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We had a great school year of saving UPCs from Campbell products and the school now has a brand new Dell desktop computer. 93,250 UPCs purchased this equipment. The $2000 received through the Boxtops for Education Program is a tremendous help to our school budget.

Please continue looking for these familiar items and send them to us for a good start for the 2007-08 school year.

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About Navajo Ministries
Navajo Ministries was established in 1953 for the purpose of caring for dependent children, regardless of race, religion or national origin, and for printing and distributing Navajo tracts and hymnals.

The ministry has expanded over the years to include: a non-commercial Christian radio station, KNMI Vertical Radio 88.9FM; Counseling Center; Moms Too Program, providing a home for single moms and their children; Cross-Cultural Ministry, providing spiritual, emotional and material encouragement to those living in Navajoland.

When a donor expresses a preference as to the use of donated funds, Navajo Ministries will make every effort to honor their request and in most cases this is done in exact compliance with the donor’s wishes. However, the Board of Directors, in ensuring that Navajo Ministries carries out its exempt purposes required by law and effectively uses available funds, accepts the responsibility of applying funds in accordance with objectives of the ministry.

Views and opinions expressed in Navajo Neighbors by those interviewed are not necessarily those of Navajo Ministries.

Navajo Ministries is a Charter Member in good standing with ECFA (Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability).
Thanks for your Service

We’re thankful for two teams of young people who gave up their Spring Break in March to help us with some Spring cleaning. A group of college students from Spring Arbor University in Spring Arbor, Michigan came on March 11th to help us with a lot of clean up work around the grounds for most of that week. Then on March 25th we welcomed a team of young people from Trail Christian Fellowship, Eagle Point, Oregon. They spent most of their week clearing thick undergrowth in a portion of our pasture which will increase our grazing area for the ranch animals.

Bakers visit Southeast

Jim and Kay Baker spent the last half of April in the Southeastern part of the nation speaking in churches and visiting friends and supporters. “It’s always great to connect with our partners when we’re on these trips”, says Jim. If you would like to have the Bakers come to your church or group and provide a presentation of the exciting, ever-changing happenings at Navajo Ministries, please contact them at baker@NavajoMinistries or call 1.888.325.0255.

Farewell to Rhonda

School is over for another year. And, this year we bid farewell to Rhonda Burbank who has served as Teacher’s Aide at our On-Site School for five of the eight years it has been in operation. She has been such a blessing, especially in the area of arts and crafts. She has taught the children how to weave rugs and make pottery. She is leaving to spend more time with her family and continue her arts and crafts business from her home. Pray that God will provide just the right person to fill her position for this next year.

Vertical Sports to broadcast Connie Mack World Series

KNMI Vertical Sports has been awarded the bid to broadcast the next five years of the Connie Mack World Series. The American Amateur Baseball Congress is the sponsoring organization of the Connie Mack World Series. The A.A.B.C. provides activities for youth and young adult baseball players through seven league divisions in the United States and Puerto Rico. Connie Mack regular season play allows players ages 16 to 18 to participate. Farmington has hosted the Connie Mack World Series since 1965. KNMI has provided exclusive broadcasts of the games in four of the last six years. These broadcasts can also be heard around the world through the Internet at www.VerticalRadio.org beginning August 3, 2007.
We have heard many good responses from our readers in the past couple of months sharing their appreciation of the new and improved Navajo Neighbors magazine. Thank you for your responses.

It is our joy to bring you a new edition that will hopefully provide you with information and inspiration from our neighbors in Navajoland.

In this issue we will introduce you to some of our new staff members who have heard God’s call in their lives and have responded by joining us in providing hope and restoration to families in need. My wife Kay will acquaint you with our new houseparent couples on page 10. And, I want to present Amy Dickson to you, our Director of Communications for Navajo Ministries.

Actually, Amy has been with us since February of 2006. We have all been blessed with her joy and excitement that she brings to work with her each day. I would like you to hear from her as she shares her calling and vision for the future:

After I graduated college from New Mexico Highlands University, I came back to Farmington. The Four Corners region has always been home to me. My parents, siblings, and extended family live throughout the Four Corners region and the Navajo Nation.

Upon my return, I was hired at a local newspaper as a marketing consultant. I got to know Jim Baker and Navajo Ministries as they were one of my clients.

