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December 2019 Update

Being Made

One of the first things I bought upon coming to Montana 5 years ago was a pair of lattice-patterned upholstered chairs. Though I assembled the two chairs myself, I can't find the right-sized Allen wrench now. This is a repeated frustration, as the bolts work loose daily and lead to wobbly legs. The chairs are comfortable & cute, but I often avoid sitting in them. Instead of asking for help, I've been trying to tighten the legs by hand—with only limited success. For 4½ years!

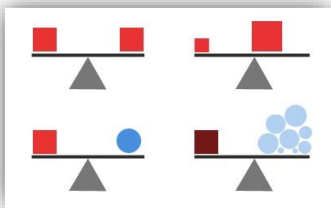


May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then *you will be made complete* with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

—Ephesians 3:17-19 (emphasis mine) NLT

We are all people living with “wobbly legs”. Scripture says we are “being filled” and in the process of healing—not that we're whole right now. Instead, as we experience Christ's love, we *will be made complete*. And Scripture implies we can't be whole on our own. Instead, we are a body, a tribe ... a family (1 Corinthians 12, Exodus 28, Genesis 6 & 12 and Philippians 2). The LORD puts us in community to help one another!

Maintaining Balance



At the end of **October**, my work schedule was reduced from 40+ hours per week to 12 hours. As I've come to realize, this is common for seasonal workers here in Polson, MT. As a farmers' daughter, some may think I'd be familiar with such a schedule. After all, many farmers have a second job—especially in the winter. Regardless of my background, I found the sudden transition abrupt!

... “[You] ignore the [weightier matters]: to walk in the love of God, to display mercy to others, and to live with integrity. *Readjust your values* and place first things first.”

—Matthew 23:23 (emphasis mine) TPT

This loss of work hours has jarred me. Like many people, I'd been scheduling events—like chiropractic visits and medical massage appointments—around my job. Don't misunderstand: we are responsible to pay our rent and living expenses. However, by prioritizing work so heavily, I'd missed packing commodities every two months for those in the Mission Valley. I'd by-passed the annual Women's Health Fair at SKC (the Native college) in Pablo and the quarterly blood drives in Polson. I'd made work more important than community. Time to readjust!

Seeking Support

I want to impact the community here—Native and non-Native—with the love and truth of Jesus! To do that, I need your help. These past 5 years, I've paid most of my annual conference expenses myself. I can no longer afford to do this. If God loudly speaks to or gently nudges you, please give toward my conference or retreat expenses. It will enable me to complete NAIM ministry requirements, to be equipped and to be encouraged! Or, if God whispers to you about a special project—whether a Native story-telling day or movie night, beading circle or moccasin-making time—your giving will empower me to either host or join in a local group!

1st GOAL: \$525 to fund **NAIM Events** by **February 15th**

2nd GOAL: \$855 to fund **Special Projects** by **July 15th**

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Total: 35 Givers..... \$1380 for the year

My commitment to my partners:

- To work intentionally to touch the lives of Native people for Jesus Christ
- To regularly let you know how God is blessing our ministry
- To share prayer concerns with one another

Now glory be to God, who by his mighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of—*infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes.*

—Ephesians 3:20 (emphasis mine) TLB

Please pray, plan and hope with me. And glory be to God! If you have questions, please let me know—call, text or email. Whether for an individual or a church, I'd love to share more about NAIM and working alongside Native believers here in the Mission Valley!

Praises and Prayer Requests

GLOBAL OUTREACH PRAISE! I again put together boxes for Operation Christmas Child (OCC). Again, friends at Whitefish Naz contributed to shipping them! Thanks to God for this teamwork.

NAIM VISIT PRAISE! My NAIM supervisor, Diane Norman, made a snowy drive from WA on **November 23rd** for our quarterly visit. (see pic) Her insights and kindness always encourage me!

LOCAL EVENT PRAISE! On **December 3rd**, Pablo Naz hosted Dr Suuqiina of Indigenous Messengers. **REQUEST** Please ask God to use this partnership to reach the Mission Valley!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH REQUEST Pablo Naz will be distributing Christmas food baskets to local families. Please ask God to bless families in difficult circumstances this holiday season.

A FRIEND PRAISE! My friend, a Native grandmother, is recovering well from breast cancer. **REQUEST** Recently, doctors found a tumor near her spine. Please ask God for continued healing!



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