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JESUS the HEALER



"God's spirit is on me; he's chosen me to preach the Message of Good News to the poor, sent me to announce pardon to prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to set the burdened and battered free, to announce this is God's year to ACT!"

Luke 4:18 & 19 (The Message)

NAIM's staff has acted on that verse three times in the last year. Eleven months ago we brought Rising Above, a Native led group from Canada that deals with all the issues mentioned in the verses above, down to Tacoma. Over 100 people were impacted and experienced some type of healing and in some cases they experienced salvation for the first time.

Attending that conference was a Native leader from the Lummi Tribe in northern Washington. He was so touched by it that he asked his tribe to sponsor a conference on his reservation. He was so convincing that they unanimously agreed to host the conference paying \$20,000 plus providing the venue and food for all the participants. This was the first time in the 20+ year history of Rising Above that a Native tribe has underwritten the cost of the conference. Four other tribes got behind it, also. In addition at least 10 NAIM staff and several others that are associated with our ministries helped out. I was a chauffeur/counselor and Diane was a kitchen worker/counselor.

There were many exciting stories, but I will limit myself to just one. One of the local counselors had previously lived on the Lummi reservation many years ago. While there she was sexually assaulted by four men. It was so severe that she lost the baby she was carrying in her womb. Returning to Lummi was not easy for her. She and her husband, also a counselor, were presenters for the conference, teaching a class on post traumatic stress. Needless to say, she was terrified, but she trusted God to walk through this time with her. One of the men had passed away, but at three different times during the conference, each of the other men sought her out and apologized with tears and asked for forgiveness.

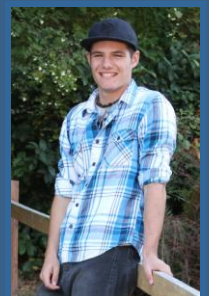
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Family Update : There are 19 of us now - our family continues to grow!

The Tacoma Herdles are doing well. Howie is in the Navy. Seth graduates from HS in June. CJ will be a Junior next year. Kaya turns 10 and gets to go on a special trip with G'pa & G'ma to visit Howie. And little Sophia is 14 months old already.

The Nicaragua Normans arrive June 10 for a six week stay. Can't wait. We will celebrate all their birthdays while they are here with a special stay at Great Wolf Lodge, a giant waterslide. Addy is almost 9, Rylee 6, and Quinten 2

The Minnesota Normans are also coming for a two week stay the end of June. What a blessing to all be together! Andrew is 5, Max 3, and Brock is almost 1.



Seth, the grad

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



Her countenance was the most beautiful I have ever seen. I forgot to mention that just prior to the conference she had been diagnosed with cancer. We all prayed. The last day she got the final doctor's report. Can you guess what it was? You're right. She was cancer free.

The 22nd of this month (May) the next Rising Above Conference happens in Vancouver, Canada. Again, NAIM staff will be involved. We look forward to many more stories of Creator's healing.



One of the Tacoma ladies that attended the Lummi conference with us wrote a poem while she was there entitled "Push Through the Darkness." Diane was able to pray with her when she recommitted her life to Jesus. She has given us permission to share it with you.

"Push through the darkness.
Can you see the light?
Push through the darkness,
With God you'll win the fight.

God is here, He's calling me and you
to let go of the past
and let His light shine through.

Release all the hurt, pain, and shame
that has been upon you.
It is not your fault, you're not to blame!

Push through the darkness.
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With God you'll win the fight.

Creator is waiting with open arms
Where He has unending love.
You don't have to be perfect,
For Jesus died and ascended above.

You carried the truth all your life through
And now you can be free.
Just ask and you will receive –
Forgiveness from Him is the key!

Push through the darkness.
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With God you'll win the fight."



by Donna M. Wortiska
A.K.A. "White Eagle"
Cherokee

With each of these conferences we all experience spiritual attack, before and during them. Thanks for doing the hard work of prayer that brings about the healing...and thanks for partnering with us all these years.

Grateful for your friendship and love,

Love - Diane

We are in the process of planning 8-10 concerts for later this summer with a well-known recording artist, Michael Jacobs, Cherokee. Please pray for doors to open and hearts to be touched.