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Taking the Gospel to the Navajo Nation



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August 2023

Missions Trip

One of the things that we enjoy making available to churches, is the opportunity to host missions trips out to our reservation. This year, we had the youth department of Clays Mill Baptist Church come out to participate in a mission trip. Both Sheena and I are graduates of Commonwealth Baptist College, which is a ministry of Clays Mill Baptist Church. We knew many of the kid's parents, and almost all the chaperones that travelled out here. It was a special time with friends and co laborers in the Lord. The group came out and held church in the park. Originally, our plan was to hold a 3-day Vacation Bible School at the property of the Presbyterian Church, but when we lost the use of that, we had to readjust to make something else work. One of the members of our church gave us the idea to do church in the park instead. Other than it rained almost every day the group was here (it almost never rains as much as it did that week), we had a fantastic time. There were over 10 people who were saved and over 500 tracts distributed. It was a blessing sharing the burden of our ministry with those who have invested so much into us.

The Building Arrived

Due to issues where the shed shipping company was dispatched out of, we had to wait over a month to get the building. Once they were able, they delivered the building to our property. Due to all the rain that came, the building almost flooded the first week we had it. We dug some paths for the water to leave the property. After parting the "red sea", we are excited to see our church building on the property.

Our First Service in the Building

Hurricane Hillary brought some storms that created our first issue with our outdoor services. We moved everything inside that we had been using for our outdoor services, ran a long extension cord from our house, and held our first service in the church on August 20th. It was a bit unplanned, but an awesome feeling to see our church full of people and in our own church building!

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Work on the Building

Since our building is already insulated, we did not have to worry about that, but it creates an issue with electrical. This is where we need to start. Money is also an issue as a good majority of what we had saved, was spent on the downpayment and the things we needed to do to our carport area. We contacted the electric company to see if we could get a meter installed on the pole that we had next to the building. They told us that the tribe will only allow them to install one meter on a property unless there is already a meter on the property. We already have a box installed from a previous structure that was there. After inspecting it, they determined that we could be grandfathered into having a second meter since there was a previous meter there. However, our building was placed too close to the pole. It needed to be 10 feet away from the pole. The people who delivered our building wanted to charge us \$1,100 to move the building over 10 feet. We do not want to spend that kind of money to move the building so we will be looking at a way to move the building ourselves.

Unexpected Blessings

One morning, I received a call from one of our supporting churches. They told us that they were excited about our building and wanted to be a blessing. They informed us that they would be sending us a check for \$10,000 dollars so we could install our electrical, heating and cooling units, and flooring. This gift allows us to focus on simply paying for our building as quickly as possible so we can avoid paying the interest.

Guest Speaker Sheena

This year, Sheena was asked to be the guest speaker for the teen girls at a ladies retreat that our ladies go to every year. While she was teaching the girls, she met a Navajo girl who was attending the church in Durango, Colorado where Sheena got saved. She was able to be an encouragement to the teens, and it was a blessing for Sheena to have the opportunity.