Mark & Gina Morris

Serving Native Americans in New Mexico

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"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

Our dear prayer warriors, We are so grateful for you! February marks the beginning of our 14th year on the field as missionaries to the Navajo people. Without your prayers, financial support and the Lord's calling, we wouldn't be here. Our ministry has changed over the years as we've grown in the Him and adapted to His plans. What started out as mostly a church leadership/children's ministry has morphed into one-on-one discipleships, especially now with many things being shut down because of the virus. We are thankful for the Lord's continued guidance as He uses us to expand and grow His kingdom even in the midst of many trials and tribulations!

God is good ALL the time! All the time God is good!

Our family (left to right)—Kristin & Efrain Saune, Melissa, Paul, Gina, and Mark Morris, Rachel & Logan Hengel

Even though the state of New Mexico and the Navajo Reservation are still shut down, we praise the Lord we have continued to be busy serving the Him. Mark has had many opportunities to share the Gospel with the hurting people around us. Just a few of those opportunities include counseling, marriage counseling, relieving a hostage situation, and being called in to help when one of our officers heading to a call hit a concrete barrier that had unknowingly been put in the road to stop drag racers. Thankfully, the officer is alright and back to work. God used the hostage situation to show Himself to the officers involved, to show them He is real and He answers prayer.

A big part of ministry has been grief counseling. In the past few months Mark has led a funeral service for a dispatcher's family member, counseled others who have lost loved ones due to Covid and prayed with and encouraged those who are weighed down with fear and anxiety.

Pray for the Lord to strengthen Mark as he ministers to the Navajo officers, as well as the Navajo corrections officers, dispatchers, Fire/EMS personal and community members he comes into contact with.

Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide our words and actions in every divine opportunity He sets before us, that we would be His light shining in the darkness.

Pray for Gina as she "holds down the fort," so-to-speak, as Mark's encourager, prayer warrior, secretary and wife. She encourages the officers by offering them meals and coffee whenever they're in the area. She continues to encourage our kids to live for the Lord and to seek His will for their lives.

Pray for us and our family, as we've seen and felt the enemy's arrows directed at us more intensely.

On December 20 our daughter Kristin married her best friend, Efrain Saune, in a sweet little ceremony. They had planned to have a big celebration with family and friends, but with Covid they felt it best to postpone the celebration until May. We're all praising the Lord for His hand of protection and healing on Efrain, as two days after they were married he ended up having surgery to have his gall bladder removed. We were blessed to have them stay with us after he was released from the hospital until they could travel to IN, where he is working on completing his master's degree in business.

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