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your missionaries to the Navajo Nation since 1996

...for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. -Isaiah 35:6b

Dear Pastor and Church,

November – December 2024

THE SCOURGE OF SUICIDE

Over 28 years of ministry the Lord has allowed us to have on the Navajo Nation, I have presided over many funerals resulting from suicide. Statistics seem to indicate that the suicide rate among Native people is 60% higher than the rate among the general population. Two cases in point within the past month bear this out. We had a 26-year-old young man attending our services with his mother and sister. I talked to him most every service he attended. He went missing for about a week until his body was discovered by his brother. I was asked to lead the funeral, which I did. There were several saved at that service, but it was still heartbreaking. I also conducted the funeral for a Navajo preacher (non-Baptist) that I had known for many years. At the age of 49, he took his life. Several in our church were related to him. We also had the privilege of seeing a number saved at this service. The devil is a loser and a liar, in that he tells people there is no need to go on. WE MUST continue to let people know that there is hope in this life and the life to come! Jesus gives purpose and a “know-so” hope. Please pray as we endeavor to share this message throughout Native America.

THE SUPREMECY OF SALVATION

I don't know anyone who does not want to reach more people. We still must remember that people are all reached the same way – one person at a time. The past few weeks have been blessed at Ganado Baptist Church with people being saved almost weekly. There was a young marine who approached one of our men and told him with what he had seen, he wanted to know what would happen when he died. He put his faith in Christ's finished work and got the answer. Then there was a man who came a couple of years ago to see his daughter baptized but had no interest in salvation. He has faithfully attended the services now for several weeks and the Word of God did the work that it does – breaking through the stony heart. He came to me after a service and asked to be saved. His place in Christ is now secure. Then there was a young lady who was visiting with a friend and listened very intently to each message. Two of our ladies met with her and she also was saved. Another man struggling with alcohol was won to the Lord by our Navajo language pastor. The sowing is just as important as the reaping, be we are sure grateful to see this sweet season of harvest.

THE SEND OFF AND THE SIGN IN

Our Christmas season was blessed with so many good things! Many folks sent money, shoe boxes, and other items for the children here on the Rez. It was a joy to see the smiling faces of those receiving gifts and the even greater joy for the ones who brought the gifts out. Mrs. Haynes and I would like to thank every church and individual who sent us monetary gifts for Christmas. You are a blessing! We also took a group to the Chinle Nursing Home to give gifts, sing, and share the gospel to the residents and workers there. We closed out 2024 with our annual Watchnight Service (the best one we have ever had!). We had about ten different preachers and Bro. Joel Haynes closed out the meeting with a powerful message on dealing with emptiness. Praise God, He wants us to be full!!

As we send off from 2024, we now sign in to 2025 with renewed vision and excitement about the endless possibilities to serve the Lord in this new year. I don't have enough space to enumerate all the plans we have going forward, but we will keep you informed as to God's working among our people here in Navajoland. Have a wonderful 2025 in the service of the King!

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