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Dear Friend,

In my last prayer I wrote about encouraging developments, as well as challenges, at **Sacred Path Fellowship**, the urban, Native-focused church I help lead. Creator is adding to our numbers. That's very encouraging. However, we are concerned that we are not reaching Native youth or young families. We continue to pray and strategize about this, and we are actively looking to recruit younger leaders to add to our team. Please add this matter to your prayer list.

That letter also reported on our desire to bring **Carry The Cure** to this area. CTC is a Native-led ministry that brings an anti-suicide program to Alaska Native schools along with an evening gospel concert. They are having a great spiritual impact in Alaska villages and cities. Check out their website for more details. There is growing interest with some of our reservation pastors. I believe this ministry has potential to bring the gospel to students in our local tribal schools.

One of the things I've learned throughout nearly two decades of Native ministry is the importance of having a presence at tribal community events. This is helpful in building relationships. Attendance at funerals is noticed and appreciated by Native families. An important event in the Pacific Northwest, the annual

Canoe Journey, hosted by a different tribe each summer, draws thousands of Indigenous participants and spectators.

The Nisqually Tribe, a short distance from Tacoma, hosted the Canoe Journey this summer. They set up a huge tent for protocol ceremonies, where each canoe family presented their songs and dances and gifts. These ceremonies go on all day and half the night for a week. There can be close to 100 Native canoes, representing Oregon, Washington, British Columbia and Alaska coastal tribes. The Nisqually Tribe spent several million dollars hosting this event. The 2027 Canoe Journey will be in Ketchikan, Alaska.



"Come ashore and rest!" Nisqually Tribe leaders welcome every canoe with these words.



Sacred Path Fellowship had a tent on vender row at the Canoe Journey hosted by our local Puyallup Tribe a few years ago. As I write, I am in our tent at the large Puyallup Labor Day Pow Wow for the second year. It's the first day, and already there have been two locals expressing interest in visiting Sacred Path Fellowship. We are asking God for fruitful contacts this weekend.

Nancy and I are very blessed by you who partner with us in prayers and financial support.

Thank you!!

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