

August 2017; provision



Let me begin right where I left off in June; **“As for God, His way is perfect; the word of the Lord is proven. He is a shield to all who trust in Him.” 2 Samuel 22:31**

Yes, as always, this newsletter comes with prayer requests and since the Bible tells us to pray without ceasing, to live in an attitude of prayer all day, always, I don't even have to feel bad about it ☺ ...but I do want to honor the rest of the verse in 1.Thessalonians, and rejoice and give thanks first. God has answered prayer (ours and yours!) and just in time provided someone to take over for me at Oyate when our little girl is born in October, *and* a K/1-teacher to fill the position that we weren't able to fill last year. **HE is so good!** Thank you to all who prayed with and for us! I am especially happy to see not just anybody but my friend Mary take over my class as class teacher. She has a teaching degree and worked as a teacher in Germany before moving to Oglala 9 years ago, she knows most of the kids from after school programs at the Rec and has a huge heart for the teens here.

Please pray for Mary and her family as she is going into this new season, for an abundance of creativity and ease in lesson planning, for God to speak life into the lives of the kids through her, and a blessing on her, Leon and their kids as their roles and priorities are changing.



I also want to ask you to pray for the students who are transferring to other schools this year, for protection from all the traps the devil has laid out for them and the lies about Jesus and about themselves that they are going to hear. Please pray that the things they have heard at Oyate Concern during these last years, will take root and grow, and be a sure anchor to their lives, and what's more, a light to the other kids around them. I do not ask this lightly, these kids need you to back them up in prayer.

Please pray for the staff at Oyate, old and new, most of which wear several hats teaching and being involved in ministry and church on the Reservation – summer seems to have passed by especially fast this year, and has been spiritually rough for some.

As for me, I will be co-teaching the 4-6th grade class with Mary during the month of September, and help as a floater wherever help is needed. Come October, my first priority is going to be Eric's and my little baby girl, who already seems to be a wild one, kicking and stretching a lot. We are impatient to meet her. Speaking of which, many have asked over the summer what Eric and I still need for the arrival of our little one. So if you want, feel free to check out our gift registries: <http://tgt.gifts/princess-sutton> and <https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/ela-sutton-eric-sutton-october-2017-ogla/3R1UWX9845P4D>

As we go into this new school year, pray with us for Jesus to get ahold of the kids and teens here in Oglala. For the transition from summer back to a school schedule, for persistence to actually stay in school, and for God to open their eyes and ears for what is true and for what is true only. Pray for encounters with Jesus, for them to find their identity in Him, to find out who they really are: wanted, loved, treasured, and needed – with their talents and their unique perspective on the world.

Thank you so much for your support and for sharing our love for the Lakota people!

Ela Sutton at Oyate Concern

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