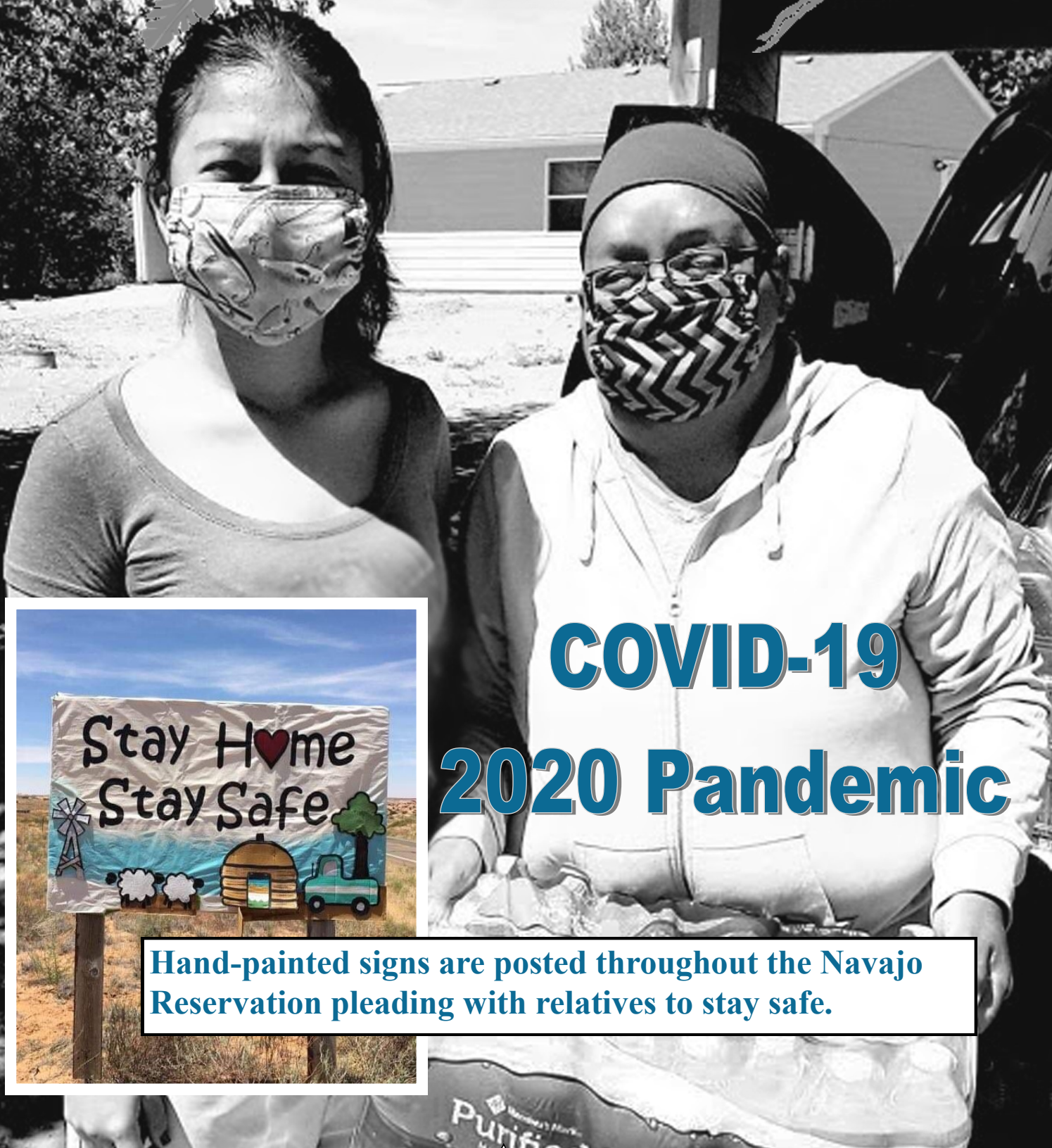


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**COVID-19**

**2020 Pandemic**



Hand-painted signs are posted throughout the Navajo Reservation pleading with relatives to stay safe.



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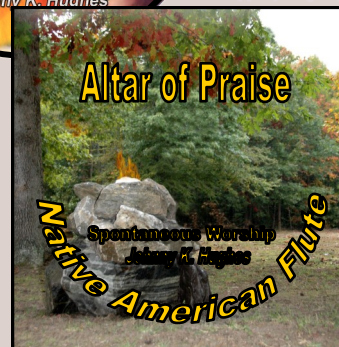
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On Sunday, March 15, I stood before the congregation at the Community Fellowship Church in Hammon, Oklahoma. Pastor Dolan Ivey had asked me to close the service and pray over the community concerning the COVID-19 pandemic that was apparently all over the news. I say apparently, because when we are in Hammon, we seldom see or hear much news concerning “the outside world.”

