

September/October 2020

Dear Pastor, church and praying friends,

In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. (1 Thessalonians 5:18) Greetings from the Navajo Indian Reservation. I pray that this letter finds you in good health physically and spiritually.

Our reservation has entered the second wave of the Covid-19. Therefore, the entire reservation is locked down; I am sure that it will continue throughout the year. Nonetheless, the Lord's work continues at Newcomb Baptist and Old Paths Baptist Church. We are grateful for the drive-up services but are excited to announce that we held our first service inside the new building at Old Paths! To God be the Glory! We had all our men and young men preach six-minute powerful messages. I am encouraged to see their faith and love grow for the Lord and His church. We have used different avenues to give out tracts and Bibles to our communities.

Our church building at Old Paths is nearly complete. We now have electricity and running water! We finished our sidewalks project, and we now have heating/cooling installed, which is a blessing! Our church family has worked so hard to get as much done before winter. Thank you to all that prayed and invested in the building project.

Both works have had their seasons; there are times when we have a good batch of visitors and not so much at other times. The Covid-19 has placed a greater amount of fear and worry in the lives of our people. The attendance fluctuates week to week, but it encourages us to see those who have not skipped a beat and are hungry and thirsty for righteousness.

At the end of September, our family received exciting news about adding to our family (baby Nez). Our girls were thrilled about the new addition. A few weeks ago, my wife had an ultrasound done, and the doctors gave us the news of the miscarriage. It has been an emotional rollercoaster for our family, and our hearts are broken. We do not have the answers to why this would happen, but God does. We know that God makes the right decisions for the right reasons at the right time. We are thankful that we serve a God that brings comfort and peace in times of heartache. We know we have a baby in heaven that awaits us, and that makes heaven sweeter.

Please continue to pray for our family. Thank you for your investment in the Lord's work here on the Navajo Indian Reservation. May God bless you richly.

In Christ,

Ryan Nez

