

If any man be in Christ, . . .

Praise and Prayer Update from Juanita Fike



he is a new creature.

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Dear Ministry Partners,

Do you believe that God is trustworthy? Have you ever adamantly affirmed that belief and then found yourself full of anxiety over something that He alone is in control of? I wish that that weren't true, but I confess that I'm guilty, especially every spring when I head toward our family reunion in Missouri and have to cross "Tornado Alley."

June 1 I returned from a 2700-mile journey to a great family reunion with my brothers and their spouses, some of their family members, and several cousins. On the return trip I visited a supporting church in New Mexico, speaking at a ladies' retreat and giving two ministry reports. Every mile of the way God graciously protected His fearful child, withholding the things I had feared and seeing me through an extremely heavy downpour that lasted about a half hour. I thank and praise Him for being such a gracious Father and know that should He ever allow what seems to me to be "the worst," He's still in control and has our good and His glory in mind. I long to grow in my trust. "He's still working on me!"

Humans had foresight to develop road signs to assist travelers. As I drove those miles, aware of God's presence, I was reminded again and again of their value. All along the route were signs telling me where I was, how to get where I needed to go, and warning me how to avoid undesirable results. Time after time, especially through Oklahoma City, Tulsa, and the other cities, I was deeply grateful, not only for those "road signs" but for the ones God has placed in the Bible to guide us safely through life's journey. There is safety in reading and following them.

The final Native girls' session of the semester was the end of April. All three of the girls told me they had trusted Christ as Savior sometime in the past. I trust that that is so and that He will enable me to contribute to their growth when we restart the sessions next semester. I plan to have a summer get-together (picnic? hike?) with them and their moms sometime this summer. I've wondered about the possibility of having a Bible study with the moms, knowing that finding a mutual time would be a big challenge. Please pray with me about that possibility.

Hearing of the development of new ministries to unreached groups in the mountains of Central Mexico has been exciting. Our aviation department has done a helicopter feasibility study in areas with no airstrips and believes that outreach could be increased four-fold if it had a helicopter. Please pray for wisdom and necessary funds.

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