



July-August 2021

Dear Pastor, Church and Praying Friends,

RESULTS WORTH THE OBSTACLES

This year we hosted our second Vacation Bible School in Low Mountain and it was filled with all kinds of obstacles! The action included flat tires, multiple trucks stuck in sinkholes, vans stuck in sand and mud, windows broken, a cancelled building rental and even a major Covid outbreak in the community! The social media mafia was right on top of our difficulties helping fan the flames of negative sentiment toward our church for hosting the endeavor. In the days following VBS our entire family came down with Covid along with nearly 30 of our congregation from Pinon! As Fabiola and I lay in quarantine and looked back over the week, we spoke little of the obstacles and much of the results. Twelve precious souls accepted Christ as Savior in just three days! Thirteen visitors were in church the next Sunday! It's hard to complain about obstacles when the results are so good! Thank you for praying for the people of Low Mountain as we plow this field in hopes of preparing it for a man who will one day plant a church there. For that result, we are by God's grace ready to face whatever obstacles lie ahead.

STUDENTS WORTH THE TRAINING

It's hard to believe that we are in our tenth year since establishing Ganado Baptist Bible College. I can genuinely say that the students God has given us are worth training. Our desire to start this school was in the beginning met with cynicism by some who questioned whether such an institution could succeed among the Navajo. I'm glad we serve an immeasurably able God, Who enabled this unable Rez preacher to be a part of seeing the school established and continuing strong. This Fall we are blessed to be training nearly twenty students who have a hunger for the Word of God. The spirit among the students is such a blessing and I look forward to seeing God raise up even more incredible servants out of this group.

BLESSINGS WORTH THE WRITING

I'd like to take a few lines to write of my Lord's provision in recent weeks for some large needs in the ministry. First, the Lord has provided nearly all the funds necessary to build a large pavilion for the Youth Camp in Nazlini as well as a technician who has volunteered to install air conditioning units in the existing buildings! Hallelujah! A dear friend to this ministry helped the congregation in Pinon purchase a large mobile home to use as a parsonage and mission house. This was such an incredible answer to prayer as we house many visiting groups, preachers and have a Navajo couple interning with us in need of housing locally. Amen! We truly sense the prayers of God's people as we enjoy such undeserved favor from our Lord. Thank you for giving and praying. We are always humbled by God's provision through you.

MATTERS WORTH THE PRAYING

As I close out this letter, there are several matters for which I would request prayer. Our third Missions Conference is scheduled for October 1-3. Pray that Strong Hold Baptist Church will do exactly what the Lord wants us to do for missions. Pray as well for our Hallelujah Night Outreach on October 31st that the Lord might smile on our efforts with souls saved. As always, pray for our family. Fabiola and my five mighty men are well and such a help in the work. The Lord knows how grateful I am for them all and for your praying for them. Lastly, I would ask you to pray for me. I am the lowest of all God's preachers, yet He is so good to give me opportunity to serve Him. Please pray God's grace upon me in boldness, spirit-fullness, wisdom and physical stamina for the work's sake. Thank you!

Spreading the Light in Navajoland,

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