



The Joel Haynes Family

to the Navajo Nation

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Dear Pastor, Church and Praying Friends,

A YEAR OF SETTING NEW FOUNDATIONS IN NAVAJOLAND

I am not an expert builder, but I have learned in a decade and a half of building projects on the Reservation just how important a foundation is for any structure! I have also learned that problem solving, flexibility and fluid vision is a must to move forward on a project. These practical principles ring true when it comes to moving forward in life or ministry endeavors. As I look ahead to 2024, I'm realizing that this year will be one of laying next-phase foundations. The Lord's work is expanding! By God's grace 2024 will see the building of a new auditorium in Pinon, renovating of our current building into classrooms for a Christian School. We will train a new secretary for the Bible College to alleviate our load in that endeavor as we look to have another record number of students enrolled this semester and the potential to graduate our largest class in May of 2025! We will move to Pinon to give us greater access to our church people and give them greater access to us for mentorship, training and discipleship. We will welcome a new missionary family, the Jensons, to Pinon where they will acclimate, serve alongside us and prepare to start a new church in Kayenta, AZ. We will by God's grace welcome back the Hobbs Family from deputation by December, 2024 to continue establishing a new church in Chinle, AZ. Please pray for us as we shift, adjust and set new ministry foundations at the Lord's leading. My heart is to prepare the way for God to do mightily all that He would among our people. This coming year is both daunting and exciting!

ENGLISH-SPEAKING TRIBAL PEOPLE GROUPS

Fabiola, the eldest three boys and I were stirred in our recent missions trip to Guyana, South America. Space won't allow to give the stories that lined our entire trip such as Joel, Jr. leading a boy to Christ, Fabiola seeing a woman she witnessed to show up for Sunday Service or the Police Officer who was saved Sunday morning during the invitation at Foundation Baptist Church. I would love to tell you of the great crowd that attended the midweek service and the stories of these new believers that attend the new church plant established by missionary Robert Woodard. You would be inspired to hear how Pastor Zakir and his congregation tripled their missions commitment and packed the church house for each service. It was an incredibly profitable trip with meaningful conversations and services, but I was most stirred as Fabiola, the boys and I went soulwinning and bus visiting in the Tribal Village of Swan. These folks reminded me so much of our precious Navajo people. They spoke English and were so open to the Gospel! I wept and prayed in our guesthouse that night and God showed me that English Speaking Tribal people are abundant in America and around the world! I will return to Guyana with Navajo Pastors to minister to these Amerindian people, we will head to Alaska with Navajo Pastors to reach the English-speaking Natives there and then we will take some of our Navajo soulwinners to the Maricopa Indian Reservation in southern Arizona to see what doors the Lord might open there. The field is the world and many of these ripe fields are among English-speaking, tribal people that can be reached without a man ever having to go to language school! There has never been a time where there are less excuses to reach the world with the Gospel than now! With airlines, media, literature, and finances available, all that is missing are Christians willing to move outside their zone of comfort and GO!

ALASKA IN LESS THAN TWO WEEKS!

Myself, Ryan Nez, Aaron Nelson and our wives will be headed to Unalakleet on January 8th. Please pray for us as the meeting runs Wednesday-Friday nights, with Saturday Outreach and a Sunday Service. The spiritual need among Alaska Natives is great. I cannot do everything, but with God's help, Navajoland will do something to help spread the Gospel there. It's a privilege to be available for God's use! Pray for Godspeed, the services, the preachers, food transport and preparation, the music, Lighthouse Baptist Church, the Forss Family and the lost souls in need of Christ living in Unalakleet.

WE ARE THANKFUL FOR YOU!

If everyone praying for our family stopped praying tomorrow, we would not last another 24 hours in the work. Your prayer support is a lifeline. In closing, thank you for all the Christmas offerings and gifts. What a special blessing!

Spreading the Light *from* Navajoland,

Joel N. Haynes