

Church Planting on the Navajo Nation

The Nez Family

August/September 2021

Dear Pastor, Church, and Praying Friends,

Greetings from the Navajo Indian Reservation. I pray that this letter finds you doing well in serving our Lord.

Both August and September have been quite the rollercoaster for both ministry and family; we finished the summer strong with Vacation Bible School. We were unsure what kind of response we would have with more restrictions due to the delta variant. Nonetheless, the Lord blessed with twelve souls saved. We reaped the rewards of soul-winning with new visitors and three baptisms. We ended with a Spirit-filled youth rally, and then came the sickness.

Our family fell ill to covid as did many of our dear church family, both at Old Paths and Newcomb Baptist Church. We had to move from having in-services to conference call services for two weeks. It was frustrating, especially right after a strong momentum from the summer. However, we are thankful that we got sick. It gave us some needed rest and it helped our churches to come closer together as a body. We understand God often does things that we don't understand, but through it all, it helped build faith among our people and it helped our folks get closer to God through prayer and supplication. Many of our folks who fell ill came out stronger spiritually. Our family has healed up, and the work continues. We are thankful for the supporting churches who came out this summer to help with Vacation Bible School, to build a storage shed, bathroom addition, and other various projects.

We started our fall season with a Spirit-filled Missions Conference at Old Paths Baptist Church. We saw a fifty percent increase through the commitments.

God answered our prayers for the Newcomb Baptist Church Site! We have prayed for two years that God would give us an abandoned church building. I received a call from the tribal authorities about our approval. Our folks are anxious about the renovation of our new building. ***Please pray about investing financially in this building project. We are estimating about fifty thousand dollars in renovation cost. Feel free to call me for more details about the Newcomb Baptist Church building project.***

Our girls are now back in school, which they are not too excited about. Thank you for your investment. Please continue to pray fervently for the Navajo People. Much work remains.

In Christ,

Ryan Nez