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## Merry Christmas!

The first thing that you probably notice about this newsletter is the strange symbols above Merry Christmas. This is simply the words Merry Christmas reformatted into the Merlett font. Like this different font, many are confused about the real meaning of Christmas. It is not something that is mysterious and complex, or something that means just presents. It is about the birth of our Savior, Christ Jesus. Our Christmas wish is that Jesus is the center of your Christmas celebration. Perhaps a good tradition to start this year is having a birthday cake for Jesus as a part of your celebration.

I love this time of year. The celebration of Christmas is magical. Christmas music is being played on the radio and “tear jerker” movies are on television. It just seems as if the world is a better place. I encourage all of us to take the time this Christmas season to tell someone the real reason of Christmas, Jesus.

The semester is ending in a few days. It is crunch time for students and the professors. There are finals to be taken and papers that are past due. Soon, they will be finished with this semester and will spend Christmas break with their families. While many will be surrounded with loved ones, some will

be returning to conditions that are less than favorable. Please keep all of our students, as well as the faculty, staff and administration, in your prayers.

### Personal News

We have been itinerating in Florida since May. I will be returning to Arizona the first part of January to teach during the spring semester. I will then return to Florida in May so that I can finish my itineration process. During this last semester I taught a leadership class via Skype. It was an interesting experience. It was the first time that I have ever taught a class using this format. Many Native American leaders were brought in to discuss various topics concerning Native American issues.

I have been extremely busy this past year. I am in the final stages of my Doctor of Ministry and I am now in the project writing phase.

The best news that we have is that we are expecting another grandchild any day now. Congratulations to Matt and Sarah. You will be great parents.

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We would like to take this time to thank you for your prayer and financial support. May God richly bless you as you follow after Christ.

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