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Pierce County Prayer Breakfast
May 1, 2015

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Tacoma Welcome Pole
by Puyallup artist, Shawn Peterson

Many of you have prayed for and some have given towards this unique, non-denominational outreach that has happened every May for the last 37 years. For the first time in their history the committee decided to have a Native American speaker, Hattie Kauffman, come and share her story of how she came to be a follower of Jesus. She is from the Nez Perce tribe, raised on the streets of Seattle, and was the first Native American on a national news broadcast. She has worked for both ABC and CBS.

I was asked to be involved in the planning because of my connections in the Native community. I had read Hattie's book, “Falling into Place,” but had never met her or heard her speak. Our local pastor is also from the Nez Perce tribe and he introduced Hattie at the breakfast with a hymn in their tribal language. Connie McCloud, the spiritual leader of the Puyallup tribe, gave a “Welcome to the Land” greeting.

We sent invitations to the tribal councils of the six closest tribes to come and join us at the breakfast. We would cover the cost of the breakfast in appreciation for their attendance. I contacted most of my Native friends from our previous 30 years of ministry. Then I ‘cried out’ to you, our prayer and financial supporters, to pray and donate money to pay for the tables so that we could offer this gift to the local Native people. There was an outpouring of love gifts from you that allowed us to host 13 tables (10 people at each table). It turned out to be the largest turnout in the history of the Prayer Breakfast. There were 1500 people there and, of those, at least 130 were Native.

Family News: Just a quick update on the grandkids (our pride and joy)

Howie is in the Navy *

Seth is completing his 2nd year of college

CJ will soon graduate from High School *

Kaya is 11 and loves gymnastics

Sophie is 3 and thinks she is in charge

* Missing in picture

Addy is 10 and loves all sports

Rylee is 8 and is taking violin lessons

Quinten is 4 and loves his dog

Andrew is 7 and plays baseball

Max is 5 and loves life to the fullest

Brock is 2 and has the cutest smile



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

Hattie hit a homerun with her story that had us all in tears.

The planning committee also has a weekly prayer breakfast that meets each Wednesday morning. For the preceding six weeks I had a different Native speaker come and share their story of how they became a follower of Jesus. When I asked Ruth Marshall, Cherokee, the leader of our monthly Tacoma Intertribal Gathering, many said they could have listened to her all day. There is now a whole new awareness of and appreciation for the local Native population in our Tacoma area. They have asked Pastor Porter and me to continue to have a part in making this event 'Native friendly.' Our hands are raised to you, the Native way of showing respect and gratefulness, for partnering with us to bring a growing unity to the Body of Christ.

In His service,

Dave + Diane

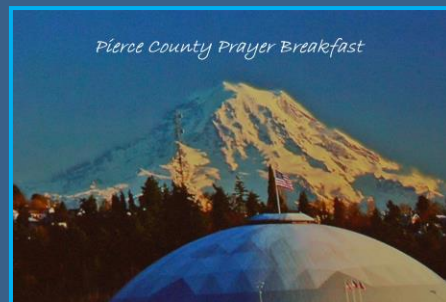
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Prayer Requests:

1. Pray for on-going impact from the Pierce County Prayer Breakfast.
2. The second and third Wednesdays of the month Dave leads three sessions at the Pierce County Jail. Pray for receptive hearts to receive God's love.
3. Pray for the Men's Warrior Circle – that the men would desire to go deeper with Jesus.
4. Pray for Tacoma Intertribal Gathering, our monthly outreach to the Native community.
5. Praise for the new Bible Study started on the Nisqually reservation. It is going well, but we would love to have more families join us.
6. Pray for the teen group at Church of the Indian Fellowship. We just had them over for a pizza/poster party. Love that bunch of kids!



Ministry pics!



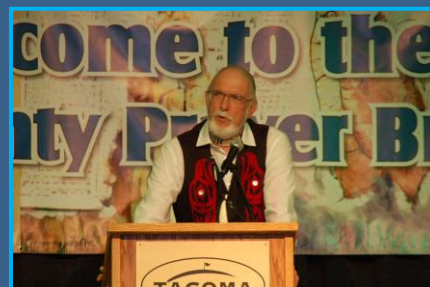
May 1 at the Tacoma Dome



Hattie Kauffman, Nez Perce, Speaker



Wrapping Hattie in a Pendleton



Dave sharing the final prayer at the Pierce County Prayer Breakfast

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