

# 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!**

***June and July 2023 Newsletter***  
**Doug and Becky Stratton**  
***Serving as His Hand Extended***  
**to the Native Americans**

## DEVOTIONAL TO PONDER

*When Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord save me-  
Matt 14:29-30*

"Peter had little faith in the midst of his doubts, says Bunyan; and so, with crying and coming he was brought to Christ."

"But here we see that sight was a hinderance; the waves were none of his business when once he had set out; all Peter had any concern with, was the pathway of light that came gleaming across the darkness from where Christ stood."

We start to falter when we take our eyes off of Christ. Peter was fine till he started to look at the wind and the waves. To him, everything about him was saying, 'You are in trouble. Satan says see what kind of a mess you are in now that you started to follow Christ. You were better off in the boat than you are now. You are going down and there is no hope for you.'

"When the Lord shall call to you over the waters, "Come," step gladly forth. Look not for a moment away from Him. Not by measuring the waves can you prevail; not by gauging the wind will you grow strong; to scan the danger may be to fall before it; to pause at the difficulties, is to have them break above your head. Lift up your eyes unto the hills and go forward – there is no other way."

Thoughts taken from *Streams in the Desert*

## Tidbit Notes:



I am  
afraid of  
thunder

It started to thunder while I was preaching. I looked down the aisle and saw a big black dog coming down the aisle. I stopped and called my German shepherd by name and told him to go out. He went and hid in a corner. I went and told him to go to the house garage. He reluctantly went out.

Saturday morning, while in town, we met and witnessed to a man. Later we went to the nursing home and prayed with the father of one of our people. Then when leaving, his roommate asked for prayer. We read Scripture and had prayer. Then he said, "I am Navajo, how do I find Jesus?" We were able to explain. Then we were stopped by another woman and asked for prayer. The fields are ready for harvest.

On a Sunday morning, God's presence was here in a special way and one of the women wanted to get back to God. She came and prayed through during Sunday school. Then Sunday night another woman came to a saving knowledge of the Lord. We praise God for His help.

We thank God for protecting one of His children as a car skidded down the highway on its top. It stopped 12" from her van, parallel with it. Her car had very minimal damage. She did not get hurt bad.

A young man came to church Sunday morning. On Tuesday, he came by to help with grounds maintenance. We had him stay for supper. He had been here when Brother Gardener, SR. was here. He said that Brother Gardner had helped him and his family. He lives a couple miles east of the mission. He heard the church bell ring one morning, and said to his grandfather, "Did you hear that?" "Hear what?" "Gardner's church bell is ringing." His grandfather said, "Did Gardner come back to life?" The bell ringing can be heard across the valley for a couple of miles. As you can tell from this story, it stirs up memories. We pray that it wakes people to their spiritual needs. He confided in us with some difficulties he was having. He plans to come to church Sunday, bringing his uncle with him.

A man stopped by this morning who wanted to know if we could pick up his sister for church on Sundays. I gave him the church phone #. We plan to add her to the regular route.

We have been averaging 16 to 20 for attendance on a regular basis. Sunday 6/25/23 we had 22 here. We were blessed to have Kyle Mason stay with us for a week. He helped out with song leading and sang a special while playing a guitar.

Sunday morning, we had 4 seekers at the altar, two of which have addiction problems. We went to see them today and even though they went to town, they came home victorious. Please keep them in your prayers.

We had wonderful Vacation Bible School!



A special thank you to Nathan, Jolene and Levi Troyer and a group from Allegheny Wesleyan College, who held VBS here in the mornings of June 26-30. They also held VBS at Calvary Indian Mission located in Coyote Canyon with Brother and Sister Yates. The theme was **My Heart, Christ's Home**. Sunday morning they had the service and the adults really enjoyed it as well as getting spiritual help from it. I highly suggest if you are looking for a good VBS team, contact the Troyers about this theme. You can email me at: [doug@freetrinitynavajomission.com](mailto:doug@freetrinitynavajomission.com). I will put you in touch with them.

#### **PRAISE NOTES**

Some of our people have been openly seeking and getting help spiritually.

New people are coming to services.

Becky's doctor visits have been coming back with good reports.

Her cancer count numbers keep getting lower!

Although Becky still tires easily, she is doing well physical overall. Praise God!

The gift of Betty Lukens Flannelgraph Set for Sunday school and children's church will be a great blessing.

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please pray:

- \* That Christ will give complete dilverance to those who are fighting alchol and drug addictions
- \* That Christ will continue to speak to the people, drawing them them closer to Him
- \* That God will give us wisdom to know how to minister to the people here.
- \* That God will give my voice a special touch.

#### **FINANCIAL NEEDS**

Help is needed with operating expences and maintenencece expences. Putting on the new roofs and fuel oil expences for the heating were very costly this spring. General maintenance items add up very quickly.

***A special Thank You to those who suport this mission. We could not be ministering here without you.***

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