

MARK AND TRICIA HAYNES

Missionaries to the Navajo Nation



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

Dear Pastor and Church,

March - April 2020

THE WAY IT WAS



The Lord blessed us with a fantastic meeting in March with Bro. Ted Alexander. The theme of the meeting was Walking with God and Prayer. We had several churches attend and the preaching was powerful and convicting. We saw a great response from people committing to pray and line their lives up with the Word of God. The meeting ran from Sunday through Wednesday. It was after that meeting that things began to change across America and the Navajo Nation. Up to this point, the Lord gave us some of the best attended services we had seen in a long time! People were being saved, baptized and discipled.



THE WAY IT IS



We are all now having to deal with the restrictions our various governments have placed upon us. It is no different on the Navajo Nation. Many of you are aware that the Reservation has been especially hard hit by the Covid-19 virus and consequently, many of the freedoms we take for granted have been curtailed or even done away with for the time being. **We have committed to having a physical assembly at least once a week. We have done this through drive-in services that exceed the CDC requirements that**

have been set forth. Having said that, we have been criticized by some who apparently don't understand how we conduct the services to keep people safe (no one leaves their car, the windows are rolled up, no physical contact, etc). We conduct two conference call services a week and a drive-in service on Fridays. The Reservation has been under a weekend lockdown (Friday 8 PM to Monday 5 AM) for six straight weeks. During this time we have seen people saved and folks realizing that taking church assemblies for granted is wrong. Thanks to generous donations from off the Rez, Mrs. Haynes and I were able to pass out 154 masks and 462 tracts in one hour! The people were all incredibly grateful for what our church is doing for the community.



THE WAY IT WILL BE



God has been good to Ganado Baptist Church. The Great Commission did not go on vacation when the coronavirus hit. The command remains and we must understand that we are obligated to find ways to effectively reach people. Summer is very important with all of our Vacation Bible Schools, but they have been cancelled. Here is what we are proposing to do. Our son, Joel, has had great success in distributing necessities in Pinon. Churches have supplied water, diapers, hand sanitizer, and so forth. They had 132 cars pass through the church parking lot in Pinon! If you would like to help us here at Ganado with this kind of outreach, we would deeply appreciate it. Please feel free to

contact me. We look forward to and long for the day when the restrictions are lifted, and we can go back to our regular outreach ministries. We must not, however, miss this amazing opportunity the Lord has given us! This is our time, folks! Let us make the most of this opportunity the Lord has given us to reach a world that is fearful of what is happening! Missionary Patrick Jobway was with us and before the curfews began, he was passing out some tracts at a local grocery that talked about being ready for the coronavirus. A lady told him that she lived over an hour and a half from Ganado. She was glad to see the tract and admitted that she was worried about her eternity. She was saved in the grocery store parking lot that day!! The virus is not the greatest killer; sin is! Let's not slack off our warning the lost and telling them of a God that can provide spiritual healing that no vaccine can!

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