



Each year at this time we have the privilege of wishing merriment, joy and happiness to all we meet. It is the best time to go to town shopping, because we hear the bells and we see the bright decorations and feel the enchanting excitement of families and children. All because at a point in time God sent His Son, Jesus, to make a way for us to spend eternity with Him. The melody rings loud and clear, "and man will live forevermore, because of Christmas Day." That is what makes Christmas "Merry"; so it is this message the SVIS staff and I wish to bring to you.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

and

JOY!

We see the lives of the students change as they embrace the joy when they accept Jesus as Lord and Savior. We see God's care for each child. Heavy hearts are lifted by a safe environment, by folks who listen, by child centered activity, and encouragement to do their best. And . . .

HAPPY New Year!

We see the plan worked out through the year as He calls each of you to be part of this ministry by the support you enact by **praying**; by **sending** dollars, labels, box tops, and our wish list; by **coming** to work and share with us to make our campus environment a pleasant place to be.

Thank you

For giving us Joy, Merry Christmas all the year through, and a past Happy Year!

May Our Lord's Blessings touch your life throughout this season and 2012.

Mardell and SVIS Staff



From the Chaplain's desk

It is hard to believe that the Christmas season is almost upon us! The teachers and students are beginning preparations for the Christmas program and the school year is well underway. This year we are discovering what God's Word and others have to share with us on trust, *Totally Relying Upon the Savior To* give: Life, Love, Joy, Peace and Rest. Our discipleship program has seen twelve children come to profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior so far this year and the five that were baptized at the end of last school year are continuing to grow in their knowledge of Him.



As we prepare for the Christmas season, please pray with us that the Christmas program will have an impact on the students' families. Thank you and God bless you.

Pastor David

Faithful 5000

You, our **FAITHFUL 5000** friends, are the "meat and potatoes" of Sun Valley Indian School's support. Because we are a boarding school, our expenses include heat and lights for dorms and staff housing, three meals a day for at least 80 people, salaries for supporting staff — and much more.



We could not provide this "oasis in the desert" for Navajo children if it weren't for our loyal supporters — and you, our **FAITHFUL 5000** friends, are just that. Thank you for your support in the past, and a huge thank you for signing up for another year.

If you haven't joined the **FAITHFUL 5000**, you may do so by going to our website at www.indianschool.org Faithful 5000 and signing up — or you may call or write us to join. **FAITHFUL 5000** giving is a pledge to give \$10 or \$20 a month for one year. Thank you for prayerfully considering how you may share in this ministry.

One of the happiest times around campus is the last day prior to Christmas vacation. Staff and students alike are excited about vacation; the Christmas program is finally being performed for parents and friends, followed by a delicious "Christmas feast" enjoyed by students, parents and staff; and one of the most exciting activities for the students is gift opening time!

This takes place because of YOUR generosity. Because you care, each student receives at least four or five presents from under the tree.

THANK YOU for all you do to make Christmas a blessed and happy time for the students.



On November 8, 2011, SVIS acquired a new **2112 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN 4 DOOR WAGON** from Campbell's Labels for Education. This was made possible by our many friends around the country who submit labels from products they purchase. (It took 1,600,000 labels which we submitted over a period of five years.)

YOU made it possible! THANK YOU!

Reminder: All gifts received by December 31, 2011, will be eligible for income tax credit on your 2011 tax return.

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Merry
Christmas



Luke 2:7-8

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country Shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock.

Merry
Christmas!

from the Students and Staff

*of
Sun Valley Indian School*