



The Joel Haynes Family

to the Navajo Nation

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Dear Pastor, Church and Praying Friends,

THE LACK OF TIME

The writer of Hebrews said, “And what shall I more say? For the time would fail me to tell...” I relate with his sentiment in some ways when I attempt to describe all the Lord is doing through His people on the Reservation. Nevertheless, I will try again to capture a glimpse and share it with you in hopes that one day, you will come and see for yourself.

THE CHINLE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Chinle VBS was marked by the helping hand of God! Three weeks prior to the event we had no actual location to hold the event. God led me to call a man that had done some projects on our church building in Pinon who lives in Chinle to see if he would allow us to set up on his land. A long shot phone call turned into an agreement that allowed us to set up canopies and hook into his electricity right off the main highway that runs through Chinle. The VBS saw over 100 in attendance the final three nights and yielded the salvation of 20 precious souls! Bro. Dheidrick Hobbs and his wife have begun running a van route in Chinle and have seen as many as 14 catch the church bus for a 90 mile round trip to Pinon for church. Amen! Please pray as we pursue a potential land site to build a church building for the Hobbs as they follow up on decision cards and complete their training at Strong Hold Baptist Church so as to be sent out to plant a church in Chinle!

THE NAVAJOLAND BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP

This year’s Youth Camp seamlessly built upon the foundation of last year. The spirit was incredible and the attendance increased to 132 registered campers! Leading up to camp was a frenzy of spiritual warfare situations that took a toll on us physically, emotionally and financially. God in His mercy granted us great fruit for the labor as 9 young people accepted Christ as Savior, 3 young men surrendered to preach and scores of incredible decisions were made for Christ. On the last night, we gave invitation time and witnessed testimonies by the beam of our flashlights for hours as these precious Native, young people stood and told about how God had spoken to them during the week. For my wife and I, the greatest point of rejoicing was when I was approached on Wednesday night by my eldest son, Joel Jr., who said, “Dad, I’m not saved!” We knelt in the moist clay and with tears he called on Christ as Savior! The next night he came forward and said, “Dad, God is calling me to preach!” My heart was so overwhelmed to see one of my mighty men settle his eternity and respond to the call of God on His life. Every dollar, every moment of spiritual warfare and physical effort paled in comparison to the goodness of God’s reward at camp. Fabiola and I are so humbled and grateful for what God has done for our young people and in our family through this ministry! If you haven’t already, I’d encourage you to invest in the Youth Camp and it’s many needs to properly host even more Native young people needing to make decisions like Joel Jr. did.

THE STRONG HOLD BAPTIST CHURCH

Please pray for us as we prepare to host our Vacation Bible School in Pinon. We’re excited to have more of our own people participating as workers in the VBS than ever before. I’ve been encouraged to see an increase in member involvement as well as attendance. In the last month we have averaged nearly 90 in an auditorium with 91 chairs for Sunday Services and seen 4 souls saved during invitation! Praise God! We hope to expand the building soon. Last year’s VBS averaged well over 100 and our Christmas Service saw nearly 200 in attendance. We need more space. What a wonderful problem!

THE HAYNES FAMILY

Fabiola and the boys are well and continue to be my joy in the ministry. I may now rejoice that three of my sons have professed Christ and the eldest two have surrendered to preach! The little guys are growing up fast as Justus is starting Kindergarten this Fall and Jonas just turned three. Fabiola is ministering in a million ways and continues to amaze me with her capacity for serving the Lord. We love serving God and are privileged to do so on your behalf among the Navajo.

Spreading the Light in Navajoland,

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