



# The Joel Haynes Family

*to the Navajo Nation*

November-December 2021

Dear Pastor, Church and Praying Friends,

## **LOOKING BACK – The End of Year Report**

The Final Prayer Letter to close out the year is one I enjoy writing as it gives me opportunity to reflect upon the grace of God over the past year! For 2021 the harvest in Pinon, yielded 22 saved and 13 baptized! Hallelujah! An additional 21 souls professed Christ as Savior through the VBS Outreach Ministry over the Summer bringing the grand total to 43 saved and 13 baptized for 2021. God is worthy of glory and honor! This is just a snapshot of the impact your giving has made among the Navajo as many of the other church plants are rejoicing over similar if not larger measures of fruit in their ministries. The Lord's work among the Navajo is alive and well!

## **LOOKING AROUND – The Fourth Quarter**

As strange as it may sound, the final quarter of the year is typically the most fruitful for church growth on the Reservation. Strong Hold Baptist Church averaged 80 in attendance over the last two months with 88 in attendance for Thanksgiving Service and an astounding 173 in attendance for the Christmas Outreach Sunday Morning Service. We also produced a Christmas skit that saw the building bursting beyond capacity with attendees who stood in line for over half an hour in the cold to get a good seat once the church doors opened for the event! It was quite a spectacle!

The Lord opened the door for me to officiate over two-dozen funerals this year, six of which were in this last quarter. The majority of these funerals were for young people from ages 14-25 years old who had committed suicide. Our people are dying in sin and hopelessness. I do not know the impact of my preaching at these services, but in every case sinners responded to the invitation. By God's grace, I pray the work will be greatly increased by our ministering to the hopeless and hurting. A life in Christ is the only kind worth living!

On a joyful note, after much counseling and discipleship, I officiated a wedding for one dear couple to make their relationship right before the Lord! It was a grand time of fellowship and reflection on Christ's return for His Bride!

## **LOOKING FORWARD – The Coming Year**

I'm not sure what 2022 holds, but I know the One Who holds 2022! This gives me great anticipation for what lies ahead. We have seen three couples saved and baptized recently all of whom have multiple children. There are five new families attending regularly and going through discipleship lessons. I am personally overseeing the discipleship of 8 individuals. What potential for the new year! With this sudden growth, the Lord has led us to pursue an expansion of our facilities in Pinon. Would you pray with us about doubling the size of our 32x72 building to accommodate the growth? Specifically, It would be a blessing to get help with a professional blueprint as a guide for the various volunteer labor forces that will participate in this project. Thank you for your prayers on this matter.

Several other matters of prayer for 2022 would be the Bible College Students, our First VBS Outreach in Chinle, AZ where the Hobbs will be establishing a church plant in the coming years, provision for the youth camp buildings in Nazlini that are necessary to host more Reservation Churches who would like to bring their young people for camp and the establishment of a radio station ministry to reach the entire Reservation. Might the Lord be calling you to come help us?

## **FAMILY UPDATES – The Haynes Tribe**

Our little tribe is well! We have battled physical sickness recently, but our spirits are high on the health of the ministry. Fabiola and Joel, Jr. are filling their bus route weekly. Judah and Titus are tract passing machines, while Justus and Jonas just go with the flow in their own little worlds! I covet your prayers personally. I will preach 30 out of state meetings this year. We are grateful and humbled as a family that God would use us in any fashion. We love our Lord!

Spreading the Light in Navajoland,

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