One day in November of 2005, I received a call from Jim Baker. I thought he was going to place an ad, instead he offered me a job.

It is a blessing to be a part of the Navajo Ministries team. I share the passion and the vision of Navajo Ministries. We are looking to the future as we develop the new Education Center, which will house the ministry kitchen, the on-site school, and an activity center.

We at Navajo Ministries respect the Navajo culture, and want to celebrate the beauty of the Navajo.

Keep reading Navajo Neighbors as we begin to unveil plans for a new enterprise that will celebrate the Navajo heritage and culture.

I’m thankful for Amy’s decision to join us in leading this ministry into the next fifty years. I will appreciate your prayers for her as she strives to communicate and promote our vision and purpose to friends both near and far.

Joyfully in Jesus,

JAMES D. BAKER
PRESIDENT
A portion of the twenty-seven thousand square miles that comprise the Navajo Nation reaches into western New Mexico stretching south of Farmington about 100 miles to Interstate 40. Nestled in the rugged mesas near the Continental Divide is the community of Crownpoint. This is where we visited with one of the Navajo Nation’s finest, Captain Steve Nelson.

Like many young boys, Steve Nelson wanted to be a policeman when he grew up. But as his teen years arrived, he wasn’t living the kind of life that would lead to that profession.

It was a tragedy that hit their family in 1979, however, that instilled his desire to become a police officer. His eleven year-old sister was kidnapped and raped! “That was a traumatic time for our family,” recalls Steve, “and I wanted to do something with my life that would help prevent these kinds of tragedies for other families.”

Today, those who want to become a Navajo Police officer must complete 20 weeks at the Navajo Law Enforcement Training Academy. The graduates become commissioned officers in New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, the Navajo Nation and the Federal Government.

“Unfortunately, the Navajo Nation has been federally underfunded in the area of law enforcement for many years,” says Steve. “In comparison, West Virginia has over 5,000 officers patrolling approximately the same area of land found on the Navajo Reservation that has only 354 officers!”

“In our agency alone we have about 25,000 calls per year resulting in nearly 2500 arrests. Most of these calls are alcohol related and the majority of calls are domestic violence. Even though alcohol is prohibited on the reservation, much is brought in from the border towns like Gallup and Farmington.

“It breaks my heart when we have to remove children from their parents. I’m glad there are places like the Four Corners Home for Children at Navajo Ministries where these kids are treated just like they were their own. There they are assured that they will be safe and cared for while being away from their natural parents.”

Leaving the Comfort Zone

When Captain Nelson was asked about one of his most memorable moments over his past 30 years of service, his eyes lit up as he proclaimed, “My trip to Mongolia!

“I was asked by a mission group to go but I really didn’t want to leave my comfort zone so I passed on the opportunity. (I stated that if God wants a Navajo Police Officer in Mongolia, I would go, thinking I am smarter than God, but...)

Then about a year later in 1994, I received a letter saying, ‘Police officers needed to train Mongolian police officers.’ (I said, ‘Okay Lord, I hear you calling’ and...) Of course I said what most people would say, ‘I don’t have money to do that.’ But my God who owns the cattle on a thousand hills, made it possible for me to go. The letter was from an officer from Iowa, who I joined on this trip.

“My trip was two-fold. I wanted to share my talents in police training and I wanted to see how much the Mongolian people were similar to the Navajo. After I got there, I realized there was a third reason...
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ministry. I got to meet the second-in-command of the Mongolian police force, which numbers nearly 45,000. I asked him what he wanted me to tell his police officers. His answer was simple and it floored me. ‘Tell them about Jesus!!’

“And we did that whenever the opportunity arose. We also showed the Jesus film in the Mongolian language to many across their land.

“I discovered there were many similarities with their culture and the Navajo. Their portable canvas homes, called yerts were similar in shape to our hogans. When I stepped inside one of them, I felt like I was home. They were shepherders and silversmiths and they rode small horses.”

In the late 70’s Steve got involved in drugs and alcohol. He was depressed and discouraged, but then his grandma began talking to him about Jesus. They went to visit the local missionary and he soon accepted Christ as his Savior.

“It hasn’t been an easy road. There have been disappointments, but God has helped me through,” says Captain Nelson. “I just remember this world is not my home… I’m just passing through. It’s kind of like hiking to the top of the mountain. You must go through obstacles that are in the path or sometimes make your own path to reach the victory at the top.”

