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## Full Circle

"Sunrise, sunset, sunrise, sunset;  
swiftly fly the years."

The older I get, the more I identify with that statement. I celebrated my 67<sup>th</sup> birthday the end of January. According to the allotted lifespan of 70 years in the Bible I am well into my last lap of the race that Creator has set before me...and I love it!

~Dave



The Native world view operates in 'Circles.' This past year has seen many things come *full circle* in our lives.

Twenty five years ago we entrusted our children to Tacoma Baptist Schools to help us in spiritual nurturing. Last night we attended their 50 year anniversary celebration with our grandchildren in attendance, the oldest of which will graduate from high school there in June. *Full Circle.*

Twenty five years ago Tim Bryce was our young supervisor for NAIM. Recently Tim was re-assigned to us for this year. He is now one of NAIM's seasoned leaders and visionaries guiding us into this last lap. Thanks, Tim. *Full Circle.*

Twenty five years ago we moved into a little house on the east side of Tacoma in a very tough neighborhood. A little boy had been shot and killed in that house just before we moved in. Today we fellowship with the Native mom of that little boy at our church. Jan has been transformed by Jesus this last year. *Full Circle.*

Twenty five years ago I met Twobears. He was a very bitter Native man who hated white people and anything to do with Christianity. Today, I am on the board of his Healing Circles and we work closely together to gently nudge hurting people towards Jesus. Thanks for partnering with me, Twobears and leeta. *Full Circle.*

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## Family Update

Kirsten continues to work at Tacoma Baptist Schools where all four children attend. Her husband, Mike, is employed as an LPN at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Karel and his family are in Nicaragua. Karel teaches at the Nicaraguan Christian Academy and Myra works at a preschool. Little Quinten joined the family on Dec. 7. Please welcome grandchild #10.

AJ and family are in St. Paul, MN. He continues his climb up the corporate ladder at T-Mobile and Lindsay holds down the 'fort' with their two sons, Andrew, age 3, and Maximus, 10 months.



Quinten Alexander

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Twenty five years ago I met a young man that knew Jesus and loved Indians, but was struggling with some issues in his past. We began running together. Today he is married to a wonderful woman, has moved to Wisconsin, and was instrumental in bringing a Native Christian cultural team from Tacoma to the largest tourist attraction in Wisconsin (a classic car show) this past September. We helped facilitate the group, which also had an opportunity to share their love for Jesus at the local Baptist church the next day. *Full Circle.*



Twenty five years ago we chose Tacoma Alliance church to fellowship with as we began our ministry. After ten years we left to partner with a new Native pastor, but our relationship never ceased. This week Diane will be speaking to the Alliance women, along with Rece, a Navajo Christian who was miraculously saved off the streets and now lives with us. She just returned from the World Christian Gathering of Indigenous People in New Zealand. Next weekend she will be attending an orientation meeting to consider coming on staff with NAIM as a missionary. She has gone from being a 'mission field' to becoming a 'mission force.' *Full Circle.*

Twenty five years ago we ripped our kids away from the security of our families and their grandparents based on a call we felt we had received from Creator. They have all paid the price of that call. Amazingly, they all support us financially and in prayer. Thank you, dear children, for continuing to partner with us in this ministry and to minister yourselves in your sphere of influence. *Full Circle.*

Needless to say, I could go on and on with my stories. That's what old people do. Thank you for coming *Full Circle* with us and encouraging us as we 'kick it in' on this last lap.



In our last letter we asked if anyone might consider partnering with us in sending this family to the World Christian Gathering of Indigenous People held in New Zealand. They have just returned. Thank you to all who helped them reach their life-changing goal of attending. We are still hearing the stories of how that two-week period impacted their lives.

## 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 twenty five years we have depended on God to prompt people's hearts to give and for twenty five years He has been faithful to meet every need. It's a humbling thought. Thank you for being His servants.

Your sacrifice to keep this  
ministry going is  
greatly appreciated.  
You keep us inspired.



Still resting in Him and enjoying the journey

*Love + Diane*



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