



January-February 2021

Dear Pastor, Church and Praying Friends,

BLAZING FROM THE BEGINNING!

With so much to report, I'll not delay to jump right into the events of the past two months! Tyrone and Laura had begun attending services during our 26 week stretch of drive up services last year. Both claimed to be saved, but after months of Bible preaching, they came to the realization that they were both lost. On January 3rd they responded during the invitation and accepted Christ as Savior. What a great start to the year! We also had our soulwinning campaign for the month of January that saw over 1,500 door hangers and tracts distributed, twenty first time visitors in services and four souls saved in just five weeks! The top three soulwinning pairs were awarded with a certificate and a Classic Soulwinner's New Testament. I was encouraged to see Joel, Jr. and his partner (DeShawn Segay) place third in the campaign. Amen!

BIBLE COLLEGE SEMINAR

The Bible College continues to be greatly used of God as we have some very promising young men and women training for ministry. You don't get points for potential, but certainly the potential in these students does inspire a measure of hope and optimism for the Lord's work on the Reservation moving forward! The Bible College hosted a Training Seminar on Discipleship in January that saw 14 pastors along with over fifty additional church workers attend. Free materials were distributed and phenomenal, practical instruction was provided by Bro. James Hoffmeister. This was an excellent way to lead into mobile training modules for pastors across the Reservation. Navajo people are capable of accomplishing as much as any people group in the world if simply equipped and empowered to do so. We're grateful that God is using the Bible College after nearly ten years of existence to continue equipping Navajo people to reach all people.

BLESSINGS FOR BLACK MESA

We took fourteen soulwinners to the remote community of Black Mesa on a recent Saturday morning. Black Mesa sits about 40 minutes from our church in Pinon. The reoccurring sentiment from the folks we talked to was a sadness that "There aren't any churches in Black Mesa!" While in the past several have existed of various denominations, all have closed. After visiting over eighty residences and giving out seven Gospel presentations, the Lord laid on my heart to begin preparations for a Vacation Bible School in this community in the Summer of 2022. We want to keep busy plowing up fields and praying God raises up men to plant churches where we've prepared the spiritual soil for it!

BRETHREN, PRAYER FOR US

In closing I'd like to share a barrage of matters for which your praying would be most appreciated. We are hosting our own Youth Camp for the first time this Summer where we live in Nazlini, AZ. Pray that God will get a hold of our young people to surrender their lives for the Lord's service in any capacity. In June, Strong Hold Baptist Church will take on the responsibility of a young couple graduating from the Bible College as staff interns, then send them out to plant churches in Chinle, AZ and its surrounding areas. This will also involve building a parsonage where they can live right in Pinon. This would also serve as a guest house for speakers and mission trip groups in the future once this couple is established with living quarters on their own future church site in Chinle. If you would like to participate in helping this building project along, it would be a worthy investment for the overall work going on in the Central Navajo Nation region. As always, pray for our family. My five mighty men are growing physically and in the Lord. Fabiola and I are both loving our life serving the Lord with one another. There's no greater life in all the world than getting to serve our precious Savior on the mission field! Until our next communication, may our Lord bless and keep you all as you abide in Him!

Spreading the Light in Navajoland,

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