

# Normans



Serving with First Nations to Reach All Nations

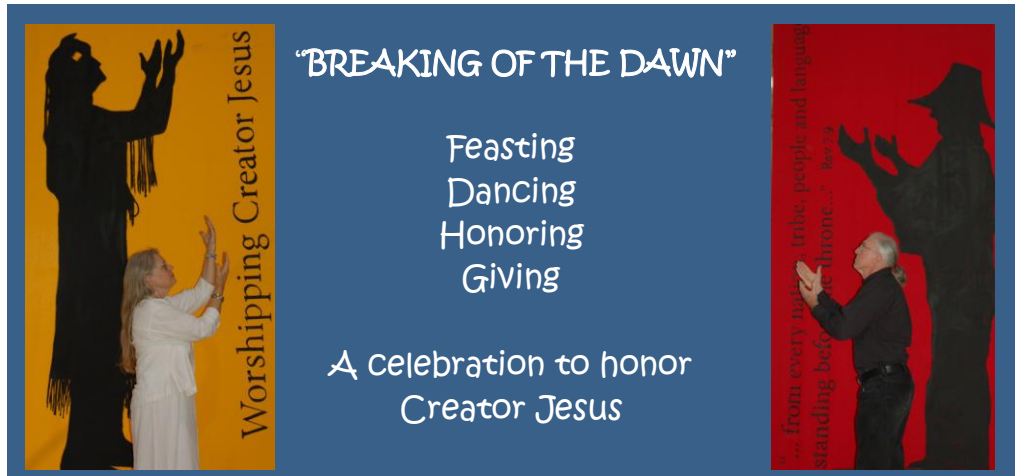


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Our Creator was honored and lifted high this past weekend. HE provided salmon from three different sources, a huge elk (so big that it broke the springs and caused a flat tire in the truck of the hunter), an abundant variety of other food, and so many gifts that we needed a U-Haul to transport them all to the church.

Approximately 250 came to worship and dance for Jesus on Friday evening and about 350 came for the honor ceremony, huge feast, and giveaway on Saturday. Many stayed for Sunday when more preaching, praying and dancing took place.

We had visitors from as far away as Africa, Australia, Korea, Japan and Canada. Others from TX, AK, PA, MT, OR, and AZ were in attendance.

In addition to honoring each tribe in the state of Washington we were entertained by a dance group from Kenya, a Hawaiian group called Warrior's Cry, and a Messianic Indian group from AZ. All were powerful as they worshipped Jesus within the context of their culture.

The highlight for us was when those huge men from Warrior's Cry were on their faces before the Lord and then rose to cry out in honor of their Creator. One of the men had cerebral palsy. He could not walk without a walker yet that did not stop him from getting on his face to worship the LORD. As his brothers helped him up, we were brought to tears and the audience was brought to a standing ovation. I think I must have felt like King George VII did when he stood in honor of Handel's Hallelujah Chorus.

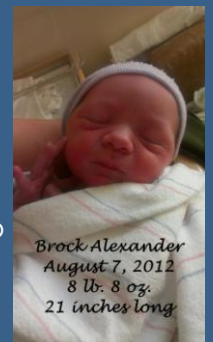
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## Family Update

Kirsten and her family are facing some big changes. Howie leaves for the Navy next month. Seth and CJ will begin public school in a few weeks and Kaya will be homeschooled. Baby Sophia seems oblivious to all the changes.

Karel has returned to Nicaragua, but Myra and the three children stayed here. Karel is coming back mid-September to perform a wedding for one of his former youth group students. The whole family will fly back to Nicaragua following the wedding.

AJ and Lindsay have given us grandchild #11. Little Brock Alexander arrived on August 7<sup>th</sup>. We are headed to MN to meet him in just a few days – can't wait!



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

Our three oldest grandsons all came and helped serve the elders during the feast. At one point during the giveaway, our daughter, Kirsten was in the ladies room nursing our little granddaughter, Sophie, when two Native ladies came in talking excitedly about what was happening. They had never been at a giveaway where so many gifts were given to everyone. We wanted everyone to know that you just can't out-give God.

Our gratitude goes first to our Creator, Jesus, who made this all happen and secondly to all of you who gave gifts, volunteered huge amounts of hours, and most importantly, prayed. Once again, thank you for partnering with us to reach all Nations for Him.

Since a picture is worth a 1000 words, I'll let these do the talking.



Feasting on salmon, elk, mutton...



94 yr. old Lummi elder



African Dance Group from Kenya



Worshipping Creator Jesus with the dance



Audience participation



Emcee, Jerry Chapman



Al and Bev Rene\*

\*Bev Rene was the artist for the original painting representing the vision for "Breaking of the Dawn"

Rita Pierce was the founder of the 'Potlatch to Honor Creator.' She handed the spoon to Norm and Sonya Skan, from Ketchikan. They hosted the second one and in turn passed the spoon to Pat Walker. She and her husband,

Gary, from Firestarters Ministries, hosted this one, "Breaking of the Dawn." We have been privileged to work alongside of them as part of their planning committee.



Rita Pierce, AK



Norman Skan, AK



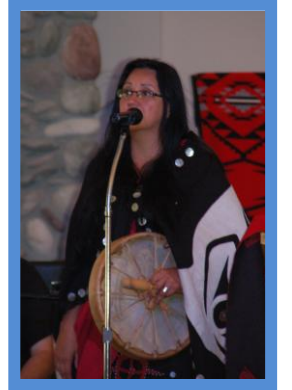
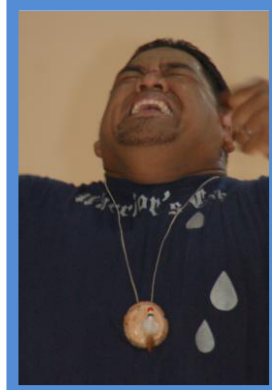
Sonya Skan, AK



Gary & Pat Walker, WA



Members of 'Warriors Cry'



Jesse Wells, MT

Cheryl Bear, BC, Canada



Sierra Russell, AZ



Pastor, Irvin Porter



Tony Flying Squirrel



Bruce Brockoff



U-Haul/helpers

You will find even more pictures and comments from the potlatch at <http://www.firestarters-ministries.org>

Our next major event is staff conference in NM in October. Between now and then we are taking two weeks of vacation in MN to visit family and friends.

Grateful for your friendship and love,

*Love - Diane*

\*Since I was behind the stage during the entire giveaway, passing gifts to those that were handing them out, I did not get any pictures of the actual giveaway ☹️.