



# The Joel Haynes Family

*to the Navajo Nation*

November-December 2022

Dear Pastor, Church and Praying Friends,

## HOLIDAY TIME OUTREACH

I always anticipate the final months of the year as it lends itself to so many great ways to spread the Gospel! This year to close out 2022 we had a Thanksgiving Outreach Service that saw 125 in attendance with two precious souls saved and 3 converts following the Lord in Baptism. In December we had 113 in attendance for our Christmas Service with 13 first time visitors and a high of 15 from the Chinle Bus Route that made the 96 mile round trip to be in church. That day we gave out gifts to the children but were more excited about the 2 souls that walked the aisle accepting God's unspeakable gift of salvation! Later that night over 40 of our church folks went with us to sing Christmas Hymns in front of our Bashas' Grocery store, then in front of the gas station and all throughout the housing units in the Pinon community. We lit up my flatbed as a festive platform with lights, décor and we even hauled a keyboard and Bluetooth speaker to play music throughout the town! Folks stepped out to listen to the singing and we gave out gift bags to families with children. I was so pleased to see our people's dedication to come out in twenty-degree weather and lift up Christ in a very public fashion! The following Sunday was Christmas Day. I had no idea what to expect as we had planned no special event or outreach, the roads were muddy and many of our church folks were sick! We still had 85 in attendance and a woman named Savannah walked the aisle to turn her back on Mormonism and place her faith in Christ! Praise God!

## FUNERAL OUTREACH

I conducted two very different funerals at the close of the year. One for the Hobbs Family whose first little boy, Dominic, went to be with the Lord after 30 minutes of life here on Earth. Bro. Dheidrick and Mrs. Joetta showed the character of true Christians, loving the Lord and submitting to His will through this difficulty. They said, "We're glad we could give Dominic to God as a Christmas gift". At baby's funeral, Joetta's mother accepted Christ as her Savior! Praise God! The second funeral was for the brother of one of our church members. The man's name was Robert. He made a profession of faith this past Summer at our church in Pinon but struggled to live for the Lord afterward. His family asked me to conduct the graveside funeral. After plowing 15 miles down a muddy road I arrived at the scene where both I and my church member, Nathan Gray, preached. Nathan has only been saved for a little over a year, but boldly determined he wanted to preach to his own family. He preached on the armor of God, emphasizing the helmet of salvation. I stepped in after that, explaining a simple salvation plan to which 11 precious souls bowed the knee and accepted Christ as Savior. After the funeral a lady that had come from Dallas, TX came to me in tears and said, "I'm sorry I did not raise my hand when you asked us to. I did ask Christ to save me and I want you to know that!" Hallelujah for 12 lives that will continue on in eternity with Christ and never have to face the fires of Hell.

## GANADO BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

This new year ushers in the start of the Spring Semester for Ganado Baptist Bible College. We have 23 students enrolled with more on the way in the Fall! Pray as we kick off this new semester with our Training Seminar. Every year we invite Reservation Churches to come tuition free to a training seminar dealing with a particular subject matter. This year we have 135 registered to attend a condensed course on Spiritual Gifts as they apply to ministry in the local church.

## HAYNES FAMILY UPDATE

Fabi, the boys and I are well after fighting with long bouts of sickness like most. Fabi is busy training a Navajo pastor's wife to take over much of the secretarial work for the Bible College. The older boys are playing basketball in a Christian School League. I have already begun a year that has 20 meetings on the books, 6 hrs. a week of classroom teaching along with the many other endeavors the Lord allows us to enjoy while serving Him. Continue to pray for us as I know you do. Both we, the work and our dear, Navajo people need your zealous prayers now more than ever!

Spreading the Light in Navajoland,

*Joel N. Haynes*