

# Smoke Signals... From the McKinneys

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## **Niix Maicqui, (a Warm Springs Greeting...sounds like "Nick might ski")**

Here we are near to the end of the year and it seems as though we have not moved to far from where we were in March. I wished I could say we had to learn to be creative but it seems like everyone is doing the same things to survive the ministry.

We have only missed one Sunday of services since all this started and we have seen the Lord developing the Christians faith away from all the fear. I told the people from the start, that we are to practice social distancing but do not allow yourself to go into social disconnect.

**In September....**we did graveside funeral services and even stone setting services for a church family as a memorial service. We have had so many death on this reservation and all have not been due to the covid. There are homicides, suicides, traffic deaths, and other unexplainable deaths.

There was a lady who was coming to our Baptist Church for a while and she was there the week before we went to do our Dad's funeral service in Oklahoma, but no one has seen her since. They put out Missing Person flyers over Oregon and Washington but no news yet. Her name is Tina and her kids are concerned and you can pray for that family.

One of our neighbor's son was beaten to death and left in the ditch about two blocks from the Church. Several people have died from the work of arsonist as the people were asleep.

**In October....**we have continued to make changes that really help with procedures and the progress of the church. I had mentioned in our last letter the need for bottled water since we are having boil water off and on. It amazed me how several churches sent in offerings to help the water situation. We are now providing bottled water for several families and departments who need it....and was able to provide food to several families....Thanks!!!

We are planning to have a church dinner for Thanksgiving and it usually turns out well. Pray for us, that we use wisdom in all we attempt and for God's protection over our people.

The Devil is at work...but Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and have it more abundantly." .....Thanks for your prayers!

Keep Looking Up,



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