



Dear Pastor and Church,

May – June 2023

## A COLLEGE GRADUATION



Bro. Darryl James, my assistant pastor at Ganado Baptist, finished his college work and graduated from Ganado Baptist Bible College! It was a long journey with unique challenges, but Bro. Darryl stuck with it and finished. Pray for him as he and I meet to discuss with him what the future holds. Would you pray that God will provide clear direction on the future of Bro. Darryl and his family?

## A CONVICTING JOURNEY

After the College graduation, Mrs. Haynes and I had the privilege of traveling to the Middle East, specifically Iraqi Kurdistan. It was a joy to see our son, Matt, and our daughter-in-law Apryl, who teach

English there. It was an honor to preach at Light of Life Baptist Church and meet a wonderful group of believers who are hungry for truth. The language barrier was bridged by the Holy Spirit as the people showed a genuine love for us and for our Lord. The challenges are great in this region. The vast majority of people are very friendly and welcoming, but that does not always translate to being open to the gospel. The foundation is being laid, praise the Lord! We were able to see the remains of the canal that Sennacherib built between Nineveh and Babylon, the traditional grave of the prophet Nahum, and ancient Nineveh from a distance. Please remember to pray for this needy region. God's hand is not shortened! He can and will save all who call on Him.



## **A CONGREGATION SERVING**

Vacation Bible School is a very important outreach time for our churches here on the Rez. Often, there



are groups that come and help and are a blessing as the added workers help to reach out to more folks. This year, we had no outside group to help us. Our Ganado Baptist folks did it all – and they did a great job! This is the goal for our churches to be able to take care of their own ministries. Do not misunderstand; I still LOVE IT when we have a group to help us. The people of our church have shown that they can lead the way in the work and still be greatly benefited by groups who can supplement and fill in where needed. Come and help us but rejoice in how God is using our Navajo people to reach their own! We saw 13 saved this year with an average attendance of 110.

## A CAMP FOR THE AGES

With 153 campers registered this year, we anticipated greatly how the Lord would work in the youth

camp. Unbelievable!! Bro. Cecil Ballard and Missionary Paul Hamilton preached their hearts out and seven young people came to Christ, and we had two surrender to preach. Wade James, one of our young men, surrendered to the call of a missionary during camp! I encourage you to pray for this camp ministry! The last service went on for over five hours as God dealt with hearts, and young people cried out to God confessing sin and presenting great personal needs. Unforgettable, but now the work of conserving the fruit of that meeting continues! Many other things could be added but suffice it to say that we thank you for praying for us and standing with us! God is working!!



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