

# De Ford Update

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...Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Ps. 51:7b

## A blessed start to the New Year!

Dear family, friends, and faithful  
prayer partners:

Like much of the rest of the country, Arizona has been blanketed with snow. While snow isn't unusual here in Northern Arizona and in the higher elevations across the state, Phoenix and Tucson have even gotten a few flakes this year. I personally welcome it because we all know the triple digits will be here soon enough. And there really aren't many sights in all the earth more beautiful than the frosted Grand Canyon.

With the new year came the resumption of home school co-op. Sherry's load is much easier with only 2 students in here kindergarten/first grade class. Both Cutter and Shealtiel are doing very well. Sherry is pleased with their progress.

We took a trip early in January to visit and give a report to a supporting church in Winnemucca, NV. We really enjoyed the long weekend and fellowship with Grace Baptist. The folks there have been a blessing to us for many years. Along the nine hour drive there and back Sherry and I also enjoyed just being together and visiting. It is rare for us to be able to spend extended amounts of time together just being a couple. God is so good and I thank Him for giving me such a wonderful wife!

Since our last letter we have seen three Hualapai receive Christ as Saviour! One of our church members as been inviting and bringing his sister, niece, and nephew to service for a few weeks. They came a few times together before all three of them acknowledged their need of salvation, were dealt with, and gloriously saved the last Sunday in January!

Late last summer, Sherry took our son, Micah to Fargo, ND where he began preparing for the ministry at Master's Baptist College. It had been several years since we had visited the ministry as a family. Over the years the work has grown and developed quite a lot. I was blessed to be able to visit Micah and the college in February-the best time of year to visit Fargo-and see all that the Lord is doing there. Please, continue to pray for Micah and Josh as he continues his training at Pensacola Christian College. Lord willing, both will be graduating Spring of 2020.

It is not often that I report on what is happening within the Independent Baptist Indian Mission of which I am the director. However, there are two prayer request I want to bring to your attention. Our newest missionaries, the Jacob Jones family to the Cocopah, are expecting their first child. Jacob's wife, Lydia is the daughter of one of our veteran missionaries. Lydia has numerous health issues which complicate her pregnancy. At 33 weeks baby Samuel is doing well. Pray Lydian carries Samuel full term with no complications.

The Sondergaard family serving among the Yavapai-Apache had their fifth child, Andrew, back in October. He was born with some significant health issues. While he is still being tested, he has been diagnosed with plagiocephaly. He has many appointments in the next couple month with several specialists.

Please keep these two little ones in prayer.

For God's Glory,  
the Steve De Ford family