

# MARK AND TRICIA HAYNES

## *Missionaries to the Navajo Nation*



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

Dear Pastor and Church,

July – August 2021

### THE LORD HELPED US WITH THE VBS MEETINGS!



In our last letter, I promised a report of the VBS meetings we were involved with. **The Pinon VBS was amazing! There was a high night of 125 and 9 saved! A fine group from Florida (Pastor James Knox) came and did a great job!** This was the first VBS held in person since 2019. How thrilling to see God move again! **The VBS at Ganado was also a great blessing. Our people did most of the work since we had no group come out this year to assist. There**



**was a high attendance of 70 with 6 saved!** It was great to see God help our people with running this VBS! **We were able to attend one night of the Chambers VBS. They had a high night of 80 with 12 saved. The last VBS we were involved with was at Low Mountain. This is a community where a church plant will be started someday, Lord willing. The high night there was 84 with 12 saved. Praise His holy name, our God helped us!**

### THE LORD HELPED US THROUGH A FAMILY LOSS



Tricia's dad, John Bearfield, went home to be with the Lord on July 20, 2021. He was 91. It was not totally unexpected, but his health deteriorated very quickly. The Lord helped us to get there before he went home so my wife could have some time talking to her dad. As members of the family gathered the following morning, he went to Heaven singing with my wife and quoting Scripture. To be sure, it was difficult, but "Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints" (**Psalm 116:15**). I was privileged to preach the funeral and give a clear presentation of the Gospel. We had to make a return trip to Texas to help clean out his house in preparation to sell it. It was very difficult physically for both of us since it was during a very busy ministry time, and we were both not entirely well health-wise. But praise His holy name, our God helped us!

### THE LORD HELPED US THROUGH SICKNESS

A wave of Covid cases ran through many of our folks here on the Reservation, and it struck Tricia and me. I got it first and, though we tried to avoid it, she got it after me. By most standards, our cases were relatively mild it seems. Bro. Darryl and Bro. Hank stepped up to the plate at Ganado and covered all the services we missed for those 2-3 weeks. Our folks were very sweetly concerned about us and prayed fervently for our recovery. Many of our other preachers and their families were also affected. We had to push back the start date of Ganado Baptist Bible College and postpone the Navajoland Baptist Revival. My wife and I are still dealing with some residual effects of being sick, but each day is a better day. Praise His holy name, our God helped us!

### THE LORD HELPED US REACH MORE PEOPLE FOR HIM!

Tricia had the privilege of leading a young woman to the Lord after a service. We have seen others saved and were able to baptize five recently – more on that in our next letter. Through all the challenges and difficulties, our God is always good and faithful. Thank you for standing with us. Praise His holy name, our God helped us!

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