

# The HAYNES FAMILY

## Missionaries to the Navajo Nation



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

Dear Pastor and Church,

January – February 2016

### QUICK LOOK BACK ON 2015

The previous year was a time of blessings and challenges. Thank you for being with us during it all! First, we would like to thank every church that sacrificed and sent us monetary gifts for Christmas and those that sent cards letting us know that we were being thought of. We were humbled by your care for us and do not for one minute take it for granted. Second, your prayers and support during 2015 helped to see over 50 saved just from Ganado Baptist ministries and 10 baptized.

### QUICK START FOR 2016



Our Watchnight Service to bring in 2016 was a blessing and a great success! The auditorium was packed with folks from four or five different churches and we had a wonderful night of singing, preaching, eating, and general good fellowship. We had a lot of preaching which included Wade James (age 9) preaching his first message. Wade and his brother, Rope (age 11), have both surrendered to preach. After our son Joel preached, we prayed in the New Year together. Our theme this year is



**Press Toward the Mark!** There is a lot of work to be done this year and keeping our focus and love on Christ will be absolutely necessary to accomplish what God has for us.

### QUICKENING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The month of January saw eight folks saved in the services at Ganado Baptist. We also had a lot of visitors, so pray for us as we follow up and try to reach people in their homes. In February, we baptized a young lady who has been coming for a long time on one of our van routes. Her unsaved family came for Sunday School and church services that day and got to hear a clear presentation of the gospel. Pray that the Lord will use His Word to convict their hearts of their need of salvation.



### QUICK UPDATE ON GANADO BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE



This has been a challenging semester for me personally as I am teaching six hours this semester. What makes it worth it is the privilege to serve our Lord and the students in my classes. The college has 16 students this semester and the spirit among them is good. Bro. Hank Haskie, our Navajo language class teacher, will be graduating this year. Pray for us as we seek to train Native people for the work of the ministry in Indian country!

### HOW QUICKLY LIFE CAN CHANGE

Bro. Jimmie, a precious senior saint in our church, got in touch with me about the passing of his son. He was only 40 and was killed in a rollover accident near the Tribal Capital. He asked me to preach the funeral and I gladly agreed. There were a lot of unsaved people at the service. There is a taboo among the Navajo regarding speaking of death, but that taboo is lifted when a person passes away. We always preach a plain gospel message at funeral services. The Lord blessed and around 10-15 people raised their hand indicating they were putting their faith in Christ. Pray for Bro. Jimmie as he deals with the unexpected loss of his son. He did rejoice in that God used his son's death to bring eternal life to others! I am so glad that God can turn ashes into beauty! Thank you for praying and standing with us!



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