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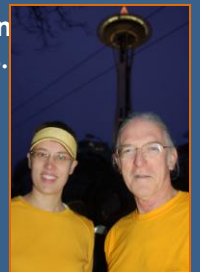


"This is a picture of what NAIM ministry people are doing. They are shining the Son-light of Jesus Christ into the storms of Native people's lives so that they might experience the rainbows of God's promises in their lives."

When I read Scott Markloff's quote above I loved it. It's a word picture that captures exactly what we try to do. The more I thought about it, I realized that Native followers of Jesus do the same for us. Let me share an example. The end of September one of our NAIM co-workers, Ernie Shultis, passed away only 9 days after being diagnosed with a virulent strain of lung cancer. He had only been ministering at the Lummi reserve for two years, but he had captured the hearts of our NAIM staff and of the Lummi people. Back in April we had helped at Lummi when they hosted a Rising Above Conference (the same conference that we hosted in Tacoma the summer of 2012). When Ernie passed away the Lummi people hosted his prayer service and funeral at the traditional longhouse. For those of you that are not Native, you might not realize the significance of that. The longhouse is only for traditional people, but they shared it with Ernie. It was a beautiful setting with carved poles in each corner of the building and a carved cross at the center. Ernie's casket, covered with a Pendleton blanket, was carved by a Native Lummi man. Lummi people led the service assisted by NAIM staff. Dave and I were greatly moved by the show of camaraderie between Native and non-Native. It was a perfect picture of sharing Son-light between both cultures producing a beautiful rainbow in the midst of great loss. We were the ones being ministered to. We were the ones being comforted. Our hands are raised to the Lummi people for sharing the Son-light of Jesus into the lives of NAIM staff during our storm and allowing us to see a beautiful rainbow!

Family Update: This time we'd like to ask prayer for our niece, Becca. She had a part of her colon removed on September 16 because of cancer and she is still in the hospital with many set-backs. In addition she found out that the cancer has spread to her lymph nodes and now she faces chemotherapy. She is a marathoner and in great shape. She has her doctorate in physical therapy. This has been such a shock for all of us. She's been a great trooper through all of the setbacks, but she's getting weary. Please join us in praying for her recovery. She has a long haul ahead of her. **THANK YOU**

This picture was taken in 2009 when Becca and Dave competed in a half-marathon in Seattle.



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Ernie's funeral wasn't the only 'storm.' We've been to four funerals in the past two weeks. In addition there have been other storms brewing in our ministry and family; false accusations on facebook, marriages that are falling apart and sickness. One of the funerals was for Ruby May. She was 100 years old and up until she died she prayed for us every day. She was part Lakota and she had a passion for Native ministry. She will be greatly missed. We are wondering who will take her place as a prayer warrior.

Thank you for sharing the Son-light of Jesus into our lives through your support and prayers. Even in the midst of storms we feel His peace and see His rainbow.

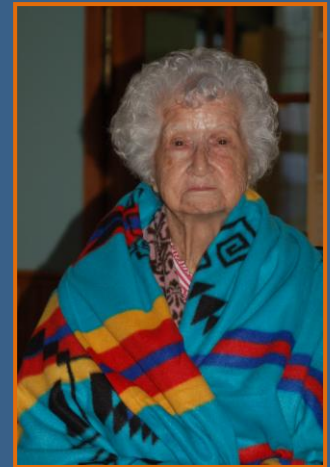
Grateful for your friendship and love,

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Your sacrifice to keep this ministry going is greatly appreciated. You keep us inspired.



Taken at Ernie's prayer service in the Lummi Longhouse.



Ruby May speaking to our Wisdom Circle



Ruby May at our grandson's graduation party in June, with Kirsten, Lindsay, Myra & me.

We are in the process of planning 8-10 concerts coming spring of 2014 with a well-known recording artist, Michael Jacobs, Cherokee. Please pray for doors to open and hearts to be touched.