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*Serving with First Nations to Reach All Nations*



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“God loves it when the giver delights in the giving.” II Cor. 9:7  
(The Message)



I have learned much about giving from the Native American culture. Twenty years ago the parents of my students made me a complete set of regalia in my favorite colors of red and black and presented it to me at a pow wow and then did an honor dance for me, so I could dance with their children. When I left the school program to move to Canada, they presented me with a Pendleton blanket for the “Wisdom Keepers.” Our home is filled with gifts from Native friends. Last Saturday Lyle, from our Warrior Circle, a former POW (prisoner of war) during the Viet Nam war, presented my little 3 year old granddaughter a 10” drum he had made for her, all covered in beautifully painted butterflies. I could go on and on.

The newest community event we are involved in is the Pierce County Prayer Breakfast on May 1<sup>st</sup> to be held at the Tacoma Dome. It's a large event with a wonderful speaker each year and costs \$30/person to attend. For the first time in 43 years they are having a Christian Native speaker, Hattie Kaufman. She is from the Nez Perce tribe, raised on the streets of Seattle and has made a successful career in news broadcasting. She has a book out now called “Falling Into Place” which shares her story and how she became a follower of Jesus.

I have been asked to be on the planning committee to make the program more ‘Native friendly.’ One of the best ways I have found in my 30 years of ministry to get people from different cultures to begin

Personal Note: 

Both Diane and I are so grateful for the many years that you have followed our journey among the First Nations people of the Pacific Northwest. Thank you for giving to Him, and loving us with your gifts and prayers. We could not have been about our Father's business without you as our ministry partners. The harvest we share is because of YOU. The Valentine's season is a perfect time to express our love and appreciation. Abundant thanks from us to you.

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

to communicate and understand each other is around a meal. The vision I have is to invite as many First Nations leaders to the breakfast as possible at no charge and seat them at tables with non-Natives. The tables sit 10, so could be arranged with 5 and 5 or 4 and 6 mixed at each table. To do this I am asking those who can afford it to purchase one or more tables (\$300 each) for the breakfast, and I will arrange the people at the tables.

When I shared this idea with my son, Karel, a missionary in Nicaragua, before I wrote this letter, he said, "Myra and I would be honored to purchase your first table."

We appreciate your prayer for this event that God will use it to bring healing and reconciliation and begin some new friendships and let our First Nations brothers and sisters know that non-Native Christians know how to give also.

If you would like to donate, checks should be made out to NAIM Ministries and sent with the attached form designating it for PN 07283. The deadline to receive gifts for this project is April 4.

Because HE gave,

*Dave + Diane* ❤️

Dave and Diane Norman

#### Prayer Requests:

1. Pray for the upcoming Pierce County Prayer Breakfast that many Native people would attend and be impacted for Jesus.
2. Praise the Lord we have a new venue for our Wisdom Circle. It is larger and more convenient than our last place and the rent is the same.
3. Pray for the Men's Warrior Circle – that the men would desire to go deeper with Jesus.
4. Pray for Tacoma First Nations Gathering – we have two big events coming up; a traditional Native naming and adoption ceremony in March and our 10th anniversary give-away in April.
5. Praise for the new Bible Study started on the Nisqually reservation. It is going well.
6. Pray for the teen group at Church of the Indian Fellowship. We have several up-coming events planned.



#### Ministry pics!



Dave in his regalia



Sophie with her new drum



Church of the Indian Fellowship Teens



Drumming and dancing at Tacoma First Nations Gathering

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