

I returned yesterday (May 23) from a *great* time in Missouri with my three remaining brothers and their spouses. It was also good to be able to see two nieces, a nephew and his family, and a couple of cousins. While “home,” I updated my home church on the ministries of UIM. Was SO VERY GRATEFUL for God’s travel protection and especially for His guiding me to delay my return trip 24 hours due to severe weather in Oklahoma. My route went about 25 miles north of Moore, the town wiped out by the devastating tornado.

I arrived back in Flagstaff at 8:30 p.m. on May 22 to find missionary prayer letters awaiting me, so yesterday was full of proofreading . . . and unpacking and laundry. The day also included preparation for an evening meal for two of our missionaries from Broken Arrow Bible Ranch (Ann Kontz and Anna Farrow) and Ann’s daughter Kathy (one of the first missionary kids I began calling “mine”) and her husband and seven children. (Fortunately, I knew ahead of their coming and had prepared and frozen two large casseroles before leaving for Missouri! So many people have asked how I can carry on a busy hospitality ministry. The answer? “Planning ahead and using a crockpot!”) Former UIM missionary Martha Gushee joined us for supper. The thirteen of us had a lively time around the supper table and afterward! It was a lot of fun! The house became amazingly quiet the minute the children laid their heads on their pillows! It was so special to see “my MK” again and to observe her well-taught family. I’ll enclose several photos here.

Suppertime



Kathy and some of her family



L-R: Anna Farrow, Juanita, Ann Kontz, Sowers family members



Fun with Anna and Daddy



Sower family musicians

Through the years the Lord has blessed me with friendships of elderly women who have served Him in ministry much of their lives. I’ve been burdened to assist them as possible, not a “UIM assignment” but one that UIM has recognized as valid. In my last letter I mentioned my 94-year-old friend who had served many years with Ameri Tribes entering the Lord’s presence. Some years prior to that, I assisted an 80+-year-old lady who had been in Child Evangelism Fellowship ministry. Currently, I assist as possible two 88-year-old ladies who have served more than 60 years each with Flagstaff Mission to the Navajos. One of these ladies, now with special needs, has a few relatives; the other has none. My heart goes out to them and to a couple of other older missionary ladies dealing with physical problems and difficult deci-

sions. Please pray for God's protection, provision, and direction in the lives of these special servants of our Lord. Pray also for His direction in my own life as I seek to know His mind for the future.

Thanks so much for your prayers, gifts, and encouragement!

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Juanita".

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