

The HAYNES FAMILY

Missionaries to the Navajo Nation



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

Dear Pastor and Church,

January – February 2017

MUD . . . MUD . . . MORE MUD . . . DID I SAY MUD?



The year has started out wet! We have had rain and then were hit by a fairly stout snow storm. **Flagstaff had 3 feet of snow (not drifts . . . snow!). We only had a foot, but it made things an awful mess. All across the Reservation people have been stranded. Our parking lot (unpaved) has been a nightmare, but that's just how it is! It is the worst I have seen in our 20 years here. Naturally, our attendance was**



down, but I was really proud of how many of our people braced the elements to come out.

SOMETIMES THEY COME TO YOU

I received a phone call from Curtis, a young man that I had worked with before in elections here in Apache County. I had not seen him or heard from him in a long time. He was frantic over the phone. Through the nasty mud he came and met me at the church. We began to talk about where he was at in his life and he surely was not in a good place. For over an hour we visited and I began to tell him of the One Who could change his life. It was incredible to watch Curtis repent and put his faith and trust in our blessed Lord! He has been attending the services, so pray as we work to disciple him and help him overcome his life challenges.

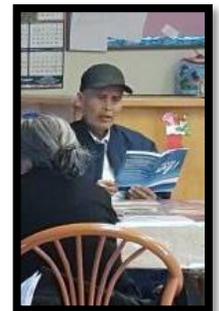
SOMETIMES THAT TRACT CAUSES THEM TO COME TO YOU

Do you ever wonder if anyone ever reads those tracts you pass out? This story is amazing. In November, my wife and three of the ladies from our church went to a conference in Albuquerque. On the way back, they stopped to eat at the Denney's in Window Rock, Arizona (our Tribal capital). As my wife is always faithful to do, she gave the waitress a tract along with a very good tip. Just two weeks ago, several months after she was given the tract, Amy showed up at Ganado Baptist Church. It turns out that she lives just a few miles from us. After the preaching on that Sunday morning, she came to the altar and one of our dear ladies, Mrs. Hollifield, led her to Christ! Amy has been faithfully attending services. Pray for her husband who needs to be saved.

SOMETIMES WE GO TO THEM



God has blessed us with a wonderful nursing home ministry. We pick up two men each Sunday to bring them to church. One was Roy Bitter. Because of the muddy roads, we were unable to get to the nursing home for four weeks. When I got there to pick the men up, the staff told me Roy was in the hospital and not doing well. Bro. Ryan Nez, church planter out of Ganado in Window Rock, joined me for the visit. Roy was laboring to breathe, but glad to see us. I asked him about his salvation and he indicated that he was not sure about Heaven. He speaks English quite well, but Navajo is his first language. Bro. Ryan took over and in just a few minutes, Roy was saved! They moved Roy from the hospital to a hospice unit in Flagstaff. I am so glad that God allowed this ministry and gave us the opportunity to tell him how to receive Christ. Roy's last name is Bitter,



but his heart is now anything but bitter! What a Saviour! Thank you for your part in the salvation of these folks. There are many more to be reached and disciplined. Pray for us as we endeavor to follow the will of God in reaching the Navajo Nation.

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