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Just a quick note: the Mexico Mission trip went well and will be covered in the next regular newsletter.

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To unite the Christian community in mission ministry through providing opportunities for education, information, and practical mission experiences locally, nationally, and internationally.

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FAITHWORKS' CHRISTMAS EDITION

NEWSLETTER

Christmas 2010

A NAVAJO NOEL ...

In the land of beautiful handmade woven rugs and crafted colorful turquoise jewelry, over 200,000 of our Native American friends spread out across Northern Arizona. We have partners there in Christian endeavor. Pastors Dean and Lola Bahe shepherd the little flock of Navajo Christians at Grand Falls near Leupp, 23 miles north of Flagstaff.

Each Christmas, it's our annual tradition to send a mission team to help them in their life and ministry on the _____ Reservation. So, in this, our third year, on Saturday, December 4th, 48 missionaries from as far away as Scottsdale, Lakeside and Kingman, Arizona, representing eight different churches arrived at the mission site, "blessed to be a blessing" - providing Santa with nearly 300 new Christmas gifts—toys for the children—warm clothing items for the seniors. We also supplied close to \$2000 in donated building fix-up tools and supplies, using our morning hours for repairing four different homes and the church building itself. Sixteen of the missionaries were from youth groups of two churches in Flagstaff, experiencing their very first mission on an Indian Reservation.

When Santa showed up after a noon shared meal and worship services, he had an abundance of gifts, more than HE could give away. So much so, that now Pastor Dean and Lola can keep on passing out these generous gifts to kids and seniors to other needy far-flung parts of the reservation.

One dear friend and former fellow missionary there last year could not attend. In lieu of that, and in conjunction with his recent birthday celebration, he had asked all his friends and family to give Christmas gifts to the Navajo kids instead of birthday gifts for himself. Thank you Jerry!!

What a great way to enjoy the Spirit of Christmas and celebrate "A Navajo Noel."

On Mission With You and a Very Merry Christmas!,

Glen Allen,
Executive Director, Faithworks





The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 26:40

To see these and more pictures of the Navajo mission trip IN COLOR, visit www.faithworksphotos1.shutterfly.com



Grand Falls missionary Dean Bahe starts the service.



Many house projects...new shingles (above left), trenching and new siding (above), painting outhouses (right), youth ready to paint fascia (below right), and constructing a shade porch (left). Most are still awaiting completion, and others, like this water-damaged ceiling (below), have yet to be started. Opportunities abound for any group that feels lead to continue with this work.



The Christmas party had elves and hundreds of gifts (right), Santa Claus distributing gifts to the children (below right), and for the first time, gifts of coats and other warm clothes for the older community members (below).



Missionary Lola Bahe (above in back) and her family show us how to make fry bread. Girls from the Grand Falls community enjoy the result (below).



Pete Piper, Spencer Bahe and his fiancée share a laugh.



After the gift giving, cupcakes are served. Yum!



Lunch made by the Grand Falls community is served.



The children so enjoyed receiving and opening their gifts. The boy on the left spent some time feeding his new dinosaur a candy cane. The cowboy on the right was all smiles.

