

*The heavens declare the glory of God*

*Praise and Prayer from Juanita Fike*



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Journalistic activities head my list of assigned responsibilities. This past quarter has found me:

1. Proofreading prayer letters and reports, mission communiqués, the *Prayer Bulletin*, and other publications;
2. Planning for, writing, and editing articles for both e-mailed and printed distribution (a new UIM brochure, monthly newsheets, *UIM Newsletter*, and *UIM Connection!*),
3. Researching the historical aspect of UIM's mergers and acquisitions so as to compile requested information; and
4. Writing and polishing stories for a book. (Fifty-plus stories are nearly finished, enough for about 250 pages. After sorting through 28 years' worth of accumulated material, I found enough unwritten missionary stories to outlast me, I'm sure!)

In June I had the privilege of sharing with a group of ladies in Albuquerque who have supported me by prayer for many years. It was a joy to fellowship with them. Also in June two Navajo teens (plus a former teen member) and their mother came for a picnic and games. Great fun!

In July an 88-year-old missionary friend entered the Lord's presence. I spent the night prior to her "graduation" at her side with her 88-year-old coworker and housemate of 62 years. The month also included having ice cream with two teens (a birthday celebration), helping with my coworkers' VBS, and preparing a picnic for young girl clubbers and their moms (none of whom came!). The picnic happened anyway when two MKs "just happened" to drop by!

Our U. S./Aviation staff had a good conference at Broken Arrow Bible Ranch in New Mexico in August, and I attended the memorial service for Jayne Kratz, one of UIM's elderly missionaries.

Any guests? Two single ladies (who've been part of a supporting church) visited separately; two single missionary ladies were here separately; three missionary families; a lady awaiting the date to get into her rental apartment, a nephew, and a niece and her family.

**Prayer concerns:** 1) Wisdom regarding organization and title of the book. 2) Wisdom for teen and girls' clubs. I had planned to continue the teen club this school year and assist my coworker again with the younger girls, but my coworker is not able to continue. Praise God that the young lady who helped with the teens last year is eager to help with *both* clubs! Teaching both groups will mean much more lesson preparation and responsibility. Thanks for praying!

Grateful for your partnership,

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