



Tuba City/Navajo Nation Update #5

It has been over a year since we came to work with the Tuba City Church of Christ on the Navajo reservation in Tuba City, Arizona.

Much has happened since we last updated you on the work here. Church services have been thriving with our adults, teens, and children. We have been working with locals throughout the last couple of months. We have had great visits from friends overseas, and friends from in the country which often serve as great encouragement to our family. We continue to minister to locals and visitors alike who come to our front porch for help in many ways.

One Year Anniversary

As we prepare for our busy summer groups, we reflect on our last year. March 1st was our one year anniversary. The church membership grew and we pray that hearts were brought closer to Our Father. Looking back on all that was involved with this mission, all the experiences, projects, and people we came in contact with caused us to grow spiritually. Although we tried to be prepared for all situations, and even though Eric has much knowledge of the culture of these people, we experienced some hard things that caused us to question if we were even cut out for this work. But ultimately, God's grace is always sufficient! He walked with us when we wanted to run away, and we know we are where He wants us to be.

First teen trip

After the first of the year, we were able to take our teens on our first winter ski trip. They were encouraged to raise their own money and we assisted them by having a garage sale, bake sale, etc. We stayed overnight and took 3 vehicles with 14 teens and the drivers to southern Colorado. It was a great time for our teens to bond and build relationships together. We were thankful to be able to

stay at the Hespress Bible Camp where we had a warm place to stay and a great breakfast the next morning



Spring break mission trips with Christian Universities

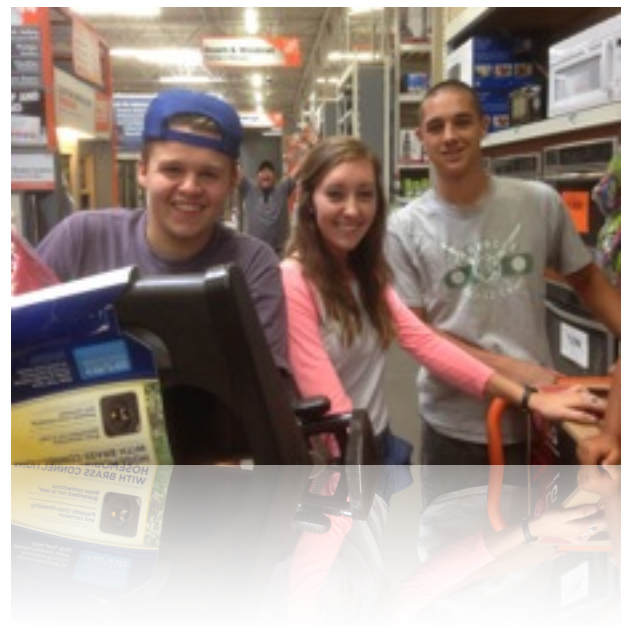
We were thankful to host Harding University and Downtown Church of Christ from Searcy, Arkansas, Lubbock Christian and Buffs for Christ from Texas, and WarHawks for Christ/University Church of Christ from West Monroe, Louisiana in March and April. It was a blessing having these college students here to help with various projects.

- A fence was put up for Lilly Ann, a church member and single grandmother who takes care of 4 of her grandchildren.
- A VBS was hosted for the kids of Tuba City with a great turn out. Also a fence was put up around the Church house.
- A 10'x12' deck was built for a new couple who live on the outskirts of Tuba City.
- A group went out to the deep reservation to work with an elderly couple that needed a storage shed. While there, we were able to take the college groups to a slot canyon and do some sand dune jumping.
- Graveled a portion of the church parking lot that was previously impossible to get to with big rains during monsoon time.



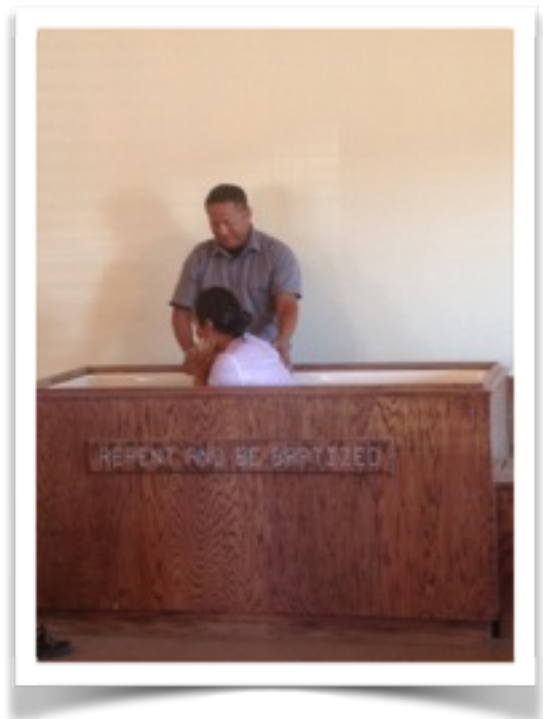
Summer Interns

We are looking forward to having our first interns this summer. We welcome Josiah Abney, Tyler Sirokman, and Alyse Yates and are grateful for their willingness to work with us. When talking with these two young men, and this young lady, we were very impressed with their desire to serve another culture, not their own. We know they will be blessed this summer with growth and maturity in their knowledge of work in the Kingdom. Please keep them in prayer.



Baptism

Last Sunday (on Fathers Day) was a great day for the Tuba City Church of Christ. We are thrilled that Ben Worker (Eric's cousin and great friend) responded in baptism. It has been amazing to see the transformation God has had in Ben's life as Ben spent most of his life as a non believer. As a new father, Ben sees the miracle of God working in his families life and we are so encouraged by his testimony.



Our Family

Silas turned 4 in March and Cayden turned 6 in May. We reflect on their lives and know that our greatest responsibility is in teaching them all we can about Our Father and His will. We thank God for them every day and for the things they teach us. They remind us of the blessing of simple things in life that bring them joy such as catching lizards, or playing on sand dunes and how they are just as much fun as playing at an expensive theme park. We look forward to watching them grow and we rely on God to reveal His plan for their future. We are also reflecting know on how He will help them grow as big brothers, because we will be welcoming a new member to the Kee family around Thanksgiving! Please keep unborn baby Kee in your prayers.

We are so very thankful for the army of support we get from contributors, praying friends and churches, and the encouragement all are to this work on visits to the Navajo Nation. Thank you for your continued prayer as we all continue to help further His Kingdom.
Ahe'hee' (Thank you in Navajo)