A Call for Prayer Partners

“In my 30 years of law enforcement, it has been my trust in God that has seen me through. When I put on my uniform each day, I never know what may happen that day.

“I tried to start a program called Peace Officers Prayer Partners, asking churches to reach out to our police officers by requesting a name and praying for that officer. We have never had any volunteers! We have also asked churches across the Navajo Nation to have a special program for law enforcement officers. In the last five years, we have had only one church take us up on that offer. (The month of May is Law Enforcement Awareness month.)”

Captain Nelson not only speaks of his love for Christ, but he and his brother sing in churches and tent meetings across the reservation. They call themselves ‘Straight from the Heart’, and they also perform tributes to the veterans. Both of them have sons who have served our country. Steve wrote all the songs on their tribute CD, To Answer a Call.

How thankful we are for Navajo neighbors like Captain Steve Nelson who not only serve their fellow citizens, but also serve Jesus Christ, sharing His love with others.

Steve has two CDs available. One is called To Answer a Call and the other is called Tools of the Trade. They can be purchased through the Internet at www.NewMexicoMusic.com under the Native American or Gospel section of the website.

If you would like to become a prayer partner for a Navajo officer, respond directly to Captain Steve Nelson at snwrd@yahoo.com. Or you can use the enclosed envelope to send your request to Navajo Ministries and we will forward it on to Captain Nelson.

Steve Nelson and Jim Baker
For the past twenty years, Joe and Gerri Begay have been an important part of the reservation outreach at Navajo Ministries. God has used them to reach out to many couples who have struggled with their marriages and relationships.

Today the Begays continue to help facilitate Vacation Bible School in the summer and the Christmas Connections to needy families on the reservation in December. They also serve as co-hosts for our annual Navajoland Tour held each September. [See information on back cover]. Many Ministry supporters have met the Begays when they traveled with Jim and Kay Baker on speaking trips to various parts of the country.

In their own words

“In 2001 we moved to Chinle from Hardrock after five years as a pastor. Although we felt much work was accomplished during our ministry at Hardrock Community Church, we still had a deep desire to pastor again. Before our move we knew God was directing us to make Grace Fellowship Community Church our local church. We became faithful members and were able to do marriage seminars and speaking engagements.

“In 2005 our pastor resigned and the church leaders asked Joe to fill in as interim pastor. As we got more involved in the church ministry, we began to sense God directing us to pastoral work again. In July 2005 Joe became the pastor. Since the church had been without adult Sunday school previously, we added adult classes to the children’s. We also started the Sunday evening Navajo service and it’s going well. The attendance for Sunday morning averages over 60 and is still growing.

“We have a mixture of people from different backgrounds. It has been a challenge for us to bring the bilingual messages. We are learning together and hope to learn from each other. We have a good leadership team who are very supportive of our work and vision. Our desire is for people to have the knowledge and understanding of the Word of God, to love and serve Him, and to bring hope to the community.

“Thanksgiving and Christmas are special times for our congregation to reach out to the community. Our church also started giving to other ministries, including Navajo Ministries in Farmington. We started having Bible study and prayer meetings in different homes every Wednesday evening, and once a month we will be doing a Couples Session.

“Our Sunday school teachers will be reaching out to the children doing puppet ministry. We have seen many get saved and lives changed. An old Hogan located by our church will be remodeled and will be used for classes. This will be our Hogan Project for the summer and hopefully will be completed by this fall. We would like to name it Disciples’ Hogan. We are enjoying our work and are excited about the growth of our church.

“Our prayer needs are for us to serve faithfully as pastors, for people to get involved in the Hogan Project, for a youth leader to serve with us, and for the people to have a hunger for the Word of God. Thank you for your continued prayers as we serve as shepherds in Chinle.”

Joe and Gerri Begay
Missionaries to their own people, the Diné
Pastors,
Grace Fellowship
Community Church
Chinle, Arizona
Monument Valley is a vast treasure of spectacular beauty which truly defines the Southwest.

Established July 11, 1958 as the first Navajo Tribal Park, it was officially dedicated in May of 1960, and is located along the border of Northern Arizona and Southern Utah.

Monument Valley has attracted people from all around the world. Visitors are intrigued by the isolated beauty of the buttes and mesas made of sandstone that is part of the great Colorado Plateau.

