

TUBA CITY UPDATE 7

NAVAJO NATION /KEE FAMILY



THREE'S A CROWD



Sweet little Ava Ramona Kee arrived December 1, 2015 and is an instant blessing to our family. Some say she is a clone of her older brother Silas. The long nights are hard but nothing in comparison to the joy she gives us. Ava has her daddy wrapped around her finger and Tracy finally has the playing field evened out. It is like Christmas every morning for our boys as they wake up and immediately find Baby Ava. Thank you Lord for Ava's precious spirit, and this addition to the Kee family. Three's a crowd and we feel it!

YOUTH GROUP/ANNUAL SKI TRIP

The 2nd Annual Teen Ski trip launched off with a huge success with 8 of our teens who attended, 14 total. A great trip that allowed the teens who rarely leave the reservation an opportunity to see a different part of the southwest. Rich and deep questions challenged them to evaluate their current walk with Christ. Christian fellowship and fun on the slopes brought us all much closer together. We are thankful to church members, Michael and Julie Scaggs for helping chaperon the trip with us. We left in 3 vehicles from Tuba City, making a quick stop in the 4 corners to see NM, UT, CO, and AZ meet. Wednesday evening youth nights continue to be a highlight in this ministry. These (regular attendees of about 12-15) are all non churchd kids, can be rough with occasional bad language but it's awesome watching God work in their lives. They know our church is a safe and loving place and we are thrilled they continue to return each week. With the help of the springbreak groups, we are excited we have a youth group room dedicated specifically for them!



RESURRECTION SUNDAY



Unlike many churches off the reservation, we tend to have a smaller group attend the Easter/Resurrection Sunday. But it is always a highlight for us and our church family. We began with a fireside sunrise service, had breakfast, attended the regular service that Eric presented and ended with the big hunt afterwards for the kids.

DAY TO DAY UPKEEP



Tracy's Brother, Tony owns and operates Integrity Heating and Cooling. We are thankful to have his talents brought to our property to upkeep the facility with a weekend of maintenance. We often use visiting help to keep the Tuba City facilities up and running based on their unique skill set as it is difficult to get plumbers, electricians, technicians etc out to Tuba City. We are thankful for the willingness of so many visitors that help upkeep the great property we have.



SPRINGBREAK GROUPS

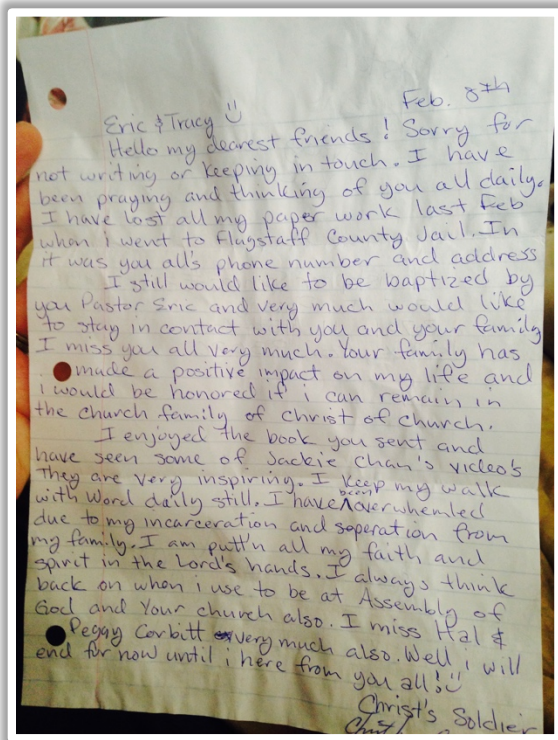
Downtown CofC/Harding U and Lubbock Christian U joined us to serve during their week off at Springbreak. Groups such as these play an important role in the work here in Tuba City and have their work cut out for them. They are the first of groups in a long list of locals and church members that need work done on their property. They all worked hard with church families, helped prep us for the summer ahead such as renovating our teen room, getting the bathrooms ready, helped organized



rooms on the church property. We're thankful for the many ways they served.



OUTREACH



We never expect a pat on the back but thankful God gives us sparks of encouragement in this very difficult and draining work! Chris Spencer is one that God connected us with over a year ago, along with his family. We spent time getting to know him, praying with them, and studying with him. He was later picked up by the FBI for a past warrant dealing meth. We stay in touch with Chris and thankful for his heart through these letters. By "Jackie Chan", we figured he meant "Francis Chan" as we sent him the book, Crazy Love and Wild at Heart. We also received a call from Patterson Yazzie (that Eric had baptized several months ago). He acknowledged the tight hold alcohol had on him and said he voluntarily checked into an alcohol rehab center in Southern Arizona and wants to stay in touch. We pray for them both often and plan to make a visit soon.

Celebrate Recovery® is a program we have prayed about and feel sure it will not only help us, but others on the reservation struggling with all different kinds of things. With the encouragement from many at Downtown Church in Searcy, Whites Ferry Road in LA, we have been put in touch with our CR state rep, and are working through the 12 Step program

with another minister team in Tuba City. We hosted a Celebrate Recovery training at our church last weekend and had great Christian leaders from Tuba City and the surrounding towns on the rez. We are thrilled this Christ centered 12 step program is supported and promoted by the Navajo Nation Behavioral Health team. Please be praying for this important work and the right people to both lead and participate.

BAPTISMS



We were blessed to be part of such a special confession and commitment of Chester and Renae Whiterock. They were drawn to the church after losing a young son in law suddenly from a car accident and vowed never to take their lives for granted from this point forward. They committed their life to Christ in baptism after several bible studies and have been active members at our church. We are encouraged by their faith, commitment and desire to share the Gospel with their family and friends.

WHAT'S TO COME

We are eagerly looking forward to our summer groups coming in from Arkansas, Texas, Georgia, Virginia, Oregon, Washington, and California. They begin June 4th and continue through mid August each week. We were super excited to be featured in the Harding quarterly magazine just sent out this month (May) and are thankful to Jeff Montgomery and Hannah Owens from Harding that spent a week with us in March to learn more about the Tuba City Church of Christ mission efforts. You can view the online Harding University article [here](#). We **thank you** all for your support with this work on the Navajo Nation, both financially and spiritually. We could not do this without your help and appreciate your continued involvement and prayers in this ministry.

Romans 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God--this is your true and proper worship.

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