

Facts About the Missions Area

Nevada is located in the western region of the United States. The name Nevada means “snow-covered.” The state’s nicknames are The Silver State because of the large number of silver deposits there and The Sagebrush State because of all the sagebrush that grows there. It is bordered by Utah, Arizona, California, Oregon, and Idaho. The capital is Carson City and Las Vegas is the largest city.

Nevada is mostly desert areas, where summer temperatures go to 110 degrees Fahrenheit. Winter temperatures reach as low as 20 degrees. It is the driest state in the US where many areas get only seven to nine inches of rain each year.

One missionary’s job is to work with the people who live in Nevada and visitors through ministry evangelism. Ministry evangelism involves activities that allow churches to build bridges to reach their community to share Christ. Ministries may be large such as the weekly Kids Club, ongoing English as a second language classes, or as simple as a one-time parents’ night out, or newborn gift bags for the local hospital. The missionary focuses on training people in the churches to do ministries so that ministries continue even if the missionary is not there.

The majority of the people in northern Nevada do not claim to be affiliated with any

church. Through ministry evangelism, churches and missionaries are trying to reach these people.

Pray for the churches of Nevada to reach outside of their walls to meet the needs of the communities and share Christ with those around them. Pray that God will open many doors to share Christ with those who participate in leisure activities and special events held throughout the state.

During 2009–2010, additional information about specific missionaries serving in Nevada is available in the *Start* teaching guide, Spring issue, March unit.

MISSIONS EXPLORERS

Lay the “Who Was Annie Armstrong?” leaflet and *The Lottie and Annie Upside-Down Book* on the table. Ask preschoolers what they know about Annie Armstrong and why she is an important person. Explain that a special offering is collected around Easter time that is named after her—the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering®. Say: This offering helps missionaries in North America tell people about Jesus.

Encourage preschoolers to learn more about Annie Armstrong by reading the leaflet and book. As they learn more about her, have them record what they learn on a piece of chart paper. Continue to add to the chart each week.

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