

# MISSIONARY TIDBITS

**As Directors of Missionary Care, it is our desire to develop a closer relationship within the family of Missionary Gospel Fellowship; therefore, we hope it is beneficial to learn more about the ministries and lives of those serving with you in M.G.F. We pray that as you read about these missionaries, you will also feel the blessings we received as we met and participated in their ministries. We know that you are praying for each other, but it would also be of comfort and encouragement to send cards/notes, especially to those who are sick or going through difficult times.**

**Don and Joyce Townsend**

## COLORADO

**Natun and Laurie** [redacted] live in [redacted] with their three children, Sonali, Navin and Trevor. Natun trains and equips missionaries, pastors and lay church people to reach South Asians by



understanding their culture and how to minister to them. Seventy to eighty percent of South Asians are Hindus and Sikhs. He has a great behind the scenes

team—his very supportive family who serve with him in preparing materials and power point presentations. In addition, Laurie teaches third grade in a local Christian School as well as maintaining a warm living environment for the family.

In The Complete Evangelism Guidebook, Natun has written a chapter on "Hinduism" titled "Insights for an Effective Witness to Hindus." In addition he writes for the Christian Research Journal and is developing a Hinduism compact disk as a working tool for missionaries. In May 2005 he spoke at a conference in England on this same subject.

**Prayer requests:**

- Navin, their special needs son, as he transitions from high school into adult services.
- Opportunities for training and keeping a schedule.
- Prospective trip to India—care for Navin while the rest of the family is gone. Opportunities to see programs and contact with missionary friends who serve in [redacted]. This is a program where they pick up children

(youngest has been six years) at night, feed them and provide education and drug rehabilitation.

- Praise that Trevor was used by God as he was part of a short term mission trip to Jamaica with forty-five other young people.
- Sonali's new adventures as she enters 6th grade.

## NEW MEXICO

**Bob, Judy and Jesse Koenig** live in a relaxing setting in Capitan where they are actively involved in their church. Their primary ministry at this time is friendship evangelism as they reach out and offer a helping hand to others in their neighborhood. Jesse is home schooled and has received several awards for his beautiful artwork. They recently had a family reunion with all of their children present—two sons, three daughters and six grandchildren.

**Prayer requests:**

- Open doors for childhood evangelism.
- God's will for ministry and employment.
- Health
- More friendships for Jesse
- Praise for Bob's recent recovery from rotary cuff surgery.



**Remember Jaymi Farley:** pray / send cards and correspondence:  
 % Primary Children's Medical Center  
 Room 4407  
 100 North Medical Drive  
 Salt Lake City, Utah 84113



## NEW MEXICO CHURCH PLANT

**Mark and Debbie Friend** both grew up in New Mexico and answered God's call to reach the Pueblo Indians, an unreached people group. Initially, the group met in the Friend's home, but now they meet in a school gym.



It was a privilege to worship and fellowship with their small congregation and to hear how God is working in their lives.

In addition their ministry which is called, "Enchanted Path" has a website that is reaching into the home of those who are closed to the Gospel. They are also using photography to reach others. They have two sons, A.J. and

Daniel.

In the picture below it might look like Geri, a Pueblo, is just making tortillas. But to us this picture is very significant. As Geri was making tortillas in Mark and Debbie's home she was telling how God had worked in her and her family's lives. Here is a woman that prayed for God to send a "friend" to minister to her and her husband. And what does God do, but send Mark and Debbie Friend into their lives. She laughed and said, "God can't answer a prayer much clearly than that!" Geri and her husband, Eloy, have suffered for putting their trust in God. Eloy gave up his



employment at the Indian Casino for employment with a much reduced salary and they have experienced

loss of reservation privileges, including being asked to leave the reservation. Yet, they remain faithfully committed to the Lord and are working with the Friend's in planting a church which is reaching both the Pueblos and the Hispanics.



### Pray for:

- Wisdom in proceeding with the church plant and another couple to join them in leadership.
- A needed alcoholism program
- A place for their photography business.
- A.J. and Daniel as they start new schools.

## NEW MEXICO "LOVE"



Monday through Thursday, **Rose, Ed and Flossie Waltner** gather their music, musical instruments and Bible and travel to two different convalescent homes in Las Cruces to lift the hearts of the residents with hugs, love, songs

Word. Big smiles appeared on each face when they were called by name and/or the Waltner's named their favorite song. It was our privilege to see God's love and the plan of salvation shared with these friends of Rose, Ed and Flossie. In addition, Rose volunteers on Fridays as a Chaplain at a local hospital.

### Pray for:

- Protection in presenting the gospel.
- Health/stamina/strength



**David Fitch**, son of Elwin and Arleah Fitch, was a perfect



host while his parents were back East on deputation. It was good to visit with him and talk via the phone with Elwin and Arleah regarding their trip. David has many

memories of attending MGF conferences as a child and especially of "Aunt Betty" (Betty Pratt).

