

December 2014

Come as little children. (See Matthew 19:14.)



This is the week before Thanksgiving, and this school year's younger Native girls' club got off the ground only a week ago. Too many things going on, plus last year's helper recently told me she couldn't help this year. Without knowing who would, I visited the girls' homes to find out the best day and time for the sessions. Sharon, the mother of two of the girls (to my knowledge the only Christian among all the mothers whose girls have attended our clubs) volunteered to transport her girls and their friend to my home, usually my task. Later, my prayer partner suggested I ask Sharon if she could help with the girls; she consented . . . and will also take the girls home! A first!

Our first two sessions have gone well. The girls are enthusiastic and listen and participate pretty well, a real answer to prayer! We talked about the paralyzed man lowered through the roof to Jesus and how Jesus healed his body, but He did something even greater than that—He forgave his sin! Pray the girls will understand the awfulness of sin and seek forgiveness through Christ.



Two of the girls

Christmas parties are in the planning for these girls and their mothers, for two Navajo grandmas with whom I had Bible study a couple of years ago before one had to move to the reservation to care for their parents, and for the five missionary kids still living here in Flagstaff. I don't know who is more eager—they or I! I love this time of year and desire to help the party participants focus on the real Reason for the season and be drawn closer to Him.

In October I had a wonderfully encouraging time with my supporting church in California. They kept me busy (meetings both with church staff and the elders, ladies' group, children's church, both junior and senior high S.S. classes, college and career group, three AWANA groups, time with the mission pastor's family, and lunch and ministry-sharing time with two care groups). I thoroughly enjoyed the interactions and the opportunities to share UIM's ministries (as well as some fun times with friends). Pray for direction as I plan time with two more supporting churches in a few months.

Recent weeks have been full of a variety of activities: progress on editing stories; proofreading and editing of items from field missionaries and administrators; update of a historical document for UIM's archives plus one for promoting UIM among "millennials"; a staff meeting; the memorial of UIM cofounder and former director, Don Fredericks; the funeral of the 45-year-old son of former UIM missionaries; hosting guests; and having a small squamous cell carcinoma removed from my cheek. I'm eagerly anticipating guests for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

I'm SO GRATEFUL for our awesome God who loved us enough to come humbly to earth in human form to provide forgiveness, abundant life, and eternal salvation! May our lives be full of Thanksgiving and worship! *"Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits"* (Ps. 103:2).

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