

# MARK AND TRICIA HAYNES

## *Missionaries to the Navajo Nation*



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

Dear Pastor and Church,

May - June 2020

### WHEN WILL THIS ALL BE OVER?

Perhaps many of us have asked this question. I would venture to say that many a believer has diligently prayed for the eradication of the Covid-19 virus. There has been a longing to return to the days that were. I would not for a moment say that this kind of praying is wrong. We have the joy of coming boldly to the throne of grace!! It would do us well to remember that none of this caught the God of Heaven by surprise. He is the God of the good times as well as the God of the bad times. Do we believe that He knows exactly what we need? Could it be that churches have slipped into a complacency that has required our Lord to give a "wake-up call" of sorts? I cannot tell you how many of our good folks at Ganado Baptist Church have said, "Pastor, we will never take assembling and church for granted again." The answer to the aforementioned question is obvious – but only to the Lord. Until then, we must cast our cares upon Him and take the opportunity for self-examination as we deal with unprecedented times.

### WHEN WILL WE GET THIS KIND OF OPPORTUNITY AGAIN?

The current crisis has given us some ministry opportunities that we have never had before and might never see again. The last time I looked, it seems that the Great Commission has not taken a vacation during a pandemic. It is up to us to be creative and ask our Lord for wisdom in reaching out. **Ganado Baptist Church has been involved in four distributions over the past few weeks. We were able to provide essential items for the communities of Ganado and Cornfields. We also were able to assist our First Responders at the Ganado Fire Department and the Firefighters who were fighting the Wood Springs 2 Fire (burned nearly 13,000 acres). There were hundreds of tracts passed out, personalized**



copies of John and Romans, all these given to many folks who we would have never gotten to a church service. So many churches responded, and we also received a large number of donations from the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) in Texas. Thanks to all who helped! One woman mentioned, "At least there is one church that cares about the community." Many of the works associated with us have also had numerous distributions. Joel gave out the plan of salvation on a CD at one distribution. While I look forward to the days of revivals and VBS, this has been a wonderful privilege to serve the Lord and get His good news to a lost and dying world!

### WHEN WILL WE EVER SEE THE LIKES OF HIM AGAIN? THE PASSING OF HAROLD NOBLE

On June 7, 2020, my mentor and hero, Dr. Harold Noble, went home to be with his Lord. The virus took his earthly life and he was ushered into the heavenly. Bro. Harold was the first Navajo ordained Independent Baptist preacher. He pioneered planting churches and was obsessed with getting his people the good news of Jesus Christ. Humanly speaking, were it not for Bro. Noble, I would never have gotten to the Reservation. He took me under wing and taught me the Rez. He and his wife, Annie (who went home in July of 2019), loved Tricia and me and our children. After six months of being with him at the church in Steamboat, he encouraged me to go to Tsaile with Raymond Hobbs and start a work. The rest is history. The



work in Tsaile-Lukachukai remains and others have been planted. I was asked by his family to come by and see if any books in his library would help our college students. They also gave me his cowboy hat. I will miss going by his house for counsel and just to talk about the Lord and the future of the Gospel on Navajo. He was an older preacher who gave me the help I needed and the counsel necessary to reach the Rez. Guess I'm becoming one of the old ones now. I only hope and pray I can mentor and help others the way Bro. Harold did me. Truly, there is a "Hello after Goodbye." Thank you, Lord, for using Harold Noble in my life. Let him know that we will carry on the work and see him soon.

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