

Praise and Prayer from Juanita Fike

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“The mind of man plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps” (Prov. 16:9, NAS).

That verse flitted into my mind as I reread my December UIM newsletter.

- 1) *I had planned* to continue visits with Laurel but learned on my last visit that she had left the shelter. God knows where she is; pray that He will continue to work in her life.
- 2) *I had planned* to continue Bible studies with the two Navajo grandmas (sisters). One moved to the reservation to care for parents, leaving homemaking duties for the other (who already has two other jobs). No time for Bible studies. Pray for their salvation.

My 94-year-old missionary friend entered the Lord’s presence just after my last letter. I rejoice for her but miss her greatly! Each week I check on my 87- and 88-year-old missionary friends and recently, at their request, prepared many meals of meatloaf and chicken for their freezer.

Since my missionary coworker can no longer help with the teen girls’ club, I recruited a home-schooled senior who wants to minister to other girls! Pray for the salvation of all the girls.

In November UIM’s business director called.

“Hi, Juanita! Are you busy?”

“Yes, but probably not too busy to help you with something. What do you need?”

“We’re planning to start publishing a four-page newsletter and need some stories.”

“How many?”

“Nine. We want to cover each field and all three youth camps.”

“When do you need them? . . . Two weeks?! . . . I’ll see what I can do.”

Unforeseen circumstances caused cancellation of two of my appointments, allowing me time to write the articles before the deadline! (*Man plans his way; the Lord directs!*)

Other ministries: 1) Visited two supporting churches 10 days in December, 2) Helped one of our missionaries edit and organize materials for UIM’s developing internship program, 3) Worked on stories for the book and contemplated an appropriate title, and 4) Hosted various guests (including missionaries to Latvia, he teaching a six-week course at Indian Bible College). 6) I’m currently planning for three (or four?) meals plus a sack lunch for 15 people (Frontier School of the Bible’s mission team) hiking into and ministering in Havasupai Canyon between two consecutive Sunday evening meals in March. *Wonder how the Lord will direct in these plans?!*

Grateful for His direction,

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