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Taking the Gospel to the Navajo Nation

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Trying to be a Blessing for the Lord

When your services are outdoors, December can be a trying time to be faithful to the Lord! The omicron variant of Covid went through the reservation and caused the restrictions to go back to more strict requirements, but thankfully, no one enforced any of it! Even though evening services would dip down into the 30's, those who did not get Covid remained faithful in their attendance. We even had one person who had Covid who kept coming since we still are having drive-in services. When the Covid numbers increase, we have never had an outbreak in our church because of the crazy way we have to hold our services. There are still blessings in the hard times!

Trying to be a Blessing to Others

This year for Christmas, our church members put together shoe boxes to hand out to those who needed them in the community. All together we made up 50 boxes of everyday useful items for men, women, and children. We had another church donate some additional boxes to us, and our church members handed them out at our flea market in town. In all, almost 200 boxes were handed out and everyone got a gospel tract, information about our church, and the Book of Romans.

While traveling on deputation a few years ago, we came across the town of Chugwater, Wyoming. There is only a gas station, a feed mill, and a chili company in Chugwater. I told my wife that must be good chili if it is the only real business in that town. We tried it, and it was amazing. This year for Christmas, we decided to give our church members a make-your-own-chili kit with beans, tomato sauce, crackers, and Chugwater chili seasoning to make their own chili. It was such a privilege to be a blessing to our people after they had sacrificed to be a blessing in the community.

At the last week of December, Alden and I travelled to Kentucky so I could help my dad change the motor in his truck. I cherished the time I was able to make memories with my dad. I am also happy to report that the truck runs great, and the motor swap was successful.

Others being a Blessing to Us

I want to take the time to say thank you to everyone who sent us gifts this Christmas season. I cannot tell you how humbled that you would sacrifice additionally to be an additional blessing to me and my family. We are honored to be your missionaries and look forward to what God is going to do in our church and yours in 2022!

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Covid finally got Us

As I mentioned in our previous letter, in December Alden and I flew to Kentucky to help my dad replace the engine in his truck. While boarding the plane, I received a text message from my mom. She informed me she had tested positive for Covid. We ended up spending the first two weeks of January with me trying to get over the virus, and the 2nd and 3rd weeks of January with Sheena and the children getting over it. With our services still being outdoors, I only had to cancel one Wednesday night service, and I was able to hold services for the rest of the time that I needed to quarantine. Sheena dealt with the virus much worse than I did, and she was out of church for a week and a half. We missed her piano playing, and the kids who attend missed the children's services that she does. I am thankful that I am privileged to serve the Lord on the Reservation with my wife. January helped me to remember what a blessing she is and how much she does that I don't always remember.

Using what the Lord has given us

This summer, we purchased a 15-passenger bus with a diesel engine from a church in Yuma, Arizona for \$500. Unfortunately, our church does not have the money to do the necessary repairs currently, nor do we have a place to currently bring 15 people. My wife had the idea to have children's services on the bus until we can repair it. On average, she has 10 kids on the bus for children's church. This has really helped our church attendance as well. None of the other churches in town have a children's service, so we have even had some extra visitors who have come to bring their kids for the service.

Trying to Reach our Community with the Gospel

This month we have also started preparations for our I Love My Church Sunday. We hold this every year around Valentine's Day. This year, we ordered special tracts that say I Love My Church, and we are having a contest to see who can pass out the most tracts. The very first night after introducing the contest, one man and his wife had already passed out 20 tracts each and had a visitor to Sunday Night service! I can't wait to report next month about how many total tracts were handed out! We are looking forward to this service on February 13th. Thank you for all your prayers, and your faithful giving. We would not be able to do what we do without your faithfulness.

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