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Dear Friends in Christ,

We must say that working among Native Americans is sometimes difficult while at the same time rewarding. We know that the Lord is in control because we see Him working in their lives in the background as we work with them.

In August I preached the funeral for the daughter of one of our faithful grandmothers. It was very sad as this young mother literally drank herself to death. Within the week her partner also succumbed to the affects of alcohol as well. The two left behind a seven year old son who was orphaned because of the evils of alcohol. I preached her funeral to a large group of Navajo and gave a clear presentation of the Gospel. Yet, you could tell by their attitudes that very few even listened. This clearly reminded me of Paul's writing to the Corinthians, "In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them" (2 Corinthians 4:4). Missionaries only plant the seed of the Gospel while it is the Holy Spirit Who must bring it to fruition. We sow and He gives us the privilege of reaping. What a blessing!

Our annual fall revival was the last weekend of September. Our home pastor and his wife, Paul and Shelley Rooks, ministered to us and we had some truly awesome services. The revival was well-attended and Pastor Rooks gave us a proper challenge to measure up "unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Ephesian 4:13). We finished the services with a baptismal and lunch on the grounds. I had the privilege of baptizing Brian Emerson into the membership of the mission. He had been saved several years ago, but had gone astray and gotten himself into alcohol costing him his relationship with his partner. However, God is always willing to forgive and restore if we will just turn to Him. Brian sorted himself out with God's help and has been faithful to our services and bringing his six children with him. This is one of the wonderful success stories that we witness frequently working among the Native Americans of western New Mexico.

In closing, there are so many more Natives that need reached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is the only thing that can drag them out of their dead, cold traditionalism taught to them by their forefathers. Satan has them so blinded that they cannot see or understand the simplicity of the Gospel of Christ. Daily we struggle with this and we so much depend upon your faithful prayers and support. May our Lord bless and keep you.

Sincerely,

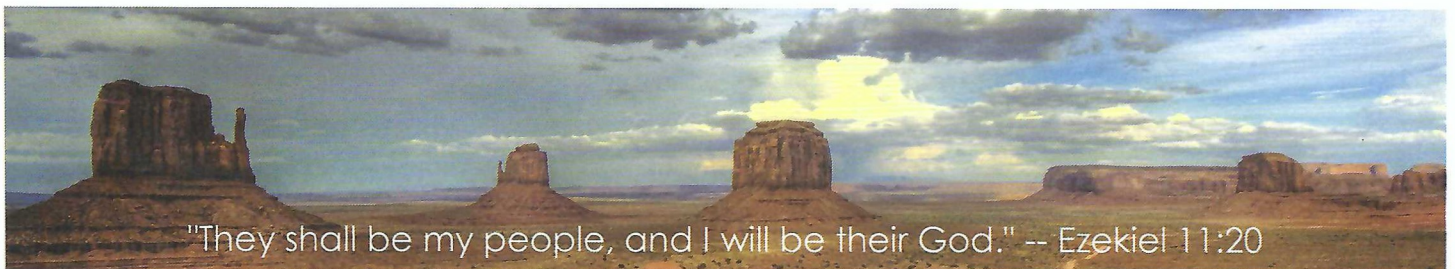


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Brian Emerson's Baptism



"They shall be my people, and I will be their God." -- Ezekiel 11:20