

Manny & Kate

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## TO THE NAVAJO

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*"It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness." ~Lam. 3:22-23*

Dear friends and fellow laborers,

It's hard to believe that my wife and I are in our sixth month of living on the reservation! Already there have been great spiritual victories and some moments of opposition. But, for the most part, we have been learning what everyday life is like here, as we run different ministries. One of the biggest recent praises we have is the successful start of Strong Hold Baptist Academy! We have 13 students (from K-12th grade). Beside the school ministry, we have had two preaching conferences to attend as a church and a ladies retreat. There were at least 20 from Strong Hold attending the preaching conferences and the Lord blessed our meetings.

With the busyness of life here, Kate and I have found ourselves getting tired. This is not new to us in ministry, but I mention this to share how often we have paused and thanked the Lord for His perfect timing, His timely rest, and His sustaining grace. Speaking of perfect timing, previously I had shared a prayer request for a van route vehicle. Unbeknownst to me, God had already provided another van before Kate and I arrived in May. It was gifted to Strong Hold by another missionary. After we ran a 6-hour pickup run and the pastor and a few church members completed some maintenance, the van was affectionately named "Stubby". Stubby is now assigned to one of the three van routes as we cover the Pinon area for pickups and soulwinning.

### **Kate's Column: Mud-Bogging Adventures**

*When the rains come, the roads often turn to mud and become unreliable. As a result, the public schools often close for heavy rain (the school buses use the dirt roads). Being new to the Rez rainy season, we did not cancel school for a heavy storm that came through recently. We learned our lesson! Bro. Manny got stuck that morning, and the school boys helped him get unstuck. They all came to school with muddy boots, and very wet! On the way home with a school girl (after we decided a half-day was wise), I lost traction in the mud and slid off the road. Praise the Lord I wasn't going very fast and the bank and ditch were shallow. I got back up on the road and we made it safely to the girl's house, but I took the long way home to avoid that particular mud hole!*

Thank you for your continued prayers for our safety. Recently, a man who was intoxicated threw a hammer at the church during a service. Then, while dropping two ladies off after service, I saw someone running behind her house and evidence of an attempted break-in. While walking the property for their safety, I spotted the same guy and tried to speak calmly to de-escalate the situation, but he only responded with more anger and violence, eventually throwing a large stick at the church van and breaking the windshield. We are grateful for God's protection, and that the police came to arrest him.

Please see the "At a Glance" section for praises and prayer requests.

For the harvest,  
Manny and Kate Jimenez

## at a Glance

### Praises:

- Someone gave the church a van for running routes!
- Substitute teaching in Ganado Baptist Bible College
- Smooth school start
- Several students have expressed interest in learning an instrument
- God's protection from drunks and muddy roads

### Prayer Requests:

- Continued safety
- More riders on our Low Mountain van route
- Prep for evangelistic Christmas Program



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