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Greetings Praying Friends:

Greetings in the Name of the Lord! It's hard to believe summer ministries are coming quickly upon us and the home school season is almost completed. Dawn and I want to thank you for your prayers, financial contributions, emails & letters of encouragement. We have a lot to praise the Lord for.

PTL! Our Resurrection Sunday Meetings went great. Don & Erline Fountain, missionaries to Jewish People with Baptist Mid-Missions, spent the Resurrection weekend with us teaching and challenging our people. They spoke on the Passover, and Hebrew culture and on Sunday they demonstrated a Jewish seder (the order of the Passover meal.) Through all their teaching they preached Christ, especially his connection with the Passover. This was a great complement to our studies on Moses and the exodus that we've been doing for the last 2 months. There were many questions and the people were talking about it for weeks.

I want to mention a couple of noteworthy comments made by our people over the course of the weekend. The first will require a bit of explanation. A boy who grew up in our ministry, now a lieutenant in the Marine Corps, was back for 5 days and he attended one of the meetings. We invited him to show pictures of his tour of duty in Iraq on Friday after the meeting. Many stayed to see the footage and pictures. One thing in the pictures was obvious. Iraqis have dark skin like Navajos. Our Jewish missionary friend used that opportunity to talk about how the Jewish people would look more like Iraqis than Anglo people. Jesus wasn't a white man. That leads me to one comment that was an eye opener. One of our people made the comment that it would have been nice to have some of the traditional Navajo people in to hear the presentation. Many traditional Navajo claim that Christianity is the white mans religion because Jesus was white.

A second comment that struck some of the people was the unique life God called the Hebrew people to. They were to stand out and be different. Their dress, thinking and behavior was all a visual witness that they were different. I'm sure we would all admit this is an important concept that should be true of Christians.

PTL! Joey is back home with us. He finished his first year of college well. Both Bekah and David are well on their way to finishing home-school.

Pray - for Joey to find a good paying job so he can apply the finances to his college bill.  
Pray - for David and Bekah to finish with good grades.

PTL! We are very thankful for the hope we have knowing the Lord has his providential hand in all our affairs. My parents wrote to tell me my Uncle had fallen down his stairs and broken his hip. A couple of days after we heard that news we found out some good friends of ours lost their two oldest sons in a drowning accident on the Little Colorado

river, Grand Canyon. Three boys total died in that tragedy. Two of the boys have yet to be found. There will be a funeral this week for our friend Markie, who was found.

Pray - for my uncle to recover from his fall.

Pray - for the Joe Merrill family in the loss of their boys. The salvation of these three boys was certain and we pray that the gospel will be presented to many people who ask "why".

Pray - for the two other bodies to be found for closure for the grieving families.

PTL! For the expectations of our summer ministries. We are excited about the people who are asking about our summer ministries. There is excitement in the air and we hope there will be spiritual fruit throughout the summer. We are still in need of a ministry team to commit to our teen camp week of June 21-26th. This is a demanding ministry requiring sun up -sun down activities and commitment to Native American teens. If your church would be interested please let us know.

PTL! There seems to be an interest with some of our Navajo people to help during our teen week of camp since we have a need for a group. We certainly are thankful for their willingness.

PTL! We may have some college students involved in our cultural studies portion of our summer ministry. Among other things, there will be orientation, classes and an Indian culture trip to Chaco Canyon and possibly Canyon DeChelly and Mesa Verde. This will give a good overview of Native American culture.

Pray - for the formal program that we are trying to develop in order to achieve the goals for our strategic plan and ministry. We want to develop a College summer internship that will use college students in our summer ministries, giving them studies in cross cultural communication, drawing them closer to Christ and His calling, and providing opportunities to interact and develop friendships with the people we minister to.

Pray - for spiritual fruit and salvation decisions during our summer ministries. Pray - for the people of our area to take a personal part in the camping ministry and see the blessing of God and maturity in Christ that will develop as a result.

Pray - that special meetings in July will fall into place and that area people will volunteer to help serve, baby sit, and teach. Among other things people of our area seem to vacation during July since school can go late into June and start early in August.

Pray - for God to use these programs for the furtherance of the gospel and the calling of people of all ages into missionary service.

If there is any way that we can help you in your walk with the Lord or your knowledge of Indian missions, we'd be glad to be of help. Let us know.

Dawn and I Thank you again for your prayers, support, and involvement with our ministry.

Joe

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