The spectacular color comes from iron oxide exposed in weathered siltstone, and manganese oxide. The free standing sandstone formations rise up to 1000 feet from the desert floor.

Visitors are treated to panoramic scenery of desert, mountains to the north and the colorful buttes and mesa. The most famous formation of Monument Valley is the east and the west Mitten Buttes. The Mittens were first made famous when John Ford’s movie, Stagecoach, which featured John Wayne, was filmed at Monument Valley.

Eventually, Ford returned to Monument Valley nine more times to film movies. Since then, Monument Valley has been featured in a variety of movies, television shows, even video games.

More recently, Monument Valley was part of a hoax, when it was reported May of 2006, that the “right-hand” Mitten had eroded and was collapsing. However it was a false report, both Mitten formations are intact.

There are many services available for travelers who visit Monument Valley. Accommodations such as hotels, camping, and restaurants are available within the park, or within twenty miles from the park in the community of Kayenta, Arizona.

Monument Valley is also a stop on the Navajoland Tour which Navajo Ministries hosts every fall.
Over the years, Navajo Ministries has been “home” for hundreds of children. Some stay for only a short time, others may spend many years of their childhood here. Each child is a precious gift from God, unique and priceless in His sight.

Within my heart there is a special place for the people who are called to Navajo Ministries to serve as houseparents to our children. They come with eager hearts of love to share with hurting children, and their rewards are many. But many are their challenges and heartaches as well.

Because of the pain and rejection many of our children have faced in the past, they are unable to immediately accept the love and guidance their houseparents long to share with them. Throughout busy days, and often long nights, houseparents respond to the needs of the children in their care. Preparing meals, washing clothes, wiping runny noses, helping with homework, transporting to school, sports, and church activities, fixing bikes, giving hugs, teaching life skills, reading stories . . . the tasks of a houseparent are endless.

It can be a thankless job, as many parents know. Just as we sometimes take for granted the love, protection, nurturing and provision of daily needs received from our Heavenly Father, the children in our care often take for granted the love they receive each day from their houseparents. Appreciation goes unspoken and “thank yous” can be scarce.

I invite you to be a part of encouraging and strengthening our current houseparents. Doug and Monica Moore, and Dan and Shanin Garvey currently serve in our two Extended Care homes. Along with the privilege of having their natural children to love and care for, these couples have opened their hearts to additional children, making them parents and caregivers to as many as ten children.

Doug and Monica, who came from Texas with their three daughters in October 2006, find real joy in serving as houseparents. Monica says, “We both absolutely love what we do and fully believe this is where God wants us to be. Our kids are wonderful and we enjoy being with them.” Dan and Shanin Garvey, who came from Tennessee with their daughter, also find their ministry to the children very rewarding. “Every day is a new adventure. No two days are alike. That’s what makes houseparenting so exciting for us,” Shanin says.

You can be a vital part of their ministry to the children in three important ways: praying for them, sending them a note of encouragement, and/or becoming a sponsor of one of these families. Your prayer, note, or financial gift toward their support may be just the “thank you” they need during a challenging moment in their day. An envelope is attached if you would like to write a note or send a financial gift for a family sponsorship.

Yes, children are a gift from God – and so are houseparents!!!

Kay Baker
Director of Childcare Administration
Why do we need a **new school?**

The Navajo Ministries On-Site School first opened in 1999, in cooperation with the Farmington School District. The purpose was to provide a safe learning environment for the children who reside in our extended care homes.

Many of the children of Four Corners Home for Children have experienced hardship, abuse, and neglect. These problems interfere with a child’s learning ability. We have seen many successes of the on-site school and we want to continue providing hope to these children.

Navajo Ministries is located on a very busy West Main Street in Farmington, NM. In recent years, Farmington has grown immensely with more businesses opening on the west edge of town, hence the increase of traffic flow. The on-site school is located near this busy corridor.

**We need room to grow!**

If you ask the students why we need a new school, they would come up with a variety of reasons. One boy states, “our building is really, really old. I always hear the trucks go by and it’s hard for me to read and do my math.” A girl said, “There is lots of road noise; the sirens and the big trucks that go by make it hard to concentrate.” Another girl states, “We need more room for the other kids.”

