



The Joel Haynes Family

to the Navajo Nation

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Dear Pastor, Church and Praying Friends,

ALASKA WINTER REVIVAL REPORT

I cannot hope to recount all that God did during the Winter Revival Missions Trip in Unalakleet, AK. However, I'm going to try to summarize. The journey began with a miracle as we made it into the village on a providential thread of clear weather. With consistent winds of 50 mph gusting at 80 plus mph, the flight we scheduled four months prior to the meeting was the only one that made it into the village in the seven days prior to and eight days after our arrival! Locals streamed by the church for visits, prayer, and counsel. The evenings culminated with a Friday Night Service that saw over sixty in attendance and a meeting total of three precious souls saved! One of the most rewarding elements to the trip was observing Bro. Ryan Nez and Bro. Aaron Nelson along with their wives as they ministered so effectively in the village. I was in tears as I spoke with the Lord about the reward of watching our first two graduates serve and seeing once again that our people on the Reservation are so fit for special work in so many places across the country and the world! Thank you for praying for this endeavor. Please continue to pray as other doors to partner in reaching Native Alaska continue to open.

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Shortly after arriving home from Alaska, I had the privilege of taking three of our young men from the Bible College with me to southern Arizona. I invited these young men to accompany me for a preaching meeting so that we could view the Apache Reservations to our South as well as the Gila River Indian Community where thousands of natives are in need of evangelism and the planting of Bible-Believing, Baptist churches. We went soulwinning in the Blackwater Community outside of Sacaton. We experienced incredible openness for conversation and even led two native adults to Christ! I was glad to spend this time in mentorship with these young men and to give them an opportunity to see other potential fields in which God could use them to bring in His harvest. Pray for God's leadership in planting churches among the many other tribes that exist in the state of Arizona. The Lord is coming soon and so many still have never heard the Gospel!

"WOW, PASTOR! THE DEVIL IS REAL!"

We have begun our six-week Spring Evangelism Campaign at Strong Hold Baptist Church in Pinon. This year I am encouraging our people to organize evangelistic, home Bible Studies with their relatives and neighbors that might be resistant to attending a church service. I took several of our men to Whippoorwill, AZ to conduct a Bible Study in the home of one of our families. An ambulance passed us as we entered the property. It was transporting a young adult to the hospital for a drug overdose. A young lady who was supposed to attend the study ran into our meeting place and reported that a man was attacking a woman with a knife next door. I followed her outside to see the scene unfolding. At 4:30am the following morning a young lady from this area was taken away after a suicide attempt was unsuccessful. At 6:30am that same morning the man who hosted the Bible Study was contacted by his former bootlegger for the first time in three months. He has been sober for nearly a year and as this spiritual warfare exploded before his eyes, he said "Wow, Pastor! The Devil is real!" Only two days later a building on our grounds was broken into. In over five years we have miraculously never experienced a single break-in to any of our church buildings. This past Saturday I led a man named Newton to Christ and on Sunday we saw seven first time visitors in church as a result of our folks passing out nearly 1,500 Gospel tracts this week! Please pray for our Campaign and strength for the explosion of spiritual warfare we know lies ahead!

BREAKING GROUND IN A WEEK!

In seven days we will break ground on the new auditorium for Strong Hold Baptist Church! This new building will help us accommodate growth and free up our current building for renovation into classrooms for Sunday School and a Christian School. Pray for this project, as well as the moving of our home to Pinon from Nazlini and the many other endeavors that space will not allow me to detail. We do not take lightly the privilege of being your representatives here and you can be assured that with the Lord's leading we are striving to make the most of our space of grace in Navajoland!

Spreading the Light *from* Navajoland,

Joel N. Haynes