

FREE TRINITY NAVAJO MISSION



Yá'át'ééh (Hello) Greetings from Gallup, New Mexico

**Your prayers are Vital!
Without God's special help,
obtained only through prayer,
nothing for eternity will be accomplished!**

**August 2023 Newsletter
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Serving as His Hand Extended
to the Native Americans**

DEVOTIONAL TO PONDER

Our Great Opportunities

Job 38:22,23 Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail, Which I have reserved against the time of trouble

"Our trials are great opportunities. Too often we look on them as great obstacles. It would be a haven of rest if each of us would henceforth recognize every difficult situation as one of God's chosen ways of proving to us His love and look around for the signals of His glorious manifestations; Then, indeed, would every cloud become a rainbow, and every mountain a path of ascension and a scene of transfiguration."

Pharoah had refused to let the Israelites leave. God spoke through Moses and Aaron, "*Behold, tomorrow about this time I will cause it to rain a very grievous hail, such as hath not been in Egypt since the foundation thereof even until now.* Ex 9:18

This was one of the times God used His power to show He had things under control. If we look back upon the past, many of us will find that the very time our Heavenly Father has chosen to do the kindest things for us, and given us the richest blessings, has been the time we were strained and shut in on every side."

God's jewels are often sent to us in rough packages and by **liveried servants**, but within, we find the very treasures of the King's palace and the Bridegroom's love." – A.B. Simpson

A liveried servant is one who wears a special uniform. The tea was served to the guests by **liveried** footmen.

Are you one of God's liveried footmen? He has called each one of us to be His servants.

The duty of a servant is just doing daily what the Master is asking us to do.

He will never ask you or me to do something that we cannot do without His help.

I once heard of a very sick person who had a very high fever. She called for the missionary to come and pray for her. The missionary was also a doctor. He said to help her fever to drop they would need ice. She lived in a very hot climate and to get ice would take 2 or 3 days. And by the time it would get it to her it would be melted. They did not know what to do. She, then turning to the missionary doctor, said, "Does not your God work miracles? Can He not send ice?" The doctor said, "Yes, He can do the impossible." She replied, "I believe He can send ice to us. Let's pray that He will send ice." And she started to pray. "Our Heavenly Father, we know You know that we need ice to help my fever to go down. You know my family does not believe in You. You know that they are waiting to say that we knew He would not send you ice. Now Father, we do not know how You are going to do it, but we are believing that You are going to send us ice very soon."

At this point it was high noon, and they noticed that it was getting very dark. All of the sudden they heard a strange sound on the roof of the hut. They looked outside and saw large hailstones. She started praising God for answering prayer, as the family members ran out and gathered up the hailstones into dishes to cool her fevered body. The doctor had to confess that he did not believe that God would send the ice in this manner.

"Trust Him in the dark, honor Him with unwavering confidence, even in the midst of mysterious dispensations and the recompense of such faith will be like the moulting of the eagle's plumes, which was said to give them a new lease of youth and strength". – J.R. Macduff *Thoughts & quotes from Streams in the Desert*

We know God can do the impossible. Is there something looming very large over you, or a loved one? Something you think is impossible to solve? We serve a God Who practices doing the impossible. Our being here at Free Trinity Navajo Mission is proof that God does the impossible when we trust Him.

Navajo words of the month: **Yes** = Aoo' pronounced like you were saying "oa|t" with force in your voice, but cutting it off at the t. **No** = Dooda Similar to dau da

Tidbit Notes:

In our Thursday night service, we have a devotional. Then we do a Bible quiz. The people can choose a question from the Old Testament, or New Testament; from a person, or a place. They really enjoy this. Some know the answers right off, and other answers they look up.

I (Doug) am still learning to perfect fry bread making. We went to a birthday party and they had Navajo Tacos. They use fry bread instead of taco shells. This was the best fry bread yet that I have eaten. I watched and asked questions. Later I made a breakfast pizza using fry bread. Best fry bread that I have made! Special thanks to a Navajo sister.

Joke for the month: One of our people asked me:

What are the chickens doing in this extreme hot weather? Can you guess? (Answer on page 4)

PERSONAL NOTES:

Doug: Christ has touched my voice so that it is not cracking all of the time.

God has helped in giving wisdom when we need to counsel the people.

I had a kidney stone that apparently dissolved. The extreme pain is gone! Thank you for praying for us.

Becky: I am thankful that, although I'm very exhausted from my cancer treatments, one of my blood counts has come up. There are other counts that we are praying will also come up so I can have my next treatment. I feel blessed of the Lord to have such good doctors. I am praising my Heavenly Father that my cancer count, although still too high, has come down almost 700 points from a month ago. Father knows what is best. I am trusting Him for a complete healing.



Above: Work day at the Mission at the end of June

Below: VBS Gifts of crazy socks. OH, TO BE YOUNG AGAIN! A special thank you to Nathan, Jolene & Levi Troyer, & the Allegheny Wesleyan College group. Theme - My Heart, Christ's Home. The adults, as well as the children, really enjoyed the closing service on Sunday. Many benefitted spiritually from this VBS.



SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS :

- *A man requested prayer that God will give him knowledge to know how to handle a very difficult situation.
- *A young man called for prayer. He lost all of his sheep and goats to a pack of dogs.
- *A young man stopped and asked for prayer. He is having family problems and is also asking that God will help him to find the work to supply financial needs. (God is helping him)
Continue to pray for him and his family
- *Also pray for salvation of these young men and their families. God has been speaking to them.
- *Prayer is needed for one of our family's mother in the Nursing Home. She is very low.
- *Pray for another man who is trying, with the Lord's help, to break an addiction.
- *Becky has had to start back on chemo. Please pray for her healing.

Answer to Joke: They are making scrambled eggs from scratch!

FINANCIAL NEEDS: *Pray that God will supply the financial needs.*

- *Perhaps there is a person, a group, or a church who would feel led of the Lord to help provide Sunday school materials for the Mission. They cost about \$225 a quarter, which amounts to \$75 a month.
- *Help is always needed for monthly operating expenses.
- *Maintenance expenses are also always ongoing. General maintenance items add up very quickly.
- *Heating oil expenses are a necessity for the coming cold winter months. Our elevation is about 6,647 feet.

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We could not be ministering here without you.

Will you sacrifice from one of these groups?

A little every day adds up

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\$ 1.00 - a candy bar a day	= \$ 30.00 a month
\$ 1.25 ½ - cup coffee a day	= \$ 37.50 a month
\$2.50 - 1 cup of coffee a day	= \$ 75.00 a month
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