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your missionaries to the Navajo Nation since 1996

*...for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. -Isaiah 35:6b*

Dear Pastor and Church,

March – April 2026

## LYLA WANTED TO BE SURE

“Pastor, you are needed!” Bro. Darryl asked that I go to the area where we have Children’s Church on Sunday morning. Mrs. Brittney was there with Lyla, one of the young girls who faithfully attends our church. Brittney had presented salvation very clearly in a class Lyla attended, and she was concerned about her eternity. I listened to Lyla talk about not remembering what she did when she made an earlier decision. After carefully laying out the plan of salvation, Lyla called on the Lord to save her...and He did! She was excited to be able to know that her salvation was sure. Her dad has become very faithful to our services and he was thrilled with his daughter’s decision.

## LEARNING THAT WE ARE NOT ALONE

Our late preacher friend, Bro. Rick Dawson, was always a great encouragement to our Navajo preachers and churches. He emphasized during one meeting that some of our folks may have felt like failures because of having a small congregation. He let us know that a church of 25 in a village of 300 is percentage wise doing more than many larger congregations (And praise the Lord for Bible -Believing churches of ANY size!) This past Easter, I did a survey among several of the churches here on the Rez that we fellowship with. On Easter Sunday, among 15 churches ranging in attendance from 10 to 120, there were 769 folks in services that morning. It is exciting to know that we are not alone in this great work! Please continue to pray that Bible-Preaching churches all across Navajoland and Indian country in general would be encouraged to know that we are not alone!

## LIVING TO PLEASE THE LORD AND ANGER THE DEVIL

I have been preaching to our folks about living to please the Lord and, as a consequence, make the devil miserable. We want satan to “get nervous” when we are serious about our walk with the Lord. I also warned of an enemy who will stop at nothing to derail us. Recently, several of our churches and pastors have experienced devastating attacks from the enemy. This should come as no surprise. Please keep our churches and pastors in prayer as the warfare is only going to get hotter. One church that has done an exceptional job in building people to serve the Lord has especially been attacked. This church and its leadership have chosen to stay in the battle in spite of an intense satanic onslaught against them. Pray the Lord will get glory as this church and its leaders stand in the midst of this blitz.

## LETTING YOUR LIGHT SHINE

When I am traveling to preach at other churches, Ganado Baptist does a wonderful job of keeping the work going at a high level. The Lord has given us some tremendous men of God. A man recently came to a service when I was gone and was stunned to see my assistant pastor, Bro. Darryl, preaching and leading the congregation. He asked him what happened to him, as he had been a friend of Bro. Darryl’s before his salvation. The man received Christ as a direct result of a changed life! May we shine as lights in a dark place and show our friends and families that Christ makes a real difference! Pray for us to make a difference in Navajoland and among the 575 Tribes all throughout America! Thank you for standing with us!

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