



Maiorano Minutes

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Life In a World of Isolation

There is an unnerving foreboding that looms around us. The world as we knew it is no more. There has been smoke on the horizon for months from fires that burn all around us in CO, AZ, NM, CA, ID, and NV. Sunrises and sunsets have an eerie red glow almost every day, and it is commonplace for both the sun and moon to appear red because of the smoke filled air. There have been days that we couldn't go outside until the smoke lifted because it was stifling.

For 30 years we have lived along highway 264 with an estimated 5000+ vehicles that travel this road everyday. It is the lifeline between Window Rock and Gallup. There are days that we have two to three times that many vehicles preparing for the stillness that will follow as the Navajo Nation, to the west, locks down every weekend from Friday night until Monday morning. During the week there is a curfew between 8 PM to 5 AM. This has gone on for months. The Navajo people feel as though they are prisoners.

People have asked us, "Is Covid affecting you?" It isn't affecting us as much as the people to whom we minister. We are not on the reservation nor are we in Gallup, the two worst affected areas in the United States (per capita). We may not have as high of numbers, but we don't have as many people either. We have been in the news because of the devastation in this area. Why? Lifestyle choices and extremely poor health. There is a large number of people from the reservation that hitch a ride to Gallup, drink for a week or two, pick up the virus from others in the same condition (and there are thousands of them in Gallup) and then they hitch a ride home and bring the virus to the their families (many generations under the same roof, living together in a "camp" of 20 or more), friends, and communities. Scores of infections and deaths are the result.

We have lived through the shut down of Gallup. This is only the second time in history that a city has been shut down under the riot act. We got a front row seat to all that entailed as Jimmy played a large roll in the operation. The Gallup shut down and this whole Covid/demonstrations/violence world we live in, has placed a tremendous burden on him. He desires to serve God and be a light to his community through these difficult times.

So where are we in all of this? Technically, we weren't part of the shut downs; however, most of the people that are part of our Sunday Fellowship and Monday night studies are being affected. They can't come off the reservation on Sunday, and Monday nights they need to be home by 8 PM, so praise the Lord for Zoom! There have been several of our students who have been hospitalized with the virus, some have lost relatives, some have been quarantined, some are ministering to people in their lives who are losing loved ones.

Personally Jim and I and our family are healthy. We believe that Jim and I, Jimmy, Angel, and Tommy had gotten the virus back in December and January. Jeremy and his family have been untouched by the virus. During this time we have continued Bible studies for the people close by and people who have joined us from seven states. The videos of class have been uploaded to Vimeo, and we have people accessing these videos from many different countries. People are searching for God's Word in these troubling days. Praise the Lord for the technology that allows His Word to go forth. We continue to work with Kevin as he expands his ministry and begins recording in Navajo and making recordings available to the elderly and translating some materials for GRN (Global Recording Networks). God is opening up other possibilities for ministry as our area begins to open up to group gatherings again. We will share those plans in our next letter.



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God's Answers to Prayer

1. We are thankful for continued health and strength as we strive to run the race that God has set forth for us.
2. We continue to receive more contacts for our classes on Sunday mornings and Monday evenings. Again we are thankful for the ability to continue our meetings with Zoom while living in this world of social distancing, curfews and lock-downs. We look forward to the face-to-face, but rejoice that we still have the opportunity to meet together to study God's Word!
3. We are thankful for the opportunities that we have had to continue to be involved in people's lives through counseling, tutoring, gardening, health, and animals. We enjoy being able to answer questions and help people in various ways.
4. We were blessed by what we were able to grow this year in the garden. Gardening is now done since our temps are in the teens at night.
5. I enjoyed some time away in FL visiting with my mom and sister. This yearly event has come to mean a lot to us.

Please Pray For the Following . . .

1. The fires that surround us. We know people that are close to the fires, even some in the possible evacuation areas. There are many here whose relatives are fighting the fires or in the path of the fires.
2. Many of our students and/or friends and family of our students have been sick or hospitalized because of Covid. Every week we had prayer requests for those people who were ill or had passed away. There is not a family that hasn't been affected.
3. Please pray for Jimmy and Angel. With all that is going on in the world, this has been a stressful time for Jimmy in the Sheriff's Department.
4. Please continue to pray for Jeremy and the kids. We pray for healing and strength as they adjust to changes in their lives. Right now Jeremy and Aubri are sharing equal time with the children.
5. That we continue to seek God's direction in the areas of service to which He has called us.
6. Kevin's ministry to his community and the church.



Yes, our grandparentness
is showing



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