Diane Hebbard, the on-site school teacher has different concerns regarding the need for a new school building. Her biggest reason for wanting a new school… safety!

Hebbard states, “We need to be further away from the road so we are not so easily accessible to anyone who wants to just walk into the classroom.

“We have students who are here because of unrest in their natural family. Safety and security for our children is the foremost importance to us. Because some students have emotional problems and learning disabilities such as ADHD, any little distraction can keep them from doing their school work. It just takes a fire truck going by, or a Jake brake used that sets their little minds wandering again.

“The new site for the school is below the hill, away from the road and other intrusions that come through our doors. A more versatile classroom setting would benefit the diverse age groups which we accommodate. Next year we will not have kindergarten students, because of the movement and noise level that distract other students.

“Our students say the funniest things…

“Another very important reason we need a new school…more bathrooms! One vivacious boy, a student of the on-site school, said ‘we need a new school, because we need a separate bathroom for boys and girls, because the boys always get blamed for making a mess.’”

If you have the desire to be involved with fundraising for a new school, please contact Adickson@NavajoMinistries.org.
Building **Worth in Children**

**Those of us who come from an intact family or who have raised our own children know how important it is for each child to establish a sense of personal worth.**

Even God wants us to understand our worth. So many verses in the Word are His explanations to us of how valuable we are to Him.

Many children never hear words of affirmation, or have a chance to find their area of worth, or build a sense of confidence about themselves or their abilities.

This is especially true of children who find themselves in the systems that were first designed to protect them. Thank God for all of the wonderful foster parents across this nation. Although we have heard stories of foster situations that were as bad as the environment the children were taken from.

This is the reason we here at Navajo Ministries try so hard to involve the children in residence in a variety of activities: sports, music lessons, team building, fishing, etc.

It is important for each of these little ones to find their area of strength, worth, talent or ambition. This gives them something to direct their future, a future filled with successes.

For example, when a child who has lost a meaningful relationship with their natural family, discovers that they are great at reading, and the foster parents, teachers and peers tell them what a good job they are doing or how proud they should be of themselves... it makes a difference to that child. They feel valuable, worthy, loved, and accepted.

After all isn’t that what we all really want down in the core of our being?

A peer or adult that builds them up and offers them opportunities to achieve, then becomes the ‘most valuable player’ in their life.

Continual encouragement to strive for excellence in their area of strength helps them build the self confidence they will need to make it in life, despite their early life experiences that were less than ideal.

God calls children a gift in Psalms 127:3. They may not feel like a gift to their natural parents but we sure want them to feel like a gift to us and to the God that created them.

The prayers you offer on behalf of the children and the staff, and the generosity you show in your giving to this ministry helps these little ones find areas of worth and confidence for the future.

**Bill and Linda Eubank launched The Counseling Center in 1994 as a program of Navajo Ministries (then Navajo Missions).**

The Eubanks are licensed, professional clinical counselors (LPCC). For more information, please call 505.327.0264.
The first sheep were brought to New Zealand in 1773, and became a vital part of the country’s economy. Today there are 43 million and they outnumber humans 12:1.

Sheep play a vital role in the Navajo culture also, providing the essentials of life. This past Spring I led an outreach team from Navajoland to New Zealand. The team (Nina, Pearlene and Dina Benally) were excited to take part in the outreach, which used Navajo culture to connect with Kiwis (New Zealanders) of all ethnicities. The Benallys were awed by the beauty of the land, rivers and sea, and by the towering trees, but most of all by the warm welcome they received from all they met.

The ladies particularly enjoyed the times we spent with the indigenous people of the land, the Maori. At our first host church, we were officially welcomed to New Zealand by a respected Maori leader, and later also had the privilege of staying with my long-time friends, the Pauls, who’d brought a Maori Culture Group to minister in Navajoland the Christmas before last.

As part of the Outreach, we held a six-day Navajo-style weaving workshop, and the Benallys were able to share their faith along with their extensive weaving knowledge. The participants were thrilled and honored to have such excellent weaving instructors. We in turn were honored by a visit to the Maori Weaving and Crafts Institute, where we were hosted by Head Weaver, Edna Pehewa.

Nina, Pearlene and Dina made several very effective presentations to groups, teaching them about their Navajo and Ute heritage while wearing beautiful handmade traditional outfits. However, the greatest gifts they gave were inspiration, hope and encouragement, in their one-on-one interaction with members of the communities we stayed in, from shop attendants to doctors, from world travelers to teenagers who’d never been more than 80 miles from home.

