

May/June 2020

Dear Pastor and church, and praying friends,

I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:14) Greetings from the Navajo Indian Reservation. We hope that you are encouraged by the spiritual return on your monthly investments.

These last few months were busy here on the reservation. The numbers affected by the Covid-19 now sits at just under eight thousand. We praise the Lord that more are recovering as well. This virus has taken a toll on the people here—physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. God has opened doors for us to minister in different ways, and we can see the frustration and fear. We started a free mask give away at both churches, which includes tracts and Bibles. The people have been so grateful for the efforts that our churches are making. We have seen high turnouts and great response. Due to the slight increase in positives cases, the tribe extended the nightly and weekend curfew another three weeks! Nevertheless, we are encouraged to know that God is still at work, and the church continues to press forward!

Both Old Paths Baptist Church and Newcomb Baptist Church organized an essential drive for both communities. This drive provided necessary cleaning supplies for families who are struggling to get water and supplies. Old Paths Baptist Church gave out two hundred and fifty packages, which included Bibles and tracts, and Newcomb Baptist gave out one hundred and fifty bags. We had a tremendous response from both communities. Through these drives, souls were saved! A significant amount of contacts were made, and many reached out to us to help with graveside funerals, which was an opportunity to preach the gospel. Many have received the gift of salvation at the funerals.

God has blessed our family with good health and protecting us from the virus. Thank you again for all that you do for the great work here on the Navajo Indian Reservation. Please pray for wisdom; we want to be wise, moving forward. *Thank you again for all the churches involved in helping with the essential drives and providing masks*.

In Christ,

Ryan Nez

