

Hi Missionaries!

Just wanted to say "Hi" and share God's blessings with you!

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What an AMAZING five months we have been blessed with as we have followed God in ways we never dreamed possible! From God's strong calling December 3, 2016, on our Tohatchi Christmas Mission trip, to Adam applying for the Emergency Management Coordinator for McKinley County December 6, 2016. From the long wait, to February 13, 2017, interview and job offer, to God selling both homes within hours of being placed on the market, to God providing Tim and I a home hours before our Lubbock house sold February 18, 2017. From packing, as fast as possible, to loading the UHaul March 8 then resting 1.5 hours before we drove out of Lubbock at 0200 (2 am) March 9 and drove to Gallup, NM. We parked our UHaul at our soon to be new-to-us house, went and moved utilities into our name, did a walk through with the realtor at 1200 and signed papers at 1400. First trip to Home Depot, then off to pick up the house keys and start the move in! Tim and I worked quickly unloading and unpacking. The next thing I know the sun is coming up and I'm still working. Huge thanks to Danny Sanders, who pulled our other trailer, Ken Miller and Matthew Lowrie who all helped finish unloading the truck and the trailer that Friday, March 10! A special thank you to Andy O'Neill and Cheryl Sanders with their crew as they painted our garage for us! Continuing to work at a crazy fast pace we were in good shape on Saturday, when Adam, Leslie, Abbylee (4 yo) and Casen (2 yo) arrived to live with us until they found a house. Let's not forget Skrappy, the 77 lb lapdog, and Smokey, the 15 lb climbing cat, our two grandpaws we really do love. What a special time that we were blessed with for 7 weeks of all of us living together. God provided a beautiful home about 10 houses down from ours for Adam, Leslie, Abbylee and Casen, plus the grandpaws and they moved in a week ago. God provided Leslie with a great job at a home health care here in town and she just started that new job. God just has done miracle after miracle throughout this process and there just isn't room to tell it all!

God's purpose for us being here has just been so evident from the beginning! We asked Pastor Aaron Jim what we could do to help him. He asked if we could provide breakfast before church and do some weekly cleaning of restrooms and the church each week. We were happy to do all of those things! It has been so fun cooking breakfast each week and helping around the church. Our church family loves sausage links, sausage biscuits, bacon, gravy, biscuits, pancakes, hash browns, eggs, breakfast burritos, Sunny D, grapes, oranges, and other fruit. Adam and Leslie have helped with the blue van route, which Jeanette usually drives, after church a few times and I have learned the brown van route, which Aaron Jr usually drives. Andy and Viveca Tsosie, who make the beautiful pottery, take care of the van route to Naschitti and A.D. does the pick up at Buffalo Springs (Calvary calls it El Paso).

God has blessed us with the opportunity to do a variety of things. One day Pastor Aaron asked Tim to take the white van to Gallup and get an estimate to get the front end fixed and after an estimate of over \$2,200 the white van has been parked. Another day, Tim and I took sack lunches to a mom and daughter who would be going to Albuquerque for the daughter to have medical tests done and they needed the food for the trip. One Saturday morning, Tim & I, along with the grandkids (Adam & Leslie had to go to Lubbock to close on their house) met Pastor Aaron, A.D. and Lynette at a home in Tohatchi to help secure a porch roof that had broken and fallen. We had fun in the snow that morning. The day before Easter, Pastor Aaron

was very ill and asked Tim to preach the sunrise service and Aaron Jr to preach the 1000 service. What a blessing to hear God's Word preached from my husband. Tim has done some handyman jobs around the church which have been very helpful! Abbylee is making friends with several of the children, sits in church with friends, and loves going to Sunday School with "Sweets" Andie Tsosie, her teacher. Andie is the adult daughter of Andy and Viveca Tsosie. Casen had a great conversation with Ms. Priscilla and Mr. Daniel at church Sunday. His job is to just be cute. Tim and Adam plan to fix a shower in the next few weeks. We got to host our first non-family guests. Thank you to Cory, Jeremy and Glenn for helping Adam and Leslie move! Leslie and I will be attending and helping with the women's conference at the end of May hosted by a mission team. Ms. Priscilla texts Leslie and me almost every day with sweet thoughts.

