# FREE TRINITY NAVAJO MISSION MARCH 2023

#### **Praise Notes**

\*Doug and Becky Stratton have answered God's call to pastor the Free Trinity Navajo Mission Church.



\*Becky is

doing very well after 6 months of cancertreatments.Praise the Lord!\* They plan to arrive by April 20th.

#### How you can help: We are laborers TOGETHER with God.

Your prayers are vital. Without God's special help obtained only through prayer, nothing for eternity will be accomplished. Strattons need a grasp of the culture so they can minister effectively to the spiritual needs of our Navajo people.

#### Financial support is also needed.

\*Many and varied maintenance needs have been very costly this past year.

\*Ongoing monthly operating expenses of the Mission.

\*Moving expenses for Strattons from Junction City, OH to Gallup, NM – approx. 1700 miles.

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## How it came about

Strattons were in Chambers, Arizona, visiting their family - John, Jennifer, and Joyanna. While there, they came to the Free Trinity Navajo Mission Church for the 2022 IHC Navajo Convention, where Rev. Dan Stetler was the speaker. He mentioned several times that this mission church needed a pastor. He spoke about using what abilities you have for the Lord. You may not have much ability, but you can love people and show them God's love. God does not require great ability, just use what you have for His service, and strive to bring others to heaven with you.

Sometime during the service, God spoke to Doug Stratton, and asked him if he would be willing to sell his property, and come and minister to our people here. After a brief inner struggle, he said, "Yes". The remaining time he was in Arizona, he helped his son with small projects at the Indian Holiness Mission in Chambers, AZ. When Doug returned home, God showed him this is really what He wanted for him and his wife. The call became much stronger, and he could not get away from it. So Doug called Brother Jim Bowling from a neighboring mission, who in turn passed the information on to Free Trinity Mission. After much prayer, we told the Strattons that if God was still calling, we would be happy for them to come to the Mission.

## **Introducing Doug and Becky Stratton**

Becky McNab Stratton is the daughter of James and Betty McNab. While growing up, her parents pastored several churches, and served in Haiti as missionaries. She attended Hobe Sound Bible College, and Indian River Community College, studying nursing.

Doug Stratton is the youngest son of Harry and Doris Stratton. Doug grew up on a small dairy farm in Ashville, New York. In 1978, he, along with his parents, moved to Jupiter, Florida, where he graduated from Jupiter Christian School. Also, he attended Hobe Sound Bible College. While attending Jupiter Wesley Chapel, he met Rebecca McNab. They were married in April 1981.

In the fall of 1997, the Doug Stratton family moved to Junction City, OH, where Roger Hatfield was pastoring. They attend the Bremen Holiness Church, and are active in ministering in nursing homes in the area, and well as teaching in Sunday school. Becky also plays the organ and fills in on the piano as needed. Doug is a board member, and all-around handyman wherever needed..

They have 4 wonderful children, 11 grandchildren, and 2 greatgrandchildren. Their family is spread across the United States.