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Dear Pastor, church and praying friends,

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever. (Hebrews 13:8) Greetings from the Navajo Indian Reservation. I pray that this letter finds you doing well in your service to our Lord. I pray that this letter will encourage you during these days of uncertainty, but we are sure that God is in full control.

We all have felt the effects of the pandemic that has hit our nation. The Covid-19 virus has taken a toll here on our reservation. There are now over two thousand positive cases and counting. We have lost friends and loves ones, and it has changed the course of this nation.

We rejoice that God does not change! The work continues, the Bible is still being preached, souls are getting saved, tracts are going into the hands of the lost, and God still is working! We had to adjust to all the restrictions that are set in place. A nightly curfew (8 pm-5 am) and a weekend (Friday 8 pm-Monday 5 am) curfew are in place. We are currently meeting on Friday evening (drive-up) for services. We have temporarily combined both Newcomb Baptist Church and Old Paths Baptist Church.

Since we kept the doors open, God has blessed the work! We see tremendous spiritual growth! When God begins to work, we know that the devil will take notice and will try to interfere in the work of the Lord. Since we have drive-up services, people are outraged about that idea. We have been reported to the local authorities for having a mass gathering. We thank the Lord that He is protecting the church and our folks in the church. We are making weekly home visits to all our people, providing them with study materials and other essential needs that they might have. It is our way of showing them that we love and care for them. It blesses our hearts to see them grow in the Lord. Seeing the smiles on our folks' faces undoubtedly is encouraging.

We thank the Lord for granting our family with good health. Thank you for allowing us to help you fulfill the great commission. We appreciate your prayers and your investment here on the Navajo Indian Reservation. Keep holding the ropes!

In Christ,

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