

Nigeria and Navajo

For several years General Counsel for the Pueblo of Taos and the Pueblo of Santo Domingo, and a claims attorney in the U.S. Claims Court for the Navajo Nation, helping recovery of tens of millions of dollars for past wrongdoing by the federal government.

As Taos Pueblo's counsel, resolved many long-standing land and jurisdictional issues and helped to implement Taos Pueblo's gaming program.

Work on the AIDS crisis in Africa, especially in Nigeria, including garnering support for a Nigerian health clinic, which has a primary focus on AIDS treatment and prevention. Faith Alive Foundation, in Jos, Nigeria founded 10 years ago by an amazing Nigerian physician as a free clinic, it now runs a free hospital, sewing, knitting and computer school, Support Group for People Living Positively (with HIV), Home-Based Care Program, and Transitional Housing (for homeless widows with children). Faith Alive Foundation is treating 2140 people under the US-funded HIV treatment program, but there are 6000 on its waiting list! Great to have had help from Peter Hoagland, Joe Bell (relentless networker) and Russ Carpenter.

Shocked to learn of the death of Peter in 2007, of Parkinson's disease. The world knew Peter as a U.S. Congressman from Nebraska. We knew him as the friendly, modest, caring friend in law school and afterwards, as someone who would take an interest in our families and in our projects, and as the one who organized our reunions. He introduced me to Bill Clinton at our last reunion dinner.