

Praise and Prayer Update from Juanita Fike

Dear Support Team,

I'm just back from another great time with my three remaining brothers, their wives, and a few other family members in Missouri. God graciously blessed with more than 2600 miles of tornado- and accident-free travel safety. To and from Oklahoma City He also provided the

fellowship of a long-time missionary lady among the Navajos.

With little moisture this past winter, abundant tinder-dry pine trees (including those on the other side of my garden fence), and the possibility of dry lightning and fire from other sources, fire potential is great here. As I walked out the door to leave for Missouri, I prayed, "Lord, I'd love for my little home to be here when I return, but it belongs to You and I entrust it to Your care." He preserved it, and many guests are scheduled to use it over the next couple of months. Please pray for ongoing protection. No doubt many of you are aware of the huge Slide Fire in Oak Creek Canyon just south of Flagstaff.

It was a joy to share the "First Love" retreat material with 12 ladies in my home church in Missouri. Several mentioned later how the Holy Spirit had spoken and was still speaking to them. Thank God for His faithfulness!

Just before leaving for vacation in early May I had an evaluation session with the Indian Bible College (IBC) intern who is writing a book. She made significant progress. I was also able to prepare UIM's June news and the quarterly newsletter for our Administrative Assistant to design for publication. Assisting a friend who teaches at IBC to prepare matzo ball soup for 50 people for the school's Seder was another pre-trip activity, as was rewriting a short-term ministry policy for UIM's British Columbia, Canada, field.

We had our last Native girls' club session of the semester as well. One teen is graduating from 8th grade and one from high school. That last day together I asked if either had ever trusted in Christ. Both indicated they had, but I sensed some uncertainty. The older one leaves the end of June to get settled before university courses begin. My club assistant has tried, unsuccessfully, to contact and have a Bible study with her during the weeks prior to her departure. I hope to spend some time with both of them, too. Pray for their spiritual understanding and growth.

Thanks to each of you who shares in this ministry through prayer, financial support, and verbal and written encouragement.

In Christ,

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