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Dear Family...

In *What's So Amazing About Grace*, Philip Yancey tells a story about a man who experiences “**an earthquake of grace.**” That is the way we feel. Let me put it this way, I once heard someone describe the evening news as “the rundown of the daily disasters.” The news is full of political problems, financial problems, and just plain problems. We want to talk about good news. We just want to tell you that your love and generosity is continuously overwhelming, confirming, and encouraging. The way God is using you in answering our financial needs is something that God alone can do, and for us is “an earthquake of grace.” I am going to quote Yancey again, quoting Gordon MacDonald: “The world can do almost anything as well as or better than the church. You need not be a Christian to build houses, feed the hungry, or heal the sick. There is only one thing the world cannot do. It cannot offer grace.” MacDonald has put his finger on the church’s single most important contribution. And to quote the Apostle Paul, “Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!” Not to bore you with word definitions, but when Paul says the gift is “indescribable,” he means the gift you have received is impossible in human terms. We want to thank you for being the channel of grace to us.

### **Native American Talking Circle**

We would love to invite you to pray specifically for and to participate by attending the **Third Annual Mission to North America Talking Circle**. We are hosting the Talking Circle with close friend Mike Kelly. Mike is a ruling elder at Gallatin Valley, PC in Bozeman, MT, and heads up Campus Crusade for Christ’s Nations Movement. It is being held in Denver, CO, October 8th-11th.

Let’s go back to some basics. There are over 1100 Tribes representing 3-5 million people. They are here and often all around us. To quote our good friend Huron Claus, “**Native Americans are not unreached people groups, they are mis-reached people groups.**” God is at work among the Nations. How do we in the PCA join in God’s work? That is part of what the Talking Circle is all about.

- \* The Talking Circle is an opportunity to **hear from Native leaders** and see how Christ is at work in Native America.
- \* The Talking Circle is a great time to be with part of the family of the Body of Christ, experiencing firsthand the **power of the gospel in reconciliation**.
- \* The Talking Circle is a time of reflection and discussion about **how to become involved**.
- \* Quite simply, the Talking Circle is a time to learn to “**love our neighbors well,**” to love each other well.
- \* The Talking Circle is a lot of **fun, yes fun**. When you get a chance to meet new friends or renew friendships with people from all across this country, it is fun.

We would love to see you there. Please let us know if you have any questions.

To find out more please visit: <http://pcamna.org/nativeamerican/nativeconferencegathering.php>

Some **other wondrous news:** our daughter Shelly gave birth to her first little girl July 26th. Linda is holding little Autumn Faith Brown, and we are with two of her three brothers, Justin (8) and Brayden (5). A few years ago Bruce was talking with a Native pastor, and he asked him, “What does hope look like for your people?” The pastor nodded toward the children playing on the swing set, “It’s there. In the children.” Hope is passed on through our children and their children to the world. For us, the expansion of our Tribe to now include 11 grandchildren is part of that “earthquake of grace.” “...and He will love you and bless you and multiply you; He will also bless the fruit of your womb...Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments.”

Please continue to join with us!

In His Service Together,

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Here is how you can continue to partner with us...

- **Pray** for the Nations, pray for us, pray for provision.
- **Walk** with us--**keep in touch**. Your letters, emails, and Facebook posts are tangible encouragement of your presence in our lives on this journey.
- **Give**--no gift is too small either in continued support or a one-time gift. We are still in the process of **increase our monthly support** for the coming year. We would love the opportunity to come and share the vision with your church.

Gifts may be sent to:

Mission to North America  
For Native American Ministry  
1700 North Brown Road Suite 101  
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Or you may donate online: <https://processor.pcanet.org/mna/donationsII/donation.cfm?MinistryTypeID=24>