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## HAPPY THANKSGIVING

It is with gratefulness that we share the following story of Creator's power to effect change in one of His precious children.\* Your donations have helped us impact the people we came to serve. THANK YOU.

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Francine has had a rough life. As a young girl she watched her brother die after being hit by a drunk driver as they were crossing the street. Her home life was far from healthy, filled with drugs and alcohol. Learning disabilities and abuse led her to begin drinking when she was only 6 years old. One heart-ache after another, failed relationships, domestic abuse, three young children, and a house fire increased the pressure. Drugs became the choice to numb the pain. That was about the time Dave was introduced to Francine and her children. The boys were in his Native program at their school. Patrick, the oldest in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, was toying with drugs and gangs by that time, but he decided to put his trust in Jesus. He became the role model for his family. He was the first in his family's history to ever graduate from high school. Today he has finished two years at a junior college and is now in his third year of Bible School.



In October of 2012 Francine graduated from a 1 ½ year court-ordered drug and alcohol treatment program. The accolades from her counselors were inspirational. She had attended the Native and NAIM sponsored Rising Above Conference. Now two years later she is still following Jesus and walking a healthy path. I, Diane, spent the day with her yesterday. She struggles with some health issues, but we went to a few food banks and stocked her small refrigerator. Next Tuesday we will deliver a

## Family News:

We had a wonderful summer with all of our children & grandchildren, except our Howie who is serving in the navy. He will be with us for Christmas, though, so we are excited about that. One other grandson, CJ, is missing from this picture as he was working. That's what happens when they all grow up. Time spent together is so very precious. 



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

Thanksgiving basket to her, compliments of our church, where she attends the Wednesday night Bible Study.

Thank you for giving to NAIM so we can share the love of Jesus, the Scarred One, with those who have been scarred by life's hurts.



Gratefully serving the Healer and Restorer,

*Love + Francine*

Thank you for your investment in reaching First Nations People for Jesus both financially and with your prayers.

Requests:

1. Pray for Francine's on-going growth walk w/ Jesus, her health, her son, Patrick, and her other children who have yet to trust in Jesus.
2. Pray for a new venue for our Wisdom Circle. The church we had been meeting in has sold.
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 – that our acts of service will provoke questions to which Jesus is the answer.
5. Pray for a new Bible Study just started on the Nisqually reservation.
6. Pray for the newly formed teen group at Church of the Indian Fellowship.



## Ministry pics!



Patrick w/ his proud mom, Francine



One of the Wisdom Circles  
in our backyard



Men's Warrior Circle



Drumming at Tacoma  
First Nations Gathering

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