## Normans Serving with First Nations to Reach All Nations



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## **NEW ADDRESS**

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Thanksgiving is a great time to express our gratitude for all the years you have blessed us with your support and encouragement. For thirty years you have kept us on the field. We are humbled and honored to have represented Jesus among First Nations people in the Pacific Northwest. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for being a part of our team.

There are changes ahead for us, though, and we want you to be aware of them. At the end of 2017 we plan to retire fully, but beginning in January of 2016 we will go to half time. We are also moving to the eastern side of Washington and will travel back and forth once a month for the next two years. We will be in Tacoma 10 days of the month so we can still participate in the Tacoma InterTribal Gathering and the Wisdom Circle. We will also continue part-time with the Nisqually Bible Study, the Men's Warrior Circle, Church of the Indian Fellowship, and jail ministry. Most of the computer work Diane can do from our new home in Colville.

We just closed the sale of our present home today. Temporarily we are staying with our nephew in Graham until our new home in Colville is livable. He has also graciously offered to let us stay here when we are back in town 10 days of the month for the next two years. What a great guy! (Please note new address)

Why Colville, some have asked? Mainly because our daughter and son-in-law are also moving there. Kirsten was just diagnosed with Lupus, an autoimmune disease that leaves her fatigued with a body that 'hurts.' It seems to be attacking her heart, as is common w/ lupus. Our desire is to be more readily available to her and the grandkids.

Family News: We request prayer for Diane's mom who is in the final stages of heart and kidney failure. She is on hospice and we know her time here on earth is limited. She has been a wonderful role model and a great prayer warrior. We have been blessed abundantly. Dad and Mom celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary on November 13th. What a legacy they have given us!



Back in 1995 and 1996 our youngest son competed in track. He ran the 4X100 and the 4X400. Both are relay races. They won the state championship both years in the 4X400, but they were not able to compete at state in the 4X100 because the baton was dropped in the semi-finals. Passing the baton is the most critical part of the race. Both runners need to reach the same speed and they must pass the baton within a specified distance or they are disqualified.

We are getting ready to pass the baton in ministry to our Native friends and we want to do it well – no stumbling, no dropping of the baton. We want our ministry to carry on long after we are gone. These next two years are critical. Please pray with us that all things will be put in order for a smooth transition.

Running the race,

Hove + Sleane

Dave and Diane Norman

## Prayer Requests:

- 1. Pray for more strong Native believers to take over leadership in our areas of ministry as we begin the process of passing the baton.
- 2. Pray for us as we transition to half time and make the move to the other side of the mountains and for safety as we travel back and forth each month for the next two years.
- 3. Please continue to pray for the Nisqually Bible Study. We are finishing up a Bible Survey and looking forward to a study in the book of Revelations next per the request of the attendees.
- 4. Thank you for praying for the Tacoma InterTribal Gathering auction. It was a GREAT evening and we raised enough money to get us through the next year.
- 5. Thank you for praying for a new venue for the Wisdom Circle. Just this week we have confirmed a new location in the heart of Tacoma with everything we need. PTL!

"THANK YOU FOR BEING THERE FOR US MONTH TO MONTH WITH YOUR FAITHFUL SUPPORT. WE PRAY THAT CREATOR WILL ABUNDANTLY BLESS YOU FOR BEING SO GOOD TO US."

