



The Joel Haynes Family

to the Navajo Nation

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Dear Pastor, Church and Praying Friends,

PINON VBS – WE NEED A VAN FOR BLACK MESA!

There's much to tell, so I'll jump right into rejoicing for the great Vacation Bible School at Strong Hold Baptist Church in Pinon. The Lord blessed this outreach with an average attendance of 132 nightly, a highest attendance of 145 on the very last night and best of all 23 precious souls professed faith in Christ! Of these precious souls was Brian and Charmayne, a couple from the neighboring community of Black Mesa. During my follow up visit in their home they explained how they really wanted to begin attending church, but like many families on our reservation, they share a vehicle with several other relatives and cannot guarantee use each Sunday. They further shared that there is not a single, active church in their community of any sort! I left the visit with a tremendous burden for Black Mesa. I shared this burden with the folks at Strong Hold and was approached by a faithful family who said they would be willing to run a bus route to give the families of Black Mesa the opportunity to attend church with us in Pinon! Praise God for volunteers! Our church is well-able to maintain another van, so we have begun praying that the Lord might provide one! Please lift up this need and the people of Black Mesa in your prayers. We have workers, now we just need some wheels!

THE JENSON FAMILY – CALLED TO KAYENTA!

I am excited to recommend to you the Jacob Jenson Family as missionaries to the Navajo Nation! Bro. Jacob and his sweet wife, Kiersten, are currently scheduling deputation meetings to raise support for their ministry among the Navajo. They will work with us in the various ministries initially and then launch out to plant a church by God's grace in the town of Kayenta. Kayenta is one of the largest towns on the Reservation. It borders Monument Valley and serves as the basecamp for thousands of visiting tourists from all around the world. Kayenta does not have a doctrinally sound church. What an opportunity planting a church here would be to bust open the western side of the Reservation to the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can contact Jacob for a deputation meeting at (763) 337-3785 or at jensonstoaz@gmail.com .

NAVAJOLAND BAPTIST REVIVAL MEETING – GOD MET WITH US!

Recently, we organized the tenth Navajoland Baptist Revival Meeting. This meeting serves as a venue for churches all over the Reservation to come fellowship and encourage one another. There were 20 churches represented during the three-day meeting. We fellowshipped in giving \$2,100 to Chambers Baptist Church for a building project and over \$1,300 to Mt. Powell Bible Baptist Church to help their pastor get a homesite from the tribe near the church. James Knox and Brent Logan preached the services. God met with us! On the last night 5 precious souls accepted Christ as Savior and 2 men surrendered to preach! I am filled with hope for what the future holds in Navajoland.

GANADO BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE – 23 STUDENTS ENROLLED!

As Navajoland Revival ended we kicked off our 11th year training God's choice servants for ministry on the Reservation. With 23 students enrolled, we are rejoicing in the largest student body we have had in the ten-year lifespan of the school. I'm filled with anticipation for how God will use these students. They are a tremendous joy to my heart!

STRONG HOLD BAPTIST CHURCH – GOD IS PROVIDING!

We are excited about 7 of our church kids homeschooling, 2 adult men saved in our services and 4 more folks recently baptized! God showed His favor toward the church again several weeks ago as a friend to our ministry negotiated the donation of 260 2x6x10's from a lumber company in Colorado for the construction of a new building in Pinon. Our people have saved nearly \$35,000 with which we have begun initial work for the foundation of a 44'x80' auditorium and transitioning our current building into classrooms for Sunday School and a Christian School. We need your prayer. I am often humbled in view of the scope of what must be accomplished to reach our people and how small I am in comparison to it. Thank you for working with us! It's good to be on God's side! He is more than able!

Spreading the Light in Navajoland,

Joel N. Haynes