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Mark & Gina Morris

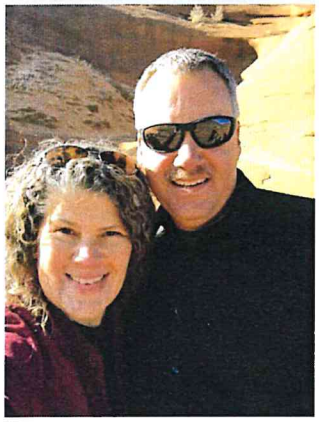
Serving Native Americans in New Mexico
Thanksgiving/Christmas 2021

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10

HAPPY THANKSGIVING AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!

We pray you all will have a blessed Holiday season. We are so grateful for each one of you!

We're looking forward to spending time with our kids between Thanksgiving and the New Year, celebrating all the Lord has done for us in the last year and all He will do in the future.



We are so grateful the Lord continues to use us here on the Navajo Reservation. It has been so good to see relationships develop and deepen over the years, allowing us to speak Christ into the lives of, now, dear friends and encouraging them in their faith. One of these friends, because of Mark's discipling him, is preaching and teaching in three Navajo churches. He is reaching people with the Gospel in his own language. ***Pray for John as he says, "I'm not very good at speaking and reading my own language, but I know God can help me."*** Before Mark discipled him, he wouldn't have thought about getting up in front of people to share the Word of God.

God has opened the door for Mark to start discipling the grandson of one of the ladies Gina has done Bible studies and sewing with. He is hungry to learn more about God and His Word. ***Pray for Mark and "E" as they study together; for Mark for wisdom and discernment, and "E" as he grows and absorbs God's Word.***

We're praising the Lord for opening the doors for Gina to start a women's Bible study again in the New Year. The ladies are finally comfortable meeting and are longing to fellowship together. ***Pray for Gina as she shares Scripture and encourages each lady in the Word.*** She's also hoping to resume sewing classes in the New Year as well.

We praise the Lord for the relationships Mark has with the Navajo Nation police department and the ways the Lord continues to use him to help the officers and staff. Recently Mark was called out to an officer-involved shooting to counsel with the officer to see how he was doing. Thankfully the officer was safe and unharmed, but Mark could hear in his voice that he was struggling. The officer told Mark, "I signed up to help people, not harm them." Thankfully the suspects were caught and will recover. ***Please pray for the officer involved, that he'll get the counseling needed and be able to get back to the job he loves soon. Pray also for his walk with the Lord to deepen as he walks through this trial.***

We praise the Lord for time away at a marriage retreat. It was a time of renewing our relationship with each other as nearly empty-nesters and also a time in which we were able to speak into the lives of younger married couples, encouraging them in their walk together and in the Lord.

Please continue to pray for us as Mark fills in as pulpit supply. We're grateful the Lord has supplied a Native pastor for one of the churches he's been filling in for. ***Pray also as Mark has been approached with several opportunities to talk with First Responders and their departments about mental health and on-the-job stresses.***

Pray for us as we look back over our ministry remembering what the Lord has done, but pray also as we look forward to what He will do. Pray for us to seek Him with our whole heart, to serve Him as He would have us to in 2022.

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