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Greetings from Crow Creek

Galatians 6:1-10

It is better to die standing than to live on your knees.

Another quote from Reflect Rekindle Renew: "Juggle your schedule in the presence of the Lord." Mary Lou Edens, Deaconess.

I am reading an excellent book – Mitakuye Oyasin by Dr. A C Ross. It is subtitled America before Columbus, based on the oral history of 33 tribes. It would be worth your time to read it. You will need an open mind and you won't agree with a lot of it, but read it. It will give you understanding of the Native American culture. You can probably get it through Amazon.

Don't forget about the greeting cards. We have "have a great day" cards, sympathy, get well, birthday, and blank note cards. They are \$0.80 each plus a couple of dollars for shipping.

GARDEN SEEDS

Corn, green beans, watermelons, cantaloupes, pumpkins, jalapeno peppers, green peppers, yellow and zucchini squash, other types of beans and any other interesting seeds. Please don't send tomato seeds or other seeds that can be purchased as plants – cauliflower etc. The growing season begins late and is a little shorter than it is further south. Some things have to be planted as plants in order to harvest them before frost.

This morning my devotion was Luke 4:16-30 – the comment that I had written in my Bible was if we are not open to everyone receiving God's blessings, then we cannot receive God's blessings. As Christians we believe that we have the answer and I believe that we have the answer – Jesus. However, oddly enough, the Hindus, Moslems, Buddhists, Jews, Native Americans, etc also believe they have the answer. We need to respect that. When Jesus walked this earth, He did not force anyone, not even His disciples, to believe, trust or follow Him. I don't think He wants us to do what He didn't do. Tell people about Him, yes. Tell people what He has done for us, yes. Tell people how He loves them, yes. Condemn others because they do not believe in Him, no. God loves all His children – even Moslems who are trying to kill us. He forgave those who killed Him. So instead of condemning others who do not believe as we do, let's pray for them that they will know the love of Jesus and then leave it to God. When I talked to Peter about Jordan's accident, one of the first things he said was "pray for the young man who was driving the van."

The sitting Pope apologized to a delegation from Canada's Assembly of First Nations this month for the abuse, deplorable treatment and anguish caused by "some church members." That is not a complete apology for what happened to the Native Americans as a result of boarding school experiences from about 1860 until 1940's but I suppose it is a beginning.

Victory Circle Fuels is talking about building a plant on Crow Creek land to produce Torqazine – fuel produced from landfill waste. It is a cutting edge concept putting the tribe in a position to be involved in developing the next generation of fuels. The tribe would receive 10 percent of the net profits once fuel is in production. It would also provide 40 full time jobs that would go to the tribe. It is not a sure thing yet. Pray for this situation. It would be a God-send for this reservation.

That is about all I have to report this month. I am working on my regular projects. There are a couple of exhibits that I want to take the TAG group to. There is a cultural exhibit in Huron and a dinosaur

exhibit in Watertown. The Dakota Discovery Museum at Dakota Wesleyan Univ is having an art contest and several of the students are going to enter it. I am working on some new cards and on post cards for people to buy when they come to Crow Creek. I want to try to get some Tee shirts screen printed for this summer as well.

I plan on having some type of arts and crafts available this year in a shop in Fort Thompson and will have art work displayed in the shop.

Please send items for the Elementary School incentive store with Mack when he comes. It is hard to keep it stocked. Anything of interest for students from kindergarten through fifth grade – including but not limited to movies, jewelry, nail polish, candy, zoo books, coloring books, little spiral bound notebooks they can carry in their pocket or purse, shampoo, games, etc.

I am hoping that by the next newsletter to have this picture thing on this new computer figured out. The next one may be all pictures.

Take care, everyone. You are the only reason this mission works and it is working very well. God loves you and so do I.

Blessings

Pat