The realities of hardships have reared their ugly heads as we have been with hurting people. One night Pastor Aaron called and said he had a young lady that needed to talk and asked if they could come over. They were in Gallup. We welcomed them into our home. The young lady was hallucinating and scared. She was searching for God. We finally took her to the ER and it confirmed what we thought-she was high on meth. After several hours in the ER coming down, we finally brought her to our home again for a little while, took her to breakfast, filled a RX for a medical need and drove her home to Arizona about an hour away. God was so present during that time with all of us and He wanted that young lady to come to Him so much. It was so interesting that when she hallucinating at our home she said the faces and other things she was seeing couldn't come into our home, they were staying outside and she saw them through the window. Everywhere else, they were right there with her. God was truly there. Please pray for TJ. I received a phone call another day asking if I could call JJ. I called and knew she needed love, support and most of all, God. She was "buzzed" on alcohol so the conversation was quite interesting. One minute I was sharing about Jesus and His love for us to the point He died on the cross for us and the next minute she was talking about President Trump. She is searching so hard for God, but she is so confused. She is deeply rooted in the traditional Navajo ways, including peyote, yet she knows there is something better, but she doesn't know how to let go of the "booze" and follow the one true God. She is truly an artisan. Her jewelry is well known and she also weaves rugs. The picture I saw of her current rug weaving is beautiful and she says once she is finished (she's been working for 1.5 years and isn't half finished) she will sell it for \$10,000. She came to Tohatchi Baptist during Spring Break and two of our mission team ladies talked to her. We're trying to get her back to church where she says she felt more love than anywhere her entire life, but at the last minute excuses keep coming up. Please pray for JJ. One evening I received a text from JB. She felt like God was punishing her and she was feeling hopeless with everything that was going wrong. We texted for a while and I texted her a devotion. By the end of our "conversation" she was feeling better. Please pray for JB as her husband is very traditional and she is trying to follow Christ and teach her kids about Christ. They come to church sometimes. One afternoon, I stopped by Home Depot on my way to Wednesday evening church service at Tohatchi and in the parking lot I met a lady I'll call C. She was "buzzed" on alcohol and was so hungry. I took her to McDonald's across the street and got her supper. She asked for a ride so I was going to take her. She started asking me to go farther than I could take her so then she decided to stay in Gallup. I still feel terrible about letting her out in the parking lot of her choice. She was so confused and searching for God. I prayed with her before she got out of the car and she cried. Leslie and Abbylee made friends with a neighbor and her daughter down the street. They haven't been in town long and haven't made friends yet so Leslie and Abbylee are

enjoying spending time with them. Adam is really enjoying his job and learning a great deal of how the reservations interact with government agencies.

We have all done some exploring around Gallup and discovered even more beauty than we imagined! We found out that just past Ft Wingate there is Cibola National Forest-15 minutes from our home! Tim, Adam and Leslie have discovered that Zuni bread baked in the outdoor ovens tastes great! When a sign says that the road is not maintained and you drive at your own risk, they aren't kidding! Our Yukon did a great job pretending it was a jeep If you drive past Window Rock, you drive through a forest until you get to Ganado. Saturday mornings about 0800 are perfect for shopping Walmart-everything is stocked completely and the people haven't made it to town yet.

God continues to bless! Thank you for your prayers! Please continue to pray for our friends and for us as we seek God's wisdom and guidance of how to help our friends. We have 2 available bedrooms plus floor space for air mattresses and sleeping bags plus we're getting a tankless water heater so you'll have plenty of hot water, so please just let us know when you are coming and we'll be ready! There's always something we can do to help our friends here.

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