Smoke Signals ... From the McKinneys

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Dear Friends,

It is a good time to stay in touch and to pray for each other. Regina and I are doing fine here on the reservation in Oregon and all our kids and grandkids (all in Washington) are all doing well....and we can thank the Lord for it!

I think we are all familiar with the word "cancelled" by now. We have all had that call and the party on the other side "maybe later" or "not this year". It left us with a moment of "what do I do now".....there is no planning to do to take it's place and our calendar remains blank.

In March, we did have our Revival and very good altar call with one gentleman coming for salvation. Pray for Whitney, he has been coming to church but since everything shut down, his children discourages him from church and that is understandable.

In April, we continued having church services with our people understanding that we carry all precautions during the covid 19 spread. We had our Easter sunrise services on the hillside over looking the reservation and then on to our regular church service. It has been a challenge to make changes but we have continued on. We even tried the drive up church in the parking lot and set up speakers outside and someone said he heard me preaching quarter mile away. He said he sat down on the side walk and listened and the he came by our house after church to talk about things in his life.

We now know our church has an amphitheater type of effect and that is something good to know for the future days in our activities.

In May, we continue to see almost half of the members show up and the Lord has blessed us in our fellowship during this "PANDEMIC". A representative of the tribal counsel called me and was concerned that we were still meeting but I reassured him that we were following guidelines and even went as far as only allowing church members to attend during the Covid virus. The members also understood if there was any question as to them being a danger to spread the virus, please stay home. Even our Wednesday night prayer meeting is starting to pick up.

So the Lord has seen to bless us during all this and we are grateful.

Thanks for Your Prayers,

Larry G. McKinney