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Praise and Prayer from Juanita Fike



Thank you, thank you to those who prayed for the ladies' retreat in Albuquerque, NM! Preparing for the topic "First Love" (Rev. 2:1-7) was a soul-searching time and a super blessing for me; sharing with those special ladies who have prayed for me so long was also a real pleasure. We considered God's love for us, our love for Christ, and our love for others. The ladies also individually evaluated their love for Christ and others.







On Valentine's Day six Indian Bible College (IBC) ladies (Ojibway, Navajo, Hopi, Yup'ik Eskimo) graced my home to ponder the same truths. Those ladies came hungry, both physically and spiritually! The Holy Spirit was obviously at work, and I was moved by their depth of

sharing, their heartfelt prayers, and their tears. We enjoyed great fellowship in Christ as we ate, studied, prayed, and played together.

On January 2 my dear 49-year-old nephew passed away unexpectedly, possibly from *staphylococcus bovis*. He is greatly missed! Two days later my neighbor's husband died expectedly. I've been so grateful for the comfort of the Holy Spirit as I've tried to comfort her in the midst of my own grieving.

At the end of January I began the second semester Native girls' classes. Please pray for wisdom as I teach and interact twice a month with two teens and twice a month with three younger girls. Pray, too, that they will understand and accept Christ's sacrifice on their behalf.

Other activities this quarter have included writing UIM's monthly news, soliciting and editing articles for UIM's quarterly newsletter, working on stories, distributing much citrus fruit from UIM's Phoenix area property, hosting several sets of guests, overseeing the internship of an IBC student who is writing a book, and preparing a lunch for 50 IBC students and staff. I look forward to three sets of guests in March, one of which is a short-term Frontier School of the Bible mission team of 12. This is the fifth year I've had the privilege of hosting this group—providing three meals and a sack lunch and housing the ladies overnight. They visit Navajo and Zuni people on the way here and then hike into Havasupai Canyon to minister there for a week.

Thanks so much for your partnership! We're in this together—for His glory!

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