



The Joel Haynes Family

to the Navajo Nation

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Dear Pastor, Church and Praying Friends,

WE HAVE RUNNING WATER AND ELECTRICITY!

After only two months without utilities and running back and forth to the Tribal Utility Authority, God has allowed us to get fully hooked up to water, sewer, electricity and propane gas! Anyone on the Reservation will tell you that to accomplish that in two months is nothing short of a miracle. Praise God and thank you to Pastor Jason Atwood and Pastor Jim Modlish whose congregations went above and beyond to supply the finances needed to bring the utilities to our mobile home. We are grateful and humbled to be able to enjoy what 60% of our Reservation still does not have, running water and electricity.

WOULD YOU GO TO THE MIDDLE EAST?

My family and I took a ministry trip with airline miles to Iraq to minister alongside my eldest brother and his incredible wife for nearly three weeks. It took over 2 years of saving airline miles to make the trip possible, but the spiritual experience, impact upon my boys and the fellowship with family was worth it. The people group my brother works with remind me of our people on the Reservation in so many ways. They've been there 9 years and have a tremendous work going in a country that ought to be flooded with laborers. Yet, our aversion to hard soil often dissuades many from answering the call. Would you be willing to surrender to the Middle East or make an investment in those people? It's worth it! I've seen it!

BUILDING PROGRESS-UPCOMING MISSIONS CONFERENCE-NEW MINISTRY

As I write this letter we are only a day away from the start of our Missions Conference at Strong Hold Baptist Church in Pinon, AZ. Our men have worked tirelessly to paint buildings, insulate the new auditorium and install drywall in the leadup. I'm loving being in Pinon, spending more time with our men in labor, fellowship and Bible study. One of our men recently said, "We're like a Christian mafia! We're going to take over this community!" While I'm no fan of criminal enterprise, I couldn't help but smile knowing this man's background and catching the contagious excitement he had for the unity and purpose with which God is leading us! Pray for our conference and this coming Sunday. We will have our Thanksgiving Dinner and hold our first service in the new building! It will be cold, but we're praying the power of God will fill the place and we'll see folks saved! Pray for our Bible College Students. They are launching a new ministry to enter a float in every Navajo Nation Fair and parade in 2025. These events are great evangelism opportunities. Our church folks helped a sister church give out 2,500 Gospel tracts in 45 minutes at the parade in Tuba City, AZ just last month! We must be good stewards of the opportunities God gives us to spread the Gospel!

SOULS SAVED AND SATAN'S ATTACK

Since our move to Pinon, we have seen tremendous growth in our people, an increase in souls saved, as well as an increase in spiritual warfare. A faithful family has fallen back into alcoholism, a woman left the church for an immoral relationship and a local drug addict broke into the parsonage and physically attacked Bro. Jacob Jenson (the missionary intern who is serving alongside us with his family in Pinon). Those of you who have visited our church site know we are in the heart of meth country and are situated only a few hundred yards from the "Meth House." I am burdened for these broken souls and visit them regularly. We are resolute in God's leading us to move deeper into the Western part of our Reservation and know that it will yield the salvation of many souls and spark the planting of churches in areas left unreached for far too long! Pray.

"I'LL REBUILD THIS HOUSE AND THEN COMMIT SUICIDE"

The meth house near our church is an active, dangerous place operated mainly by three young men. I recently visited with them and was told privately by the leader that he planned to rebuild the house they recently burned down and afterward would kill himself. He said, "I'm tired of life and all my friends from the past are dead." I asked him to promise that he would attend a church service and spend an hour visiting me in my home over coffee before following through with his plan. He agreed. By God's grace, in September, all three young men came and heard the end of the message. Please pray that these men will be saved when they come for coffee or even sooner. Our church is full of the formerly broken who believed on Christ and now love God, work jobs, serve in the church and witness for Christ. These men are not out of reach!

Spreading the Light *from* Navajoland,

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