

Church Planting on the Navajo Nation
The Nez Family

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Dear Pastor, Church, and Praying Friends,

Greetings, I pray that this letter finds you doing well in serving our Lord. We thank you for your continued prayers and support for the ministry God has allowed us to be part of here on the reservation. These last couple of months have been filled with God's blessings! Old Paths Baptist Church and Newcomb Baptist Church are coming off a busy two-month stretch. We have had a wonderful Vacation Bible School, fourteen souls were saved, and our Junior Church classes have grown.

The men of our churches were challenged and encouraged during the annual Men's Camp Out. We had great fellowship with fellow churches and received convicting messages, and it is always an excellent opportunity for some one-on-one time with the men of our churches.

The Navajoland Baptist Youth Camp this year was incredible! Pastor Jerry Ross preached what we all needed (adults included). The Spirit moved throughout the week. On the last night, many teens and adults shared how God had spoken to them. We had nineteen of our teens attend, and they are responding to their decisions. Words cannot describe how God moved through the entire week of camp despite the opposition that was faced. We are so thankful to help raise up the next generation of servants. Thank you to those who invested financially to build the new dormitory.

We are excited to announce the birth of Josiah David Nez. He was born thirty days early and has since been in NICU in Phoenix, Arizona. This pregnancy was quite difficult for Mrs. Amber. Different health problems led to an emergency delivery which was quite intense. The doctors would like to keep Josiah for an additional two weeks for more observation. Josiah was born with a cleft lip, palate, and other complications, making it difficult for him to eat. We are thankful for the team of doctors that are helping him. We have many appointments with surgeons in the upcoming weeks. Our hearts are heavy for what he must go through, and it certainly has not been easy. We are consistently reminding ourselves that God makes no mistakes and that he is in control. Our supporting churches in the Phoenix area have incredibly blessed us. Thank you for those who have helped us prayerfully, calling and even visiting us. Thank you for helping financially during this time. We ask that you continue to pray for Josiah's health. We cannot wait to take Josiah back to the rez!

Our girls have been a blessing throughout this process, and this has not been easy for them. They miss home, but they understand the situation. We are so proud of them. Thank you again for standing with us as we further God's kingdom. May God continue to use you greatly!

In Christ,

Ryan Nez