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Dear Pastor, Church and Praying Friends,

INCREDIBLE YOUTH CAMP

I cannot begin to hope that in a letter I will be able to capture or describe just what the Lord did in our very first Youth Camp on the Reservation. What was a dream for years, moved into planning stages and then into reality only a few weeks ago. As I walked along the property of Solid Rock Baptist Church in Nazlini (the site of our first church plant and where our home is located), I praised the Lord for the countless hours of labor put into the buildings and grounds to turn a 3.62 acre plot into a camp ground that would host 109 souls for Youth Camp. It was an adventure! The stories are too numerous to tell, but let it suffice to say that by week's end, 14 young people accepted Christ as Savior, 7 young men surrendered to God's call to preach and countless other decisions were made pertaining to morality, holiness and the surrendered life. Hallelujah! Of those 14 saved, 3 were teen boys from our church in Pinon and of those 7 surrendering to preach, 4 were young men from our church as well! Praise the Lord! This is our future! The army of Christian soldiers who will spoil the house of the strong man on our Reservation is answering the call! We have a vision to host even more young people and have numerous projects that need to be completed in order to do that. A permanent steel tabernacle frame, air conditioning installs and additional dorm space are just a few needs that would enable us to reach out to more Reservation churches to bring their young people to camp next year. There are so many children whose parents will not allow them to leave the Reservation to go to a camp long distances away, but we discovered they will let them attend a camp nearby. The need is obvious by the incredible first-year attendance we experienced. Might the Lord have you help us with developing this ministry? Reservation churches are already raising funds to do what we can. Perhaps the Lord would have you help us.

OUTSTANDING VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Right after Youth Camp we dove into Vacation Bible School at Strong Hold Baptist Church in Pinon. Months prior we had been building up to this outreach not really knowing how the community would respond as Covid fear still plagues much of our Reservation. By the final night there were 125 in attendance and 9 precious souls had accepted Christ as Savior! That Saturday we began following up on prospects and while visiting an adult woman that had been saved during VBS, I had the opportunity to lead her boyfriend of 15 years to Christ. When I arrived he said, "I was hoping you would come by today." On Sunday we had 13 visitors from VBS including this couple and their three children! That same Sunday we had the privilege of baptizing 4 teen boys, 3 of which had been saved at Youth Camp and saw 3 more teens walk the aisle and accept Christ as Savior at the conclusion of the Service! Our family is rounding our eighth week of consecutive ministry endeavors and can testify to the truth of II Corinthians 12:9. What a great, strong God we serve!

APPEALING FOR PRAYER

As much now as ever, brethren, please pray for us. There is little time to make victory laps as the devil is still on the move and the work remains great. Pray for our sons. They are well and serving with us in the work. Judah, our second-oldest, surrendered his life to preach at camp! Fabiola is ever busy trying to make this scattered preacher appear orderly. What a treasure to have a help from the Lord that is meet for the work whereunto we are called! Pray also for our Low Mountain VBS, the start of the Fall Semester for the College and the Navajoland Baptist Revival Meeting on August 11th-13th. We will have a video slideshow of all the Lord has done recently on our website! We hope it is an encouragement!

Spreading the Light in Navajoland,

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