

NAVAJO MISSIONS TRIP 2009

■ On March 26, 2009 nine members of the Cornerstone Fellowship Church of God (Pure Water Ministry and the Keep the Promise band) in Hampton set out for the Navajo Nation to be the messages of the Good News. Their first stop was Window Rock AZ. where they set up camp in the dorm of the Four Corners Native American Ministry's Window Rock head quarters. Then on to Fort Defiance where Youth Exposition 2009 took place on Friday night and Saturday afternoon. The Pure Water Ministry team ministered to over 250 youth for the two day event.

Pastor Jason Cook with his church missionary Becky Holland, Keep the Promise band, Isabelle Tripp, Jean Melson, youth leaders Sarah Woolsey and Tim Holston helped God rock the house with great music, funny live videos, and inspired declarations of the Word of God. Many young people gave their hearts to Christ and many others rededicated their lives to Jesus Christ.

Both nights had the youth up and dancing and just



praising Jesus Christ! The event took some by surprise due to the fact that they are not accustomed to seeing believers have fun in the Lord. The joy of the Lord was all around them and they received it with great gladness.

Most of these young people live a far different life than our youth. They live everyday with alcohol abuse, drug addiction and many of their parents have no jobs and no hope. The school drop out rate is unbelievably high. Suicide and teen pregnancy run out of control on the reservation. Many of the homes on the reservation have no running water or electricity.

God has called all believers in Christ to go and feed His sheep . . . and that the missionary team did! The Navajo people have such a need to be loved and The Pure Water Missionary Team did just that—they shared God's unending love to them. The young people on the reservation were so excited each day that their energy level fed the team to keep going. Before the team left the reservation Navajo leaders were already planning

the trip for next year in Shiprock.

If Friday and Saturday was not enough God was telling the team that He had even more planned for them. On Sunday morning God took the team to Sawmill, a small town on the mountain outside of Fort Defiance that looked like a third world country. The church's only heat source was a big pot belly stove in the back of the church. The church was full . . . standing room only and God was right in the middle of it! The team not only had a very spirit filled worship service but they had some of the best Navajo tacos one would want to eat. As poor as the people of the church were, they wanted to feed the team and what a wonderful meal it was. It gave the team time to fellowship and to love on the children of the church. After lunch the team gave out bags of food that Cornerstone Fellowship had raised the money for by collecting pocket change each Sunday. The Navajo people live on fry bread, coffee, pinto beans and potatoes so they were very happy for the bags of food that they call "sheep herders special!"

Across the dirt road outside the church was a pit bull fighting ring and a man with a rifle walking down the road in front of that house. Not too far away from the church was an old broken down trailer with eight children living in it and a mother on drugs and alcohol. In the middle of all of this is the Pastor and his family with this little church that is being fueled by the Holy Spirit to win this community for Christ.

Cornerstone Fellowship thanks God each day that He has chosen us to be His hands and feet.

