

MISSIONARIES TO THE NAVAJO NATION

Dear Pastor and Church,

January - February 2012

TWO CRIES FOR HELP - TWO DIFFERENT RESPONSES

There were two cries for help that caught my attention as we started the New Year. Let me tell you about them. I received a call from a man that had visited the church at the urging of his daughters who are van kids. Delbert asked if he could meet with me up at the church building one Saturday night. I found out he was bringing his wife and two oldest sons, so I asked Joel to go with me. His wife began talking and crying about the awful living situation they were in. And truly, it was and is a very bad situation. Delbert has MS and there are multiple families living in this house. Two nephews of Delbert and his wife are drunks who tend to fight everyone around them. They asked if I could help them find another home. So far, we have not succeeded in finding them a home on the Reservation, but Joel took the older boys and I talked with Delbert and his wife and showed them how they could have a home in Heaven. All four of them put their faith and trust in Christ! Please keep them in prayer with regards to their living situation. Praise the Lord that their eternal home has been settled!

A few nights afterward, there was a knock at the door. I went to answer and there was a couple who had off and on attended the church for a few years, but never faithfully. They had made a profession of faith, but there seems to be virtually no fruit. Here they stood on my porch, their clothes a mess and totally drunk. They said, "Bro. Mark, you're the only one we can turn to. There's no one else who will help us." In their drunken stupor, they both kneeled on my porch in freezing weather as I prayed for them. I promised to see them when they were sober. I went to see them the next day and told them that if they would commit to coming to all the services, I would help them. If not, I would not. They are on the verge of losing their children to the state and rightfully so. They thanked me and promised to be at church. That was about a month ago. They never came.

Folks, this is the heartache of the Reservation. Two cries for help; two different responses. How we need the power of God to reach those that are under control of satan and sin! Please pray for us that more will cry out, but that they will also respond.



GOOD START FOR 2012

We saw a good number baptized in January and also a good number saved. The Building Fund is now at nearly \$35,000. The folks have really worked hard and sacrificed. The attendance is usually over 130. We had a high Sunday of 162 so far this year. The Children's Church program is giving our guys great opportunities to preach. The Bible Institute has started very well and the students are excited. We are taking a large group to Phoenix for a

Conference on Marriage and the Home. 2012 is shaping up to be our busiest ever. We truly need your prayers for the stamina and strength we need to get the job done!

FAMILY NEWS AND BLESSINGS

We have a **new grandson! Caleb and Sarah had Declan Mark Haynes on February 15th!** We found out that **Joel and Fabi will be having another boy in late April.** All the children are doing well in their areas of service, for which we are grateful. And we are certainly grateful to you for loving us and praying for us. Thank you. **FOR MINISTRY UPDATES, GO TO www.streamsinthedesertaz.com**

Mark and Tricia Haynes and Family