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RISING ABOVE

The common root issue seems to be a loss of Faith, Hope, and Love. Is there any way to restore these three virtues and rise above the trauma and pain that is so common among First Nations people? We believe there is.

Our local Native community was 'rocked' by the sudden death of their Daffodil princess. The FBI is still investigating, but it appears to be a suicide. She had the reputation of being intelligent, kind, and proud of her heritage. She planned to go into nursing at the University of WA after graduation from Chief Leschi, the local Native high school.

Another couple from our Native church announced the shooting death of their nephew last Sunday during our prayer request time.

The local Native Elder of the Year, who just got her PhD in the area of sexual abuse, told me that virtually 100% of both men and women in prison have been sexually abused.

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Diane and I believe that Rising Above has great potential to bring permanent healing to the Native community. Trauma and abuse are spiritual wounds that only the Holy Spirit coming into our life can heal. Most healing conferences deal with just the tip of the iceberg. This one goes below the surface to the real root issues.

The cost of bringing this conference to Tacoma is huge. We are

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Family Update

Kirsten and Mike presented us with our 10th grandchild on March 4. Let me introduce you to little Sophia Estelle. She arrived with a full head of black hair and she is delighting her four older siblings every day.

Karel and Myra and their family will be arriving home from Nicaragua for the summer on June 11. Yeah!

AJ and Lindsay and their two boys will be welcoming a new family member this summer – a third son (our 11th grandchild).



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

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renting the University of Puget Sound and flying the Rising Above team down here. There are also promotional and printing costs, plus we would like to offer scholarships for those that can't afford the registration fee. We have sought grants from the local tribes, but to date have had minimal response. One of the First Nations leaders from Rising Above told me that the vast majority of the funding is going to come from Christians, not tribes. So I am appealing to you for your help. If each of you who receives this letter sent \$30 dollars we would have enough to purchase the plane fare before it gets even more expensive. If each of you sent \$100 dollars it would almost pay for the entire conference.

I would love to have the experience that Moses had in Exodus 36 when God told him to have the people stop bringing their offerings for the tabernacle because there was more than enough, even too much.



Daren George, Rising Above Director,
Shared at our Wisdom Circle in March.

Please consider joining with us in restoring Faith, Hope, and Love to the Native people of the Northwest. NAIM and Eagle Wings Ministries are partnering together to sponsor this event so checks should be made out to Eagle Wings Ministries and sent to our address at:
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"Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails." Prov. 19:21