We were truly treated as guests of honor by the people of New Zealand, and received many invitations to return. Thank you to all who contributed in any way to making this Outreach possible.

Nina exclaims, “Wow! A sheepherder from the Navajo Reservation to the island of New Zealand.”

Pearlene reflects, “The six day weaving workshop went well. Some of their weaving techniques were almost the same as ours.”

Lisa Holliday organized the eNZ Outreach and provided this article and the photos. Thank you Lisa for extending the boundaries of Cross-Cultural Ministry.
Plug in to The Current

Have you ever wondered, if there would be a time, when you could turn on the radio and know that what you hear would be not only informative, but also be music that is non-offensive? Perhaps there were times when you actually chose not to turn on the radio. The reason being that you weren’t certain whether what you would hear was “safe”. Are you interested in finding music that is a “heavier” style and yet still glorifies God? The goal on The Current is to meet these needs, and more, much more.

“Do you know that on secular radio 25 percent of teen targeted radio segments contain sexual content?” “This generation views 16 to 17 hours of television each week and sees an average 14,000 sexual scenes and references each year.” (Excerpts taken from Team Mania web page.)

The youth of today is a searching generation who are not willing to sit back and simply believe because they are required, or asked to do so. They want answers; they want to know the truth!

Many will search in the wrong direction. How do we bring them back, how do we reach the lost? How far will they venture looking for the truth? They need to have a place to hear the truth, not a relative truth but “the” truth as we know it to be as Christians. The truth as God has given us in His Word.

Today’s youth is inundated with a truth that is based on how you “feel”, rather than on God’s truth.

Current events, newscasts, and music programs on The Current are aired with a Christ based perspective as the basis of all programming.

The staff on The Current is dedicated to taking a stand for our youth and young adults, one that promotes a Godly and healthy lifestyle. The belief on The Current is that the future of our youth depends on touching the hearts of this generation.

With the secular advertising of today, the violence, and the sexual imagery, we are in a battle for the hearts of our youth.

The question is what will we do about it? Will we turn a deaf ear away from the problem or will we meet it head on?

We are called to do battle in a myriad of ways… we can fight against the lies and we can fight against the enemy, or we can fight for our freedom to worship God. Yes, we are called to fight for our freedom to worship. This freedom is slowly being stolen away from us, so slowly in fact that we may not be aware.

As more and more programming in a world that demands more money is shifting towards a more lenient and liberal perspective, we can choose instead to support The Current.

One father told us that since we started airing The Current, he wanted to know what in the world he was playing on the radio! He informed her that - believe it or not - it was Christian music. She said she didn’t care for it much... and her husband agreed. But they play it because their kids love it! And they want their kids to be ministered to by the music and our DJ’s.

The youth listen to that style of music because of their music tastes. Here at Vertical Radio we also infuse our programming with the message of the gospel. And that’s why we are a regular fixture in their household, because we’re reaching their kids!


Rachael Anderson and Shaun Almond are hosts of The Current.
Loved Ones Live On through Living Memorials

We all have a family member or friend who has gone on to their eternal reward. While it may have been a long time ago, we still remember. “In June of 2006 our granddaughter, Breann, lost her battle with Neimann-Pick Disease at just three years of age,” says Jim Baker. “While over a year has passed, our hearts still ache when we think about her smiles and hugs. We will build our new Educational Center in her memory.”

Perhaps you would like to build character and stability into the lives of the children who live at the Four Corners Home for Children. Please consider sending a Living Memorial gift in the memory of your loved one. Maybe you would like to honor a special friend with a gift in their honor. As you remember your loved ones in this way, you are helping us provide a loving home for boys and girls.

A beautiful card of remembrance will be sent to the family of the one you are memorializing or honoring. No amounts will be mentioned.

Please use the attached envelope to designate your Memorial gift, along with the names of those to be notified. All gifts are tax deductible and will be receipted.

Living Memorials as of May 29, 2007

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Geraldine Wise
Dina Russell
Bertha Steudler
Wayne and Sharon Booth
George Biemesderfer
Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wolfe
Allan and Babette Bassing
Judy Jarvis
Helen Wilkinson
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Erica Rodriguez
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