I remember the Holy Spirit began to pray through me and we took authority over the impending wave that was on the horizon. We bound the ill effects of the virus for the Hammon community, and declared “whatsoever is bound on earth, shall be bound in Heaven.”

Following that day, little did we know how our lives were about to change. How the ministry of Indian Ministries of North America was about to have to adapt to a new way of fulfilling our call and commission.

We began to hear words like quarantine...social distancing...lockdown...stay home...curfew. Then we started hearing toilet paper shortage...Lysol gone...meat counters empty...PPE shortage...coin shortage...no cash transactions. Retail stores closed...restaurants closed...even Walmart closed at times and shortened their hours. What was happening? The economy began to crash...unemployment reached all-time highs...countries began to blame each other... politics raised it’s ugly head, and things began to get really messy. This invisible enemy was attacking everywhere and everyone -- COVID 19.

The Native American communities were a little behind in their outbreaks, but when it came, it came with a vengeance. Due to the high volume of homes without running water and the multi-generational households, sanitizing and distancing is difficult. The Navajo Nation quickly shot to the top of the charts per capita in the U.S., passing New York.

We began to hear reports of entire families contracting the virus and in many cases, most of them dying. At last count over 35 Navajo ministers have died from the virus and many church congregations have been devastated.

Among the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, we saw all of our adult leaders in our mentoring program infected with the virus. The numbers quickly increased and some friends of IMNA lost their battle, but we saw most of them recover.

The face of ministry has changed. The body of Christ has been pushed to find new ways to spread the Gospel outside of the four walls. The stage became virtual, but reaching more than ever before. The year 2020, what a year so far, but God is still in control and we must be ready for the **AWAKENING!**

**TO GOD BE THE GLORY!**

**QUARANTINE**





# FOCUS

# VBS 2020

Vacation Bible School at Grace Point Ministry Center in Hammon, Oklahoma, was a real success, despite the fear and uncertainties that have dominated the year 2020.

Since Hammon had zero cases of COVID, we were able to minister to 37 kids during the week of July 13-17. Lead by Tim Burton, and his team from the Summit Church of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, the children learned how to keep their minds focused on Jesus. This was a timely teaching for the kids, especially in the time

that we are living. The children also learned how to pray and listen for the voice of God, and they were challenged to find someone to pray with at home.

One child prayed for healing during the teaching time and said the pain in his body left. He was amazed that God would really hear him and answer.



**ABOVE:** Remote mentoring projects. Covered wagon kit.  
**BELOW:** Katelynn does her "quarantine artwork."



TEACHING  
CRAFTS  
FUN TIME



## Conehatta, Mississippi

Following the COVID outbreak and the stay-at-home orders for TN and MS, the Impact Warriors face-to-face mentoring had to change. We began to do

remote mentoring and online mentoring. Mentors contacted families for counseling and connecting with the youth. In the photos, our last project as a group was learning to build a candy dispenser.





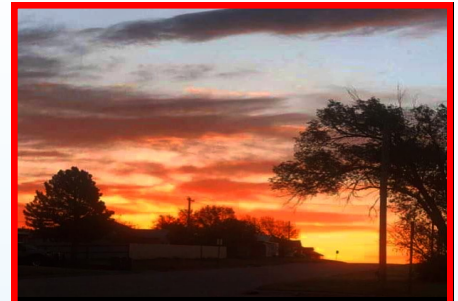
# CAMP TUESDAY



Hammon, Oklahoma



Before our in-person mentoring had to halt, Betty Eaton and Myrna Chambers were teaching some of the girls to sew. They learned how to hand-stitch pillows; as well as, learning the basics of the sewing machine. The girls did a great job! Looking forward to their next project!



**ABOVE:** Remote mentoring projects. Take a picture of a sunrise or sunset. **BELOW:** Malaina wins best looking airplane paint job.



Camp Tuesday mentoring has gone remote and online. A dropbox was placed at Grace Point for the youth to pick up weekly projects. Also, a private Facebook page was started to help with connecting with the youth.



Johnny Hughes and Mia Martinez assist two of the youth from Hammon, Oklahoma in building their own candy dispenser.



