Smoke Signals... From the McKinneys

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JULY / AUGUST 2025

DEAR FRIENDS,

It's been a good summer so far, as we move from location to the next, some places are warmer than other places and some require A/C'S, but we have survived.

JULY.... has been an enjoyable month as we got to have VBS at the Colville Reservation. It's probably been about seven years since the last VBS at the Way of the Cross Baptist Church. Pastor Ryan Nez and his wife Amber from the Old Path Baptist Church in Window Rock, AZ, woke up this part of the reservation with their amazing youth group of people. I think our high day was about 47 and through the four day VBS, about 5 people were saved and one of those kids was our 11 year old Grandson, Jase who went with usWonderful!!! We want to thank some of you who sent funds in to help with this VBS and to do repairs on the building. We now have two more rooms that make the church look better.

My wife and I also got to make the family reunion in Broken Bow, Ok, for the first time since they have been having it, and we were so blessed to spend the time with our loved ones. The next day I preached at the Nayimmi Baptist Church, and it is always a blessing to be with God's people who love the Lord. Their reception of the scriptures makes it a time of celebration of worship concerning our risen Lord!!!

On our way back we stopped to preach at the Nespelem Church and it is still exciting to see different people come to church. We have always enjoyed it over all these years.

AUGUST.... will also carry a blessing for us as we have scheduled a family singing group to come and bless the people of the reservation with songs. The Higginbotham family have been friends of ours for many years and always make the trip to the Northwest to help us out in ways that we are not able to. I remember when they came through Warm Springs reservation and as they sang "Help is on the way", the people clapped and shouted and saw hope for their people. I never have forgotten those kind of moments because the people do hope for good to happen, they just do not know that it is in JESUS!

Please be in prayer for my wife Regina ... (she has health issues with pain)
We are trying to raise funds for a van....We pick up in our cars, but a van would do better.
(send it in as designated to van fund for Nespelem Reservation)
(trying to raise about 7-9 thousand, or if you have one to give, I can pick it up.
Pray for our new converts for discipleship and growth. Pray for Tacoma Indian Baptist too!

Until Jesus Comes ,(keep the faith)

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