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Dear Minute Man Member,

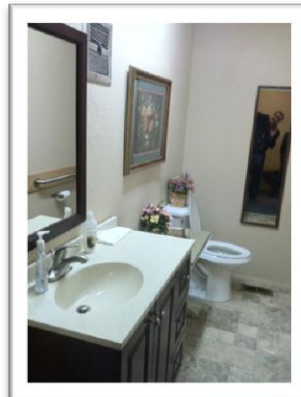
**Thank you!** I want to thank you for your involvement with the Northwest Ministry Network as part of the Minute Man team! Through missions-minded partners like you, the Minute Man program has encouraged pastors and enhanced ministry in hundreds of churches since 1957.

Our current Minute Man project is to remodel the kitchen space at Skokomish Indian Assembly of God in Hoodspport, WA.

***I would like to share with you a powerful story of “networking” that has tremendously blessed the church already this summer.***

Presbyter Peter Degon held a Capital Section meeting this summer and took a few minutes to present the many repair needs at Skokomish AG. An Assembly of God minister, Rev. Doug Henry was in attendance. Doug leads the English-speaking congregation of a non-AG, Korean church. He was challenged by the need and went to Skokomish to check out the building. His church was already involved at Skokomish and in the midst of presenting Vacation Bible School there. Doug shared the repair needs to his Korean church and rallied a team of about 20 skilled workers and contractors.

In just two weekends this skilled team removed and replaced moldy walls, completely remodeled the 2 bathrooms including installing new fixtures, reworked the sign and moved it closer to the highway, put new siding on the ends of the building, inspected and repaired the roof, sealed and recapped the chimney and replaced tiles... and raised funds to pay for the entire project!



***Now is our chance, as the NWMN Minute Man team, to jump on board to position the church to serve the tribal children and reservation in a greater way than ever before.***

Pastors Ron and Loretta Almborg have personally written about the opportunities to expand ministry to the tribal children and the reservation itself through the remodeling of their kitchen space:

*Dear Minute Man Supporter,*

*We are pleased to announce that we have started Children's Church during the 11:00 A.M. Morning Service on Sunday which allows the adults to enjoy the service without being concerned about their children. This time gives the children a solid Bible lesson, songs, stories, craft, prayer and a snack. It has been received with enthusiasm.*

*This past August, the church sponsored a 4 day VBS and were able to reach 32 children from the tribe. It is still being talked about and many have expressed how their children enjoyed the program. We had wonderful support from the Full Gospel Tacoma First Church youth group, who came and presented the VBS. But, the kitchen facility limited the ability to offer meals/snacks for the children.*

*Further, our church has offered our building and resources to be available for flood and fire victims of the tribe. This reservation is very close to the Skokomish River which floods yearly.*

*Therefore, with a new kitchen, meals would be easier to prepare in the event of any emergency along with funerals and American Indian Fellowship meetings which are held here two times a year.*

*Submitted with thankful hearts,*

*Pastor Ron Almborg  
Co-Pastor Loretta Almborg*



The cost of the kitchen remodel at Skokomish AG is about \$5,000. This appeal will end on January 31, 2012. Funds received after that date will be used for other approved Minute Man projects.

***I also wanted to update you on a new coaching and training plan for Network Affiliated churches.*** You may not know that we have encouraged all our Network Affiliated churches to create a "sovereignty plan" to eventually become General Council Affiliated. Recently, 3 churches transitioned to General Council Affiliation, all led by pastors over the age of 60! As part of a new plan called the "Church Multiplication Initiative", we are helping churches with attendance under 125 to move towards greater health and vitality.

Thank you again for sharing the vision to strengthen and develop empowered leaders and churches and for your support of Minute Man!

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Dave E. Cole'.

Dave E. Cole  
Assistant Superintendent