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Pray for:

- Spiritual awakening to take place in the Northwest – a society that has *never* been Christian
- New church planters and their teams
- Partner churches and individuals who will provide prayer, people, and financial support
- Gary and Joyce as they serve and raise a family
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