the way.

I was reminded that we are in a similar race with our Native partners. We need to trust them completely and communicate clearly each step of the way so we stay in sync and don't have a 'falling out.' Partnering can be tricky business.

We weren't the speediest competitors out there, but we safely navigated the course. Pray we do the same in our Native ministry.



Last month we taught Daily Vacation Bible School at the Church of the Indian Fellowship on the Puyallup Tribal grounds. About 30 children learned to 'FEAR NOT' because God is with us, God is powerful, God does what He says He'll do, God gives us life, and God cares for us. It was a high impact and high energy week!

Sharing Jesus in partnership with our Native brothers and sisters because of you

Your sacrifice to keep this ministry going during the world's financial crisis is greatly appreciated. You are wonderful partners!



Tacoma First Nations Gathering continues to draw a crowd of about 100 people each month. This month Richard and Katherine Twiss of Wiconi International joined us. Richard briefly shared the journey that led him to become a follower of Jesus. His story, relating the struggle to embrace both his Native culture and Christianity, impacted many of those in attendance.



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