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NEW LIFE

Spring is bursting forth in our neck of the woods. Crocuses and daffodils are blooming. Tulips are not far behind. Trees are sprouting new leaves...and we are seeing signs of new life in our ministry as well. Check out this exciting story!



In July of 1985 we moved into a home on 56th St. and McKinley Ave. here in Tacoma. We heard that there had been a shooting in the home just prior to us coming. A Native lady and her boyfriend who was into dealing drugs had lived there. One night the lady's 8-year old son got up in the night and the boyfriend thought it was someone breaking in to steal his drugs and he shot and killed the youngster. Chaos ensued. We never knew more than that...until 25 years later. In January of 2010 one of the ladies in our Wisdom Circle, Gail, asked for prayer for her friend Jan. As she shared Jan's story - a shooting, the death of Jan's young son, a boyfriend, unforgiveness, years of guilt and pain - I began to wonder if Jan could possibly be the lady that had lived in our home on 56th St. prior to us. Long story short, yes, it was.

The next week Jan showed up at the Healing Circle with her friend, Gail, and we met in person for the first time. She was distraught. Incredible guilt plagued her. One of her daughters was struggling with drugs. Her grand-daughter was in jail. She had lost her job. She had no vehicle and her son had told her she could not live with him anymore. This son was also involved in a religion she did not understand.

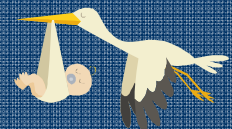
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Family Update

Kirsten and her family live just five minutes from us. Mike will finish up his studies for his LPN degree this month. Then it is time to look for a job and begin part-time schooling for his RN degree. Kirsten works at Tacoma Baptist School where all four of their children attend. Howie, 17 years old, just took 4th in the state wrestling tournament for his weight class. (Couldn't resist bragging a bit.)

Karel and his family live in Nicaragua. They are in the midst of trying to adopt a 15 year old girl that they met at the orphanage in Jinotega. She is a gem. We got to meet her over Christmas. Please pray all goes well in this endeavor.

A.J. and Lindsay's second child is due in mid-April...another new life to join our growing family!



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

Another long story, but we went with Jan to visit this 'church she did not understand' and discovered it was a Messianic Jewish congregation that loved Jesus. Friday, January 22, we arrived at the church not knowing what to expect, but the Pastor preached a powerful message about the Passover celebration and how Yeshua's blood is what is needed to cover our sins. Jan was under conviction and even without an altar call she asked us to go up with her so she could deal with the guilt in her life. She prayed a beautiful prayer and became a new follower of Jesus. Shofars, ram's horns used for Jewish religious purposes, began to blow as she voiced her decision in front of the congregation. Members of the congregation got out of their seats and began dancing, along with the angels in heaven. Her life is totally changed. She is a delight to watch. She has been in church almost every Sunday since then. She is living with her friend, Gail, that originally asked prayer for her. She now has a used truck to drive and she even has a computer, thanks to Scott, a good friend of ours. In addition one of the leaders of the Healing Circle, an enrolled member of the Ojibwa tribe in WI which is also Jan's tribe, has offered to take Jan back to her reservation to see her family that she has not seen since she was 11 years old. They are headed there in May. Creator is doing so many things to demonstrate His power in Jan's life.



Jan

Prayer Requests:

Jan's continued growth and walk with Jesus, plus her on-going family needs
Son-in-law Mike's pursuit of a new job in the nursing field
Karel and Myra's adoption proceedings
The coming birth of our newest grandbaby, due in mid-April
The new monthly Honor Circle we have started that deals with male/female relationships
The Men's Warrior Circle where 10-15 men meet weekly that want to become Warrior's for Christ
The weekly Healing Circle for people with post-traumatic stress, both military and other
The monthly Wisdom Circle where we hear testimonies and seek wisdom from Creator's Sacred Book
The monthly Flute Circle for those wishing to learn a Native instrument to worship Creator
The monthly Gathering where we meet to honor both the Creator and the Native culture - this month we celebrated our 5 year anniversary with 150 people!

A Big Praise Report:

The Puyallup tribe has granted us permission to use the old elders building on the tribal grounds for our monthly gatherings – at no cost to us. Thanks to all who have prayed about this need.

Your sacrifice to keep this ministry going during the world's financial crisis is greatly appreciated. You keep us inspired.



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