

April 20, 2023

Dear Pastor, Church, and Praying friends,

Greetings from the Navajo Indian Reservation; I pray that this letter finds you doing well in serving our Lord.

This letter is not our recent ministry update but a prayer request. Many may already be aware that our son, Josiah, was born with a cleft lip and palate almost a year ago today, and he underwent one of two surgeries in October of 2022. Now we are coming to his second surgery that will take place on May 1, 2023, at the Children's Hospital in Phoenix, Arizona.

Once again, we covet and appreciate your prayers for Josiah and all of us. The goal for this second surgery is to repair the soft palate (the roof of the mouth). This procedure will be much more extensive than the first, requiring Josiah to stay at the hospital for a few nights and close to the hospital after he is discharged. The Procedure will take a few hours, but the recovery time is one month, which will be the most challenging. Josiah must wear "No No's" around his little arms to prevent him from putting his hands and objects in his mouth. Josiah will be miserably

uncomfortable, and that weighs heavy on our hearts.

We ask that you pray with us, especially that Josiah remains healthy leading up to the surgery and recovers quickly. Pray that God will give us grace and strength during his recovery time. Pray that God would provide provisions while we are there.

We understand that God makes no mistakes, and we are trusting HIM. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement.

Your Missionary, *The Nez Family* 

