

MARK AND TRICIA HAYNES

Missionaries to the Navajo Nation



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

Dear Pastor and Church,

March – April 2018

CHANGES, CHARGES, AND A CHAMPION

The ministry continues as busy as ever with exciting challenges coming our way but with a Mighty God Who can deal with every challenge we face! I hope you will be encouraged by what the Lord is doing in Navajoland and that it will compel you to keep us in prayer! Thank you for all you do!!

A CHANGE IN MINISTRY TO GOD'S GLORY

One of the goals we believe the Lord has for us is the planting of 10 churches in 15 years. **A new church plant has been added to the list and we would very much appreciate your prayers! Newcomb (NM) Baptist Church is now under the authority of Ganado Baptist Church.** Newcomb is a Navajo community that is between Gallup and Shiprock on Highway 491. **Bro. Ryan Nez, in addition to planting and pastoring Old Paths Baptist Church in Window Rock (AZ) is now leading the congregation in Newcomb.** There is a good core group of people here and we believe the Lord has opened this tremendous door to expand our outreach on the Navajo Nation. **There have already been folks saved and the people are excited about the future of the work. We have been made aware of an abandoned church site that the Chapter wants us to have. It is a complicated process, but what an exciting time to be serving the Lord! Pray for Pastor Ryan and the work in Newcomb!**



A CHARGE TO REACH AND PREACH

We had a unique "cluster" of Missions Conferences in April! I had the honor of preaching the first Missions Conference for Old Paths Baptist Church in Window Rock. Bro. Ryan and Mrs. Amber and the good folks of the new work did an amazing job in preparation for the conference. Missionary Blake Allen presented his work (a tremendous family by the way!) and the mission went over and above the goal that was set! Chambers Baptist Church also had a Conference and the power of the Lord came on that meeting as well. Solid Rock Baptist Church of Nazlini rounded out the conferences. It is a thrill to see Navajo churches embrace Missions as the heartbeat of God!



I was also honored to be a part of two very special meetings. **Our son-in-law, Chris Cowan, was ordained into the Gospel ministry in Las Cruces at Cornerstone Baptist Church.** I was on the council along with Joel. Chris is married to Tirzah and I could not be prouder of them serving the Lord together! I was also privileged to preach at the God Save America Conference in Amarillo at Central Baptist Church. Bro. Chadwick and the good folks there are always so gracious!

A CHAMPION GOES HOME



Roy Hawthorne, Navajo Code Talker, Baptist Preacher, and my friend, went home to be with the Lord. I was honored to preside (Emcee, if you will) his home-going service. A war hero and a hero of the faith, Roy Hawthorne was a man of God who loved his Lord even more than his country – and that is saying a lot! Bro. Ryan made the point that the Code Talkers took their language and made an unbreakable code during WW II. They interpreted that unknown language. That is what we do. We take that which is unknown, the mighty Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and make it known to those who do not understand it. Bro. Hawthorne has gone to be with His Lord and beloved wife, Jayne. We are left to continue the work here. Thank you for being a part of it all.

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