



Greetings from  
Kevin and Pam Barthel,  
Missionaries to the  
Native Americans of  
Arizona



Winter, 2017-2018

Dear Pastor Shaffer and Friends,

How quickly 2017 has come and gone! Just as Job 7:6 stated that Job's days went by "swifter than a weaver's shuttle", so it seems was 2017. Two-thousand eighteen seems to be on track for going swiftly by as well. We continue to "stand amazed at" all that Christ does so mercifully, graciously and powerfully! We are so humbled that He still continues to use us in His Work! How Good and Kind He is! And how thankful we are!

We are so thankful for you all, too: your faithful love, prayers and giving. We appreciate each of you and all you do for us and God's ministries among the San Carlos Apaches!

Here are some blessings for which we are especially thankful:

- 1) your prayers for our daughter, Jennifer—she came through the last surgery very well and is healing well [Pam was able to go to Ohio and help her in January.],
- 2) your prayers for our folks—adults, teens and kids are growing in the Lord; loving and supporting missions around the world; being faithful even through great trials; one teen's salvation,
- 3) your prayers for grace, strength, and protection for all of us,
- 4) your faithful giving.

Here are some requests for which we need prayer:

- 1) several families in our church are going through some severe spiritual battles with other members of their families,
- 2) the incidence of flu is still quite rampant here in Arizona [Our attendance on Sundays has been lower the last couple of months because of sickness. We are praying for each of you, too!],
- 3) comfort for one of the young women in our church who lost her husband on December 23 in an auto accident and for the families of an 11-year-old and a 19-year-old in San Carlos who committed suicide in January [San Carlos is averaging 2-3 deaths in general/week—average age mid-40's, since December 1.],
- 4) our Reformer's Unanimous group, personal Bible studies, Teen and Youth ministries,
- 5) continued prayer for Pam and her health [She has some upcoming tests/appointments regarding a questionable mass on her cervical spine.], and
- 6) for needed extra support for increased insurance costs and medical costs for Pam.

Thank you again so very much for everything you do for the Lord and us! Thank you, too, for your support of \$100.00 for each of the months of November, December, and January. Be assured of our continued joyful faithfulness in serving the Lord as co-laborers with you for His Glory! May the Lord bless you and be gracious to you in every way this year! And may the Lord be merciful to our nation!

With Much Love and Gratitude,

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