



The Joel Haynes Family

to the Navajo Nation

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Dear Pastor, Church and Praying Friends,

EVIDENCE OF DISCIPLESHIP

This year has taken a unique form as God has seen fit to press me in ways I've not experienced. This pressing has included projects and preaching engagements more numerous and challenging than ever before. I rejoice in the personal growth, but even more in the perspective it has given me of our own church's growth at Strong Hold Baptist in Pinon. As I travel and depend more heavily upon our church men, I have been deeply pleased to see evidence of discipleship investment pay dividends in the ministry. Men have been preaching, working on building projects, cleaning the facilities and bringing visitors. Our folks completed a five-week evangelism campaign that yielded 22 first-time visitors, 762 Bibles and over 3,000 tracts distributed. Best of all, 7 priceless souls accepted Christ as Savior! All of this was primarily led by our people while I was out preaching! It's incredible to see the fruit of discipleship made evident by the times the Lord sends me out, allowing opportunities for others to step in and step up!

ESTABLISHING A NEW CHURCH

At the end of March we hosted a church-birthing Revival Meeting for Strong Hold Baptist Church. She was organized on March 27th with over ten families qualifying to join the roll. Pastor Lasseter from our sending church preached the meeting and was used of the Lord to challenge our people. The meeting was well attended and helped by a group of excellent Bible College students from Austin, TX. During the week, our folks cleaned, led meal teams and attended faithfully. I can see God raising up this work to hub a westward push for church planting on our Reservation in communities that have never once had an Independent Baptist Church within their borders. What an open door!

EXCITING PROSPECTS ON THE HORIZON

As we press West in our church planting endeavors the Lord has seen fit to call two couples from different parts of the country to our people. Each will survey our area over the Summer as they seek God's specific direction. Pray for these sweet couples as we pursue God's will in helping them get established in the coming years here on the Reservation. We're also anticipating sending out the Hobbs to Chinle upon completion of their internship at Strong Hold Baptist. In less than four weeks they will host an evangelistic VBS with the help of Strong Hold Baptist to continue preparing the field for planting a church. The Bible College continues to produce servants as well and will see between 8-10 new students this Fall whom the Lord will one day send out all across our Reservation, other Reservations and perhaps even the world! While we rejoice in these prospects, we continue to emphasize investment in the youth through youth rallies, activities, camps and discipleship. Our young people will be the spiritual army that will take this work to the next level long after we are gone.

ENTREATING YOU TO PRAY FOR US

In typical fashion, I will use this final paragraph to give a flurry of matters that need prayer. Pray for the building of the bunkhouse for camp as we pour the foundation this Friday (May 13th) and begin to build with the help of a church group from Indiana on May 23rd. I look forward to posting a video of all the progress made in conjunction with our next letter. Pray for the VBS outreaches and incoming missions trip groups over the Summer. Lift up our Youth Camp (June 27-July 1) as well as the three camps I will preach in other locations in the coming months. I would like to invite you to praise God with us for His incredible provision through so many of you who have given to help us purchase bunks, mattresses, building materials and move toward the eventual purchase of a van for the Chinle Bus Route. Fabiola, my Mighty Men and I are so privileged to represent you here among the Navajo and find such joy in the constant reminders of your support through prayer and financial gifts. We count ourselves blessed to be part of your missionary team! Please continue faithfully in your churches as we strive to continue faithfully here on the Reservation until our Lord calls us home!

Spreading the Light in Navajoland,

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