# Navajo Nation Slammed by COVID

When the COVID-19 virus reached the Navajo Nation, it did not take long for the pandemic to slam into high gear, spreading like a summertime wildfire. What started with one family attending a tent revival soon was impacting an entire Nation.

It did not take long for Navajo to be the statistical leader per capita for cases in the United States, surpassing New York and New Jersey. The reports soon began to pour in about shortages of food and clean drinking water.

It was at this time that IMNA partnered with our friends at Navajo H2O, along with other friends, and we began to ship and deliver supplies to the Navajo people. To date, we have been able to provide over \$25,000 worth of aide to region.

IMNA reached out to several of our friends and pastors, encouraging them, praying with them, and assuring them that God was still in control. Some of those long-time friends lost their battle with this disease, and we continue to pray for emotional healing for families.

Thousands of cases, hundreds of deaths, but the faith and the resilience of the Navajo people will once again bring them through tragedy and hardship. They are True Warriors!



**PICTURED ABOVE:** A young Navajo lady was under quarantine and awaiting the test results. Due to having been exposed, she would miss a full two weeks of work. NH2O took her and her household, which includes her two elderly parents, ten cases of water and a large food box. These included hot tea and juice, vitamins and some of their favorite foods, like mac and cheese donated by IMNA. (Her test came back negative)



Navajo youth with their family food box



**PICTURED ABOVE:** A Navajo Pastor's wife, and outreach minister for Navajo H2O states, "I talk to them and I tell them if they need water to go to the Chapter house, but they tell me there is no water there. They said the only place to get water was from this church. (Navajo H2O) The Pastor's wife prays with the families and speaks to them in Navajo, to find out what they need and how we can help.

**PICTURE RIGHT:** IMNA Director, Johnny Hughes, with the Driggers family following a delivery of fresh produce, food boxes, new children's clothing, diapers, and other hygiene items to the Navajo Nation.







The Navajo H2O team assembled care boxes, combining the donated goods received from IMNA with other nonperishable items. Included with these deliveries were cases of fresh drinking water, organic vitamins, hygiene products, canned and boxed foods and rice. Most boxes were delivered via no physical contact drop off to Navajo families under quarantine and curfew.



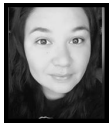
Davanna Driggers, above left, continues to supply food, essentials, and especially clean drinking water to the Navajo people.



IMNA partnered with our good friend, Darren Nez, in Shiprock, NM, to help with food for some of the families in his area.







Mia Martinez

## *In Times Like These*

**Y**ou are not just existing. You are not just breathing. "Just" means only, and there is so much more to you. If this season isn't looking like you thought it would, and you're not sure how you'll make it through, your strength to take this day by day is one of the most miraculous things you could ever do. It might not feel like it in the moment, and that's okay. It takes a lot—a lot—to be human, and to make the most of this existence when the burden of your struggles strains your mind, body, and heart. So the fact that you have made it this far means something. You are strong in a billion subtle ways, and I just hope you can remember that in seasons like this, on days like today. You have been through so much, and you have been strong, anyway.

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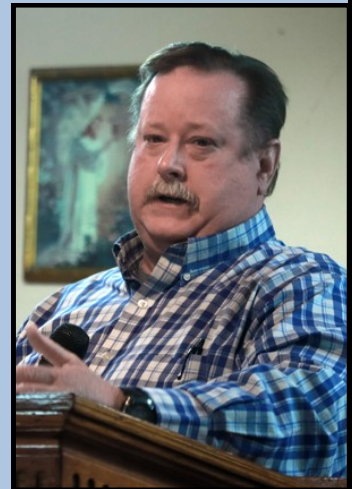
## **NAVAJO REVIVAL**

One of the last stops we made before everything shut down was to the Navajo Nation. We had revival services at the Pentecostal Church of God in Iyanbito, New Mexico, and the Window Rock United Methodist Church in Window Rock, Arizona. We saw a powerful move of God in the services, and several other churches

expressed their desire to have an IMNA team come for future services. Pray for the health of the Navajo people.



**ABOVE:** Christopher Hughes ministers in song at the Pentecostal Church of God in Iyanbito, New Mexico.



**ABOVE:** Tim Melton ministers the Word at the Pentecostal Church of God in Iyanbito, New Mexico.



**ABOVE:** Darren Nez leads worship at the Window Rock Methodist Church



**RIGHT:** Pastor Patricia Joe leads Navajo hymns



# Melton Joins IMNA Board of Directors



**TIM MELTON**

Indian Ministries of North America is honored to announce the addition of Tim Melton as a member of our current Board of Directors. Tim comes to us as a fourth generation minister called and commissioned by the Lord to serve others. He has dedicated his life to soul winning, discipling, and growing relationships on a day-to-day every environment basis.

