

MARK AND TRICIA HAYNES

Missionaries to the Navajo Nation



"...Streams in the desert." Isaiah 35:6 b

Dear Pastor and Church,

September – October 2017

NAVAJOLAND NEEDS – NAVAJO SOLUTIONS

It is abundantly clear that if the Navajo Nation is to be reached for the long term, it must be done through trained Native leadership. **Church planting is priority #1 in our ministry, but how is this to be done unless Navajo men are willing to take up the reins of leadership?** That is why we have placed so much emphasis on the ministry of Ganado Baptist Bible College to help fill this need. Many of you know Bro. Ryan Nez who is doing a fantastic job of planting a church in the Window Rock area. We now have another family preparing to meet the challenge. **The Aaron Nelson family are making preparation to begin their church planting ministry, starting with Crownpoint, New Mexico. They are preparing to start deputation and are also looking at housing options in the Crownpoint area. Please keep them in prayer as they begin this challenge and adventure! Aaron and Alirita have four beautiful children, the oldest of whom, Aliriana, has surrendered to be a missionary. I would ask that you pastors prayerfully consider having them in to present their burden and call. Bro. Aaron is from the Crownpoint area and is uniquely qualified to reach that area for our precious Lord. Thank you in advance for praying for this good family.**



NAVAJOLAND CHANGES FOR THE HAYNES FAMILY



On October 27th, our wonderful daughter Tirzah married Bro. Chris Cowan in a beautiful ceremony at Gospel Light Baptist Church in Rio Rancho, New Mexico. Chris is a godly young man and we are so honored to have him as a part of our family and to be a part of the Cowan Clan! After their honeymoon, they have settled into life in Las Cruces where Chris is the assistant pastor under his dad at Cornerstone Baptist Church. This was also a truly special time in that, for the first time, all of our grandchildren were together. Tricia and I are so blessed to be grandparents of these wonderful kids! And yes, they are all perfect!!



Tirzah served the Lord with an intensity and fervor while living with us on the Navajo Nation. She made an impact on the lives of countless Navajo children. I am proud that all my children consider themselves "Rez Rats." When you think to pray for missionaries, never forget their children. I am not going to tell you how "hard" it is to be a missionary kid – on the contrary, it is an opportunity that is exciting and outstanding. All our kids have served with us on the Rez. As Tricia and I are now entering this time of change as our kids move on with their lives, we realize what a blessing all seven of our children were to the work among our people. I can honestly say that I have not deserved the honor of being father to these incredible children. No, they were not and are not perfect. But they moved away from everything they knew to follow their Mom and Dad to a place they knew nothing of. There were some very difficult times, but they embraced it all. Thank you for loving them and praying for them as you have Tricia and me. And as a personal note, let me thank Matt, Michaela, Caleb, Joel, Esther, Tirzah and Keturah for the privilege of being your very imperfect, though always grateful dad. And thank you to Apryl, Nick, Sarah, David, Fabiola, and Chris for becoming such an important part of this journey with us. Mrs. Haynes and I love you all as children, not as in-laws.



Have a wonderful holiday season, everyone!

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