

Firestarters...Firestarters For The Nations

Highlights for 3rd & 4th Quarter of 2011

July, 2011: We continue to support the Pentecostal Church at Muckleshoot as they celebrate their anniversary. Carletta Billy from Alaska was the special guest.

We traveled to Yakama to attend a special Yakama Valley Annual Fellowship meeting and a memorial service for our friend Thompson Sampson.

August, 2011: In 2009, Firestarters was given the potlatch spoon at Celebrating Creator Potlatch in Ketchikan, AK in 2009 and the words "it's time for the State of Washington to host the next potlatch to honor Creator". The very first potlatch to honor Creator was in Fairbanks, Ak in 2007. Rev. Chief David Salmon's family gave a speech on the purpose of a potlatch to Honor the Creator. Planning for the potlatch for WA State has begun. The name of the potlatch is "Breaking of the Dawn... Arrival of a New Day".

Attended Makah Days. The Makahs are so rich in their culture.

September, 2011: We visited the Puyallup, Cowlitz pow wows, Indian Days at Puyallup Fair and the Southeast Alaska Culture Fair.

October, 2011: Attended the Tlingit / Haida Council meeting extending an invitation to the upcoming potlatch.

Spoke and danced at the NW Native Women's Conference in Forks, WA.

Prayed and shared with the ASKnetwork about the upcoming potlatch.

November, 2011: More opportunities to share about the "Breaking of the Dawn... Arrival of a New Day" Potlatch at the Wisdom Circle, Summit Church, Native Pride Conference and many other places.

December, 2011: More and more potlatch planning.

We connected with the Puyallup Nation for their upcoming time of hosting the Canoe Journey 2012.

All this and we continue to have our prayer circle on Monday nights at 7PM and the Native Prayer Network... many prayers are answered!

Gary & Pat Walker, Firestarters for the Nations!