



The Joel Haynes Family

to the Navajo Nation

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Dear Pastor, Church and Praying Friends,

SPRING EVANGELISM CAMPAIGN RESULTS

I'm excited by God's grace to attempt recounting all that the Lord has done in the recent weeks! I will start with the amazing results of our third Spring Evangelism Campaign at Strong Hold Baptist Church. Over six weeks God's people pressed through incredibly muddy conditions to pass out 7,333 Gospel Tracts that led to 95 opportunities to go through the plan of salvation! With a population of only 2,200 souls in Pinon, our folks took to the surrounding communities to set a campaign record in tract distribution! God honored these efforts with 32 first-time visitors in church and the salvation of 6 souls!

TWO FUNERALS – 9 SOULS SAVED!

The Lord opened the door for me to conduct two very different funerals recently. One was for the father of one of our church members. He was a saved man from Low Mountain, AZ. I preached on the "first funeral service in the Bible" from Genesis 23. The highlights of the message were 1. Sarah's Time – We all have a set amount of time on this Earth. 2. Abraham's Tears – God has made a way for us to properly deal with heartache. 3. Abraham's Tomorrow – His Faith in God enabled him to move forward because he knew that in his tomorrow, he would see Sarah again! The result was 7 precious souls calling on the Lord to prepare for their tomorrow in eternity! The second funeral was for a special needs gentleman whose family was not Christian, but Native American Church religion (a religion that promotes the ingesting or smoking of peyote as a means of understanding Bible teachings). I preached "Why God allows some people to be handicapped". God led me to highlight that His ability to heal the physically disabled was a sign of His ability to heal our spiritual handicaps, namely Sin and its eternal consequence. The result was 2 precious souls receiving Christ!

BUILDING OF THE NEW AUDITORIUM IN PINON

These recent weeks have been challenging, emotional and amazing! God has miraculously raised a building up in Pinon! We have posted three videos – Breaking Ground (Phase 1), Laying the Foundation (Phase 2) and Constructing the Building (Phase 3) on our YouTube Channel @ navajolandbaptistmissions and on our website navajolandbaptistmissions.com. Please watch and rejoice with us in God's answer to your prayers and His hand of favor upon the great sacrifices made by so many who got behind the project. This building will enable us to seat 200 and free up our current auditorium for renovation into a Christian School. I believe God will use this Christian School as a flagship school, setting the pattern for Christian Schools in Baptist churches across the Reservation!

"YOU HAVE TO STOP STUDYING YOUR BIBLE"

"I've never had to tell a student; you have to stop studying your Bible and get to work." This was the testimony of a local teacher in our public school. Wade is 10 years old and loves his new Bible Devotion Guide he received at church. He loves it so much that instead of doing schoolwork he just kept reading his Bible! Mrs. Hood (Wade's teacher) attended service next Sunday and told us about his love for God's Word. She also shared that the children who attend Strong Hold Baptist Church have the best reputation of any students in the entire school! She said, "Whatever you're doing here, keep doing it. You're making a difference!" Wade's parents were drunkards before they received Christ four years ago. Now their son is addicted to God's Word and by God's grace will never taste strong drink! It gets better...Wade's other teacher came with her husband and two children the following Wednesday night to church and said, "Wade invited us. I decided to come because I am so impressed with the impact this church is having on the children that go here and to encourage you to keep it up!" Thanks for giving so that we can "keep it up" here on the Reservation. Your praying and giving is invaluable. What God uses you to do for us is the fuel that keeps our engines running. Thank you!

Spreading the Light *from* Navajoland,

Joel N. Haynes