

A blessed Christmas season to each of you! This is one of my favorite times of the year. I marvel at what God did for us by sending His sinless Son to earth to atone for our sin! In addition to many reminders of that Truth, I enjoy a Christmas party with my five MKs (missionary kids), a party for the girls' clubs girls and their mothers, and holiday guests and celebrations.

Have you read *The Hand of the Ancient One*, the missionary biography I wrote about Art and Emalou Norris? They ministered among the Navajos for more than 50 years before taking the Gospel to First Nations tribes in Northern Canada during their "retirement" years. Copies are available. The books are free, but there is a \$3.00 postage charge for

one copy (a bit more for multiple copies). Direct requests to Nancy Stiller, UIM International, P. O. Box 6429, Glendale, AZ 85312-6429, or you may call 623-847-9227 or email nstiller@uim.org. They could serve as Christmas gifts or as a donation to your church library.

Competition with after-school activities and the work schedule of one of the teens has resulted in the Native girls' ministries having a rough start this fall. I had anticipated six younger girls and three teens. Thus far only three younger girls and one teen have come. Please pray for these girls' spiritual welfare.

A couple of new ministries have surfaced this fall. Of my five MKs who still live in Flagstaff, three are in high school and beyond the age of the youth in our church's AWANA program. All three desire to finish their AWANA books, so I'm listening to their memory verses. I enjoy these interactions and am happy to contribute to their memorizing of God's Word. Wish I had done that when I was young!

I've also helped to provide three lunches for Indian Bible College students, staff, and faculty. The faculty and staff solicit volunteers from local churches to provide one lunch a week. It helps students who live on tight budgets, provides at least one good meal a week, and gets local Christians involved and better acquainted with the school.

The Women's Missionary Fellowship of Alameda Bible Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico, has asked me to speak at their January 31-February 1 ladies' retreat. I've enjoyed doing this for them on two previous occasions and look forward to being with them again. My focus will be on Rev. 2:1-7, especially verse 4. I'm enjoying the study in preparation and, as always, am keenly aware that the Holy Spirit addresses issues in my own life first! Thanks for praying.

May this season be one of great rejoicing for you as you meditate on Christ's first coming, the reality of Who He is and what He's done for us, the joy of knowing Him, and the promise and hope of His return.

Because of Him,

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