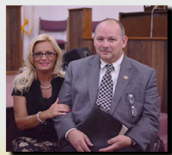


... and how shall they hear without
a preacher? – Romans 10:14

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Navajo Nation



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*"Some want to live within the sound of church or chapel bell; I want to run a rescue shop within
a yard of hell." – C.T. Studd*

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Dear Pastor, Church, Family, and Friends.

(Isaiah 55:11) "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not
return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in
the thing whereto I sent it."

...And his chains fell off from his hands." (Acts 12:7)

For about seven months, it's felt like we have been **chained**. With Ms. Patti's surgery
and extensive recovery, and me being without the ability to travel on my own,
unassisted, our ability to get out to do even the basic things seemed insurmountable at
times. Traveling to churches and doing many of the things we normally do in the mission
came almost to a standstill.

But the most important thing, the reason we serve in the Navajo mission, did **not** come
to a standstill:

The word of God.

Isaiah 55:11 reminded me daily that God's word does not return to Him void.
Circumstances may change. Plans may get interrupted. Doors may temporarily shut. We
may even find ourselves sitting somewhere we never intended to sit for as long as we
never intended to sit there.

But God's word keeps working. And oftentimes God wants to see how we will react. Will
we give up? Throw in the towel? Force something God isn't in? Or do we patiently wait
on God? Put the trial and downtime in God's hands, knowing that He isn't finished with
us, but simply waiting until the time and circumstances are in our favor.

Peter learned something about that in **Acts 12**. He was sitting in a prison cell, guarded
by soldiers and bound with heavy chains. From Peter's perspective, there wasn't much
he could do about his situation. Peter might have even felt like he was there of his own
accord, that it was a just circumstance for his past transgressions.

But, as God often does when all hope seems lost, God moved.

Acts 12:7 gives us one of those wonderfully simple statements in Scripture:

“And his chains fell off from his hands.”

I understand that verse a little differently now.

After these past seven months, Ms. Patti is improving, and she is getting stronger and more stable when she walks. The Lord used the Veterans Administration to provide me a new van with a wheelchair ramp. One I can use without assistance. I can go to the store if Ms. Patti can't go; I can take her to physical therapy; I can be there to help her for once, instead of the other way around. God has given me real independence. It's as if **the chains have fallen off!**

These many months grounded have reminded me of something I don't want to forget once the door opens back up, and mission travel gets busy.

Our mobility isn't the message. God's word is the message.

A new ramp van is a blessing. Improved physical health is a blessing. Being able to travel again in support of the mission is a blessing. But those things are simply tools and opportunities for us to serve God.

The word of God is what matters.

The ramp van will someday wear out. Our bodies will continue to age. Circumstances will change again. There will undoubtedly be other interruptions and other seasons when we feel confined. But there is one thing we can absolutely depend upon:

“So shall my word be...” (Isaiah 55:11)

God has promised that His word will accomplish what He sends it to accomplish. So now that the chains have fallen off, it's time to move. Not simply because there are places to go. But because **there is a word worth carrying**, and there are people who need to hear.

The Navajo Parade

The Navajo parade in Crownpoint, NM on July 25th took a tremendous amount of work and preparation on the part of Pastor Antonio and the folks at Whitehorse Lake Baptist Church. From everything I've been told, they worked incredibly hard preparing the parade float, and it was wonderful to hear how many of the folks came out and took part.

Although Ms. Patti and I couldn't be there personally, the Lord allowed us to have a small part in it. We were able to send around eight cases of large-print Bibles—about

148 Bibles altogether—two full-length banners for the parade float, and hundreds of Gospel tracts.

Our dear friends at Bible Baptist Book Store took care of getting everything shipped all the way to Crownpoint, and somehow it all arrived on time and in one piece! Considering the distance and logistics involved, that was a little miracle all its own!

The Lord even worked out another blessing along the way. Some dear friends of ours were traveling through New Mexico on their way to Arizona and stopped at Whitehorse Lake Baptist Church to be a blessing. They brought tracts, sang some songs, and from everything I've heard, they were a tremendous encouragement to Pastor and Mrs. Antonio and the church.

But here is the part that matters most.

By the end of the day, every one of those Bibles was gone.

Nearly 150 Bibles were placed into **hands**—Bibles that were carried away from that parade and taken back into **homes** across the Navajo Nation. Our prayer is that the words printed on those pages will not only find a place in their homes but will become **cemented in their hearts**.

Every Gospel tract was passed out.

And best of all, **seven precious souls received the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior!**

(Isaiah 55:11) “So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.”

God said His word would not return void—and once again, we watched Him prove His word true.

We may never know this side of Heaven everything God accomplished through those Bibles and Gospel tracts that day. We don't know where every Bible went, who is reading one tonight, what home life condition it is sitting in, or whose heart the Holy Spirit may still use it to reach.

But this much we know: **The word went forth. The word of God was placed into waiting hands. The Gospel of Jesus Christ was proclaimed. And seven precious souls trusted Christ and were saved!** And God's word **did not return void**. It accomplished that which He pleased, and it prospered in the thing whereto He sent it.

Ms. Patti and I are simply thankful that, even from a distance, the Lord allowed us to have a small part in putting His word into the hands of people who needed it. And we know that our effort would be impossible without your prayers, encouragement, support, and love for the Navajo Mission. We are grateful and humbled by your generosity for this work. **You encourage us to push forward!!**

Prayer Request

1. Ms. Patti's recovery. We ask for continued prayer on these issues.
2. **PRAYER ANSWERED!!** - The Veterans Administration helped me get a specially equipped, wheelchair-accessible van. We are praying God uses it for His glory! And that folks will see the power of God in my weakness and frailty. **(II Cor. 12:8-10)**
3. **We want to put 1000 Bibles into hands, homes, and hearts on Navajo Nation in 2027**
4. Please pray for Bro. Lopez and his wife. They have some very special prayer requests.
5. Please keep Pastor Jerry and Ms. Vilorina Antonia & family on your prayer lists!! We are so grateful to God for their steadfast effort, example, and desire to bring God's word to the souls of the Navajo Nation.
6. **We thank God for Pastor Peacock.** Please continue to pray for him. We are grateful that God has given us such a wonderful Pastor, teacher, advisor, and friend.

Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

Sincerely in Christ

Dave and Patti Yocom



