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FIRST NATIONS PARTNERSHIP



Dear First Nation Partnership Donors,

Diane and I are part of the NAIM team for First Nations Partnership (FNP). We have been with NAIM for 25 years, but have only explored this partnership idea for the past five years. It has revolutionized our ministry in Tacoma and has expanded it to where world wide impact is happening.



"God is painting me a new life."

A recent example is the story of Rece (Dorcas Mae Cheschilly), a Navajo lady. Two years ago she was living in a tent on the streets of Tacoma. She came to the 'Crossing,' a ministry that offers food, clothing, and a shower for the homeless. As she put it, "I came to get a clean body and ended up with a clean soul!" The 'Crossing' found her a place to stay and she plunged into the Word of God with a vengeance. She attended all their church services and every Christian meeting she could pack into her schedule. When she was only a ten month old believer, she felt a call to go to Africa with a mission group that spoke at her church. Her pastor supported her and she called Diane and me for help in raising the necessary \$5000. I contacted various Native leaders of different organizations to have a 'brainstorming' session to help Rece get to Africa. She shared her incredible testimony with them and had us all in tears by the time she finished. I watched in awe as each of the leaders shared ideas on how to reach her goal in just two months. She also had to get a passport with no family records. She did not even

know her real father or mother and had no birth certificate. It looked like an impossibility to us, but God...

I was there at the first fundraiser, an Indian Taco dinner (no charge) with First Nations entertainment, followed by a blanket offering. I wept as we counted out \$3500 from basically 150 street people. I knew this was a "God Thing" and, needless to say, the rest of the funds came in. After fasting and prayer, her passport arrived on the last possible day. She ministered in four different countries in Africa, shared her story and prayed with hundreds of people. In addition, she saw Creator heal people of various afflictions.

She officially lives with us now, but she keeps getting called to share her story and passion and gratefulness to Jesus for saving her. She has been to CA, NM, AZ, and even to Mexico twice in the last four months. She's been invited to go to the Philippines to share with the street people there at the end of July.

Rece's latest desire is to write a book, detailing God's pursuit of her and His continuing work in her life. She already has the title, "God is painting me a new life."

Rece is just one example of the many Native Christians across the United States and Canada that are ready, willing, and gifted to do ministry. The only thing holding them back is the funding. I cannot recommend a better return on your investment than NAIM's First Nations Partnership.

Thank you for your past support. Please continue to partner with us and invite others to join you in this productive ministry.

Resting in Him and Enjoying the Journey,

Dave and Diane Norman