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## Outside the Box

Most of you know that I've grown my hair long for the past several years. That's a little *outside the box* in the white culture, but it's *inside the box* among Native people. Well, it's back to short again. A traditional sign of mourning and loss among First Nations people is to cut one's hair.



Diane and I recently went back to MN for my Mom's funeral. She was 88 years young. For as long as I can remember she always operated *outside the box*. From the stories I've heard about her childhood and teen years, she did then also. She told of intentionally getting her Girl Scout leader lost in the woods in Massachusetts. She always carried her 'New England' accent. One of her classic sayings was, "I've been kicked out of better places than this." Another one she used when she, or one of us, did something really stupid was, "That develops poise." She taught us crazy songs like, "We're Great and No One Knows It..." I got in trouble with another mission agency for singing it during our mission training 25 years ago because it wasn't humble enough ☺. Thankfully NAIM accepted our *outside the box* approach to ministry.

I remember Mom beating my younger brother, Jim, to the goal line while cheering him on as he ran a kickoff back for a touchdown in one of his childhood football games. I remember her and Dad being Bethel College's only cheerleaders at a lonely football game in North Dakota my freshman year of college.

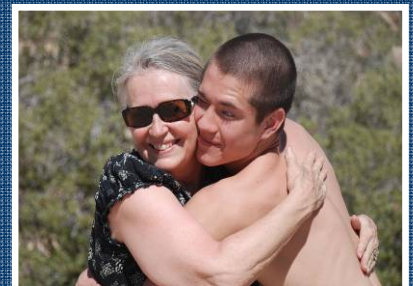
I remember her and Dad taking in a teenage girl whose parents were getting a divorce. Kathy became my 'older sister.' She and her husband (in his wheelchair in excruciating pain) were at the funeral. Kathy and her husband operate *outside the box*, too. They have adopted or fostered over 50 kids during their lifetime. They also support NAIM in reaching Native people for Christ.

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## Family Update

Kirsten's firstborn (our oldest grandson), Howie, graduates on June 14 from Tacoma Baptist Schools. Our son, Karel, will be the commencement speaker ☺. We will be hosting a grad party for him in the backyard on June 17.

Karel and his family will be home from Nicaragua for the months of June and July...AJ and his family will be here for two weeks the end of July. YEAH



Grandma Diane and Howie

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



I could go on and on with incredible stories of the lives Mom impacted way beyond her immediate family. Probably her greatest impact was through prayer. She loved supporting missions because she loved Jesus and she loved people. She planned her own funeral shortly after Dad passed away. And all the people she wanted to participate were there. If you knew her (or even if you didn't) and would like to experience an *outside the box* funeral, you can see it at: <http://vimeo.com/24135063> .

One final request that I know Mom would approve of if she was still here: Would you be willing to step *outside the box* and help Dorcas (Rece) Cheschilly fulfill her vision (and NAIM's) of reaching all nations? We have included a copy of her most recent prayer letter which shares how you can do that. She has applied to NAIM to become a full-time missionary (amazing since she was on the streets as a long-term, suicidal alcoholic just three years ago...but God has transformed her). She has been to six countries sharing her incredible story and praying for people. She has seen people saved and healed physically, emotionally and spiritually. She has lived with us for the last year and we feel she is ready to get *out of her box*. Her next hurdle is to complete NAIM's Summer Ministry Initiative in Saskatchewan. She needs to raise another \$1500 dollars to do that, but is also seeking full-time monthly support beyond that. She is an incredible investment!



You can see her testimony on YouTube at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N9Luaw91Wo>

If God stirs your heart to support this endeavor, checks should be made out to:  
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Put SCHEDOR in the memo line of the check. That is Rece's project code. It probably wouldn't hurt to put a separate paper with Dorcas Cheschilly's name on it in with the check stating that this is for her SMI work in Saskatchewan.

### Thank YOU

Every time we write these newsletters we are overcome with gratitude and awe knowing that we are here only because of the gifts and prayers of faithful people like you. For over twenty five years we have depended on God to prompt people's hearts to give and He has been faithful to meet every need. It's a humbling thought. Thank you for being His servants.



Still resting in Him and enjoying the journey

*Love + Diane*