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Dear Pastor, Church and Praying Friends,

THE NEED FOR A CHURCH IN THOREAU, NM

In 2010, Thoreau, NM stood at the center of a rash of suicides that claimed the lives of 15 teens ranging from 13-16 years old. The Navajo Nation President at the time allocated additional “resources”, while suicide prevention groups swarmed upon the region hoping to stop the bleeding. It has been 16 years and the community is still plastered with suicide prevention messaging and hotline numbers to call for help, but the hard reality is that suicide continues to ravage this region, because the need is spiritual. It cannot be solved with government resources, investment of money or worldly programs. This community needs witnesses proclaiming the Gospel, a Church to learn in and a Pastor to lead them.

NBM PARTNERS WITH AARON NELSON TO REACH THOREAU

It was a joy to take a group of over 20 teens into Thoreau, with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We rented a small facility in need of a good cleaning and that’s exactly what it got! The teens jumped in with no complaint, cleaned up, set up Vacation Bible School Stations, knocked doors, handed out flyers and from the very first night souls were saved! By week’s end **15 precious souls had called on Christ as Savior**, both young and old! One testimony stands out above the others of a homeless couple that attended each night. Malnourished and in worn clothing this little couple with their underfed puppy sat in the back and heard every Gospel message. On the final night, they went out the back door with a soulwinner. They wanted to be saved! The soulwinner noticed signs of cutting and the scars that covered the forearms of both the man and woman. The worker filled out the card to record their glorious conversion and discovered that the man was only 15 years old and the woman a 17 year old girl. Pray for Thoreau as I believe, God will use this VBS to kindle the start of a church in that community in coming days. Navajo pastor, Aaron Nelson, is following up on these people, but they need a church. Perhaps God is calling you?

SIX WEEKS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

In our previous letter I listed six weeks of special evangelistic efforts and church planting endeavors among Native people groups on the Navajo Nation and in Alaska. Between them all, **the Lord allowed us to see 93 precious souls come to Christ – 32 in Navajoland and 61 in the Villages of Alaska!** I have been privileged in my lifetime to witness a regional revival among the Navajo. I stand humbled to be part of those who are carrying that revival fire to other tribes and people across our nation and by God’s grace, the world! As space fails me on the page, I’ll write extra letters detailing all the other endeavors that many of you are eager to hear of in a report, such as the Yukon Gospel Expedition, the Tri-Village Outreach on the Norton Sound, etc. I will send you those reports soon as they still burn in my heart. I have seen sights and movings of our LORD in these trips that are new to my eyes and I believe will both inspire and encourage you. Thank you for continuing your support. The need is great and your involvement makes more impact than you know!

To Every Tribe and Nation,

Joel N. Haynes