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Since 1996 to the Navajo Nation



Dear Pastor and Church,

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WHAT A YEAR!



The year 2023 brought many challenges and blessings. I would like to give you a summary of some of the things we saw this past year. We saw 18 people follow the Lord in baptism in 2023! They included all the groups – men, women, and children! This may have been our best year for personal soulwinning. Mrs. Haynes and I had the privilege of seeing folks saved in personal soulwinning. Many of our folks have been able to lead friends and family members to the Lord. Bro. Hank Haskie is our Navajo Language Class teacher at Ganado Baptist. He was able to lead several Navajo speaking elderlies to the Lord! Attendance at Ganado is hovering close to 100 on many Sundays. Our Children's Sunday School has begun a slow, steady growth in this post-pandemic time. Our Missions Conference was exciting as our folks committed over \$94,000 to missions for the next year. There were setbacks, but the Lord continues to prove Himself mighty in Navajoland.

WHAT AN OPPORTUNITY TO TRAIN!

Ganado Baptist Bible College continues to train workers for the ministry. We had a record enrollment of 24 and as of this writing it looks like we have 25 students for the Spring 2024 semester. Many of our graduates are continuing in areas of service. Bro. Dheidrick Hobbs, one of our graduates, is hoping to finish deputation by December of 2024 and start a new church plant in Chinle. In 2025, we have the potential to graduate four more students! Bro. Aaron Nelson was ordained to the Gospel ministry. A GBBC graduate, he has planted Crownpoint Baptist Church, and the work is thriving. There is a need for dorms for GBBC. Pray for God's wisdom as we plan for this big step!



WHAT A BEAUTIFUL PLACE HEAVEN IS!



We said "see you soon" to one of our precious people, Bro. Jimmy Thompson. This lovely man was responsible for numerous people being in our church. His health had steadily declined over the past couple of years, and he was able to celebrate Christmas this year with his Lord! His testimony was such that five people received Christ at his memorial service. Heaven is sweeter for sure!

WHAT A WATCHNIGHT!

Our New Year's Eve service was unbelievable! We did not make a big push for the service, but close to 200 folks from nine different churches showed up! We had several young men preach and Bro. Joel Haynes preached us into 2024. It was an incredible night of fellowship and encouragement. I was personally encouraged to hear from so many young preachers! The future is bright in Indian Country!



WHAT'S IN ALASKA?

There are over 225 Federally recognized Tribes in Alaska. This next week, Bro. Joel, Bro. Aaron Nelson, and Bro. Ryan Nez and their wives are traveling to the Village of Unalakleet to preach the Gospel. Pray for them fervently as the suicide rate and spiritual darkness there is great. Why Alaska? Why shouldn't we share the great Light that God has given us in Navajoland to other Native groups?! Pray as we seek to reach out from Navajo to other Native groups in need! Thanks for standing with us!

Dr. and Mrs. Mark Haynes