

# PONDEROSA BAPTIST CHURCH



Spring and Summer of 2016

Praise the LORD from Flagstaff,

## **PRAYING AND BELIEVING!**

**UPDATE ON GREGGS-** All is well here in Flagstaff, AZ. The LORD has given us a very wonderful summer that has been non-stop. Thank the LORD we are all healthy and our girls are growing!

## **THANK YOU FOR PRAYING FOR THE NEIGHBORING RESERVATION TOWNS!**

**MINISTRY ON THE RESERVATION** – We are so grateful for your prayers. The LORD has given us a very fruitful summer on the Navajo Nation. We were able to visit the village town of Cottonwood, which is about 3 ½ hours from where we live in Flagstaff. The wonderful Gospel of CHRIST was preached, and thirteen souls gave their life to CHRIST. This area of the reservation is a harvest that is ready. The past three years close to fifty souls have been saved from summer visits. Please pray for this area. Families are there that love JESUS, but no church to reach and teach. Pray for laborers. We were also able to have a tent meeting in the village of Cameron, AZ. This is a reservation town about 50 minutes from us. We held a two day meeting, and on the last night over 100 people came. Cameron is a town of about 800 Navajo's, and there is a great need for a local church. We were blessed by the Shenandoah Baptist Youth from Cleveland, TN (the church we were sent out of) who came out to help minister in Cameron for the tent meeting. They came out and served the LORD with gladness. We put up a nice tent and held a child's vbs during the day and a gospel meeting at night. We went through the village inviting people to the meeting and giving them all a New Testament. On the last day of the meeting we were honored with the Vice President of the Navajo Nation, Jonathan Nez, joining us along with his family and staff. Cameron has a group of believers that are in need of a local church in that village. They were greatly blessed by the group from Shenandoah Baptist Church.

**ALL GLORY TO GOD FOR THE DOOR OF THE GOSPEL** 1) Mission Churches to Start- We are seriously praying and looking into starting two mission churches out of our church. We have two faithful families that drive great distance to come to Ponderosa. Both are Navajo families. One drives over 90 miles and the other over 120 miles one way. It still excites me what dedication to the LORD, and firm principles to have their family in a Biblically minded local church no matter the distance. Their town needs a Gospel presence. Pray as we train these families to have a mission chapel service once a week in their home. We are praying that this will be the beginning of a local church plant. It is exciting to think that there will be a gospel presence like this in these towns. 2) College Campus Ministry- The LORD has led a family in our church to give their time and life in reaching the college students in our city. We are under way getting a ministry to Northern Arizona University, a small D1 college here in Flagstaff. We have over 70 different countries at our college. O what opportunity to reach the world. The LORD sent by our way Kyle Austin to speak about the great need in reaching college students, and through him the LORD stirred the hearts of a couple in our church. We praise the LORD for sending laborers. Prayer is still the beginning of ministry. Praying for the LORD to send forth laborers into HIS field brings about HIS convicting Hand to lead HIS people.

**LAND OPPORTUNITY-** We have come across a nice piece of land that is a few feet outside the city. Flagstaff is landlocked, and the price of what is here is astronomical. Recently we have met a man whose family owns over 100 acres of undeveloped land. He is offering 25 acres of his piece for \$700,000. This is far above what we could do, but it is something we are praying about to see if the LORD is in it. No church has land like this. A few feet from this land the city begins, and across the street from where his land starts there is 2 acres being sold for \$600,000 that is undeveloped as well. Please pray about this with us.

Pray for our Current Location situation- We are presently renting out the HI Jensen Recreation Center. It has been a hard transition as we went to this location over a year ago in May. Along with some of the challenging conditions of the Rec Center we have had a huge increase in the price that started in July. We are trying to meet with the city and see if we can get a better rate. Thank the LORD for having a place to meet, and we are very exciting in reaching and teaching people with the Gospel where we are.

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