



The Joel Haynes Family

to the Navajo Nation

July-August 2024

Dear Pastor, Church and Praying Friends,

1,000 TRACTS AND A WITNESS TO OUR PRESIDENT

The months of July and August have been months where tremendous opportunity to witness have been afforded us and our people. In July we took 38 of our church folks from Pinon to the Eastern edge of our Reservation to sing, give testimony and preach at Whitehorse Lake Baptist Church. Saturday morning of the meeting we hit the road and distributed 1,000 tracts at the parade for the Eastern Navajo Nation Fair! I was so blessed to observe the zeal in our people to witness! While at the parade, the Navajo Nation president, Buu Nygren, stopped by and asked about our church over the PA system. One of our ladies gave him a Gospel tract and one of our men was able to proclaim in the microphone, "We're from Strong Hold Baptist Church in Pinon and we want everyone to know that Jesus saves!" This aired on the President's Facebook Live Feed for thousands of others to hear. Praise God!

SPREADING THE LIGHT FROM NAVAJOLAND

Some time ago, I changed the farewell address in our letter from "Spreading the Light in Navajoland" to "Spreading the Light *from* Navajoland." I did this to communicate our heart to not only reach our own Reservation but shine out to other tribes and nations across the world! Aaron Nelson took a group of Navajo folks on a mission trip to the White Earth Indian Reservation in Minnesota recently. Dhedrick Hobbs preached a Revival meeting at this same place just a few months prior. Ryan Nez took a group of Navajo folks on a mission trip to Ft. Hall Indian Reservation in Idaho. Now, we are preparing to head back to Alaska and conduct an evangelistic Basketball Camp and 3on3 Tournament that will highlight a preaching service before the championship game. We must submit to God's plan to reach out beyond our own Reservation!

NAVAJOLAND BAPTIST REVIVAL

We hosted our annual Navajoland Revival in the middle of August. We had groups come out from Texas, Florida, North Carolina, Oklahoma and many Reservation churches. The house was packed each night with young men sitting on the platform to make space on the floor for others. Each morning, we sent groups out to witness in various communities alongside local pastors. The Lord blessed the soulwinning and the evening services with 9 precious souls who received Christ as Savior! Our people gave offerings in three evening services that surpassed \$12,000 to fund mission projects. We were so thrilled to see 4 young men surrender to preach during the course of the meeting and two young ladies surrender their lives to full-time, Christian service. The spirit of God moved mightily, and our band of brethren were so encouraged!

THE MOBILE HOME HAS BEEN MOVED TO PINON!

The process continues to be rife with obstacles, but by God's grace we have been able to get our home moved from Nazlini to Pinon. We are grateful to have water and as I write, men are under the trailer working to connect to the sewer. Please pray that we can get electricity soon. Winter Weather looms as we are at high altitude. Also, pray with us on the expenses of the move. God has provided for needs we did not even know we would run into in the process, but those types of expenses continue to arise as we press toward getting moved back in and fully operational. We believe this move will facilitate a necessary presence in the heart of Navajoland from where we can push and assist the spiritual takeover of the West Side of the Navajo Nation for Christ! In fact, our church folks will be headed to Tuba City to participate in another Camp Meeting and distribute tracts in October at the parade for the Western Navajo Nation Fair. Please lift up our move as we push West!

RAPID FIRE – REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

The Auditorium Building in Pinon progressed with the rough electrical wiring completed, the installation of sound system wiring and the construction of a platform! Thank you to all the men who came and helped make those projects happen! Our next steps are plumbing, HVAC and then on to insulation and drywall! If you have the skill, there is a place in Pinon for you to use it if God lays the need upon your heart. Please pray for our upcoming mission trip to Iraq. My whole family will accompany me in this endeavor! Pray for the Bible College. God has blessed with the fullest classes we have ever had and a tremendous spirit among the students! We are on course to have at least 4 students graduate next Spring!

Spreading the Light *from* Navajoland,

Joel N. Haynes