He has operated in the marketplace for many years and successfully navigated the delicate balance between business and religion. “I have found that the greatest testimony of all is a disciplined lifestyle and a genuine love for others that changes the hearts and minds of those God puts in your path,” states Melton. It is in this way that he has been blessed to win many hundreds to the Lord both in the church and on the warehouse floor.

Melton serves as a law enforcement chaplain, and has encountered many whose beliefs were contrary to him and even hostile at times, but through genuine love and concern, with the help of the Holy Spirit, he was able to break down the barriers and minister to them on a level that reached their soul without offense.

Currently, Melton serves as the pastor of the Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church in Cherokee, North Carolina, where he has been since 2015, and is the Founder and CEO of Financial Security Solutions, Inc., a nonprofit organization serving 18 counties in Western North Carolina.

“We are excited to have Tim join with the organizational team of Indian Ministries. He has been a good friend and comrade in the ministry of reaching our Native American people,” states Johnny Hughes, Executive Director of IMNA. “He brings a strength in project management, financial reporting, strategic planning, and team building, as well as his knowledge of the Word and ability to teach and train.”



**Dr. Troy Dailey**  
**1961-2020**

Dr. Troy Dailey went home to be with our Heavenly Father on July 22, 2020, following a battle with the COVID-19 virus.

Dailey was elected to serve a new term as a member of the Indian Ministries of North America’s Board of Directors in February. He was first elected to serve on the Board in 2013.

He was also a Pastoral Advisor to President Donald J. Trump; as well as, a Pastor to many through Dr. Troy Dailey Ministries.

“Dr. Troy and his family are very special to Indian Ministries of North America, and we will miss the fellowship, advice, and brotherly love of this true man of God,” states Johnny Hughes, “Please continue to remember his wife, Teresa, daughters, Kristen and Tori, and the entire family in your prayers.”



# Water is Life

*“When the well is dry, we know the worth of water.”*

*-Benjamin Franklin*



Clean water is key for a quality life. Life is substantially influenced by this one vital resource, and without water, no living organism can exist. Without it, life is challenged and struggles to remain healthy.

The Navajo Nation, which encompasses parts of New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, and Colorado, have a severe shortage of clean water. With over 200,000 people living on the tribal lands, approximately 40% of households do not have running water, this according to the Navajo Nation President’s office.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Navajo quickly catapulted to the top of the statistics board. They became the most impacted region in the United States, per capita, even greater than New York.

This was largely due to the lack of clean drinking water and water for sanitizing. A large portion of illnesses can be linked to poor water and sanitation conditions. Much of the ground water and wells on the Navajo Nation are contaminated by decades of uranium mining.

Indian Ministries of North America was able to assist in building the capacity of Navajo H2O ministries and their effort to supply clean drinking water to the Navajo people, with the assistance of the Leadership Foundations’ COVID Relief Fund, along with various churches and individual donors.

Under the leadership of Davanna Driggers, Navajo H2O has been delivering water to the remote areas of the Reservation. To date, IMNA has been able to supply over 10,000 bottles of drinking water for distribution. “We are so very thankful to God and IMNA for the much-needed resources, especially life-giving, life-sustaining, safe drinking water,” stated Driggers.



***This couple stopped by NH2O searching for food and water. Thank God we had food and cases of water provided by IMNA. The man in the picture recently lost his 35 year old son to COVID-19.***



**LEADERSHIP  
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SOCIO-SPIRITUAL URBAN TRANSFORMATION





**PLUSH FOR COMFORT**

In February, Johnny Hughes, IMNA Executive Director, makes a donation of new stuffed animals to the Navajo Nation Police Department in Window Rock, Arizona. These will be given to the children during stressful situations to help calm their anxiety.



**Thank you to World Vision, North Texas for their support of IMNA.**

**ABOVE:** Produce boxes for COVID relief in Oklahoma and the Navajo Nation.

**RIGHT:** Backpacks to support the homeless in Gallup, NM, and diapers for families impacted by COVID-19.



**BELOW:** New toilets and sinks for the Community Fellowship Church's new youth facility in Hammon, OK.



**Pastor drove five hours, round trip, to pick up supplies for his congregation and community in Arizona.**





**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE  
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