

DEAR FRIENDS,

It's summer time on the Navajo Reservation. Children are out of school and some will be helping their grandparents by herding sheep. Overall though, there's not too much to do during summer on the reservation, which is why Vacation Bible Schools are such a big hit.

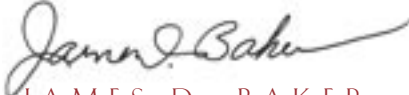
This summer we will be facilitating outreach teams on the reservation and have already connected these teams with the Navajo church leaders. It will be a combined effort with the local church members assisting the visiting teams in presenting Christ to the children of their area. The reservation church also provides the lunches each day for those in attendance.

At one of the Vacation Bible School locations, a Navajo team will instruct another Navajo church group how to teach the materials that they used in their church last year. It's exciting to see how God is putting groups together again this summer.

This is just one of the ways that we assist others in sharing Christ's love with boys and girls on the Navajo Reservation. We need to hear from many of our friends during this crucial season of ministry. Will you help us continue to reach these little ones with the Good News?

Please detach this panel, fill in the information on the reverse side and send it along with your gift of love. We have two groups coming this month to minister to the children. We need to hear from you today. Thanks so much.

Sharing the Word,

  
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**Aghaa' yisdizíí** is a strand of yarn used for weaving, just as this communication weaves together our ministry with those of you who make it possible through prayer and support. We hope you will share this strand of hope and restoration with others so they too can be part of the wholeness of our ministry's mission.

*And if one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him.  
A cord of three strands is not quickly torn apart.*  
Ecclesiastes 4:12 NAS



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*Diyin God Bizaad* WORD OF GOD

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I pray also for those who will believe  
in Me through their MESSAGE.*  
John 17:19-21

# Diyin God Bizaad

Álchíní yázhí Diyin God bizaad yídahool'aah is Navajo for *little children who are learning God's word*. Every summer, while children are on school vacation, churches host Vacation Bible School. What a wonderful opportunity for children to embrace the Word of God through this exciting summer program.

## Diyin God bizaad

*God's word.*

God's Word was first made available in the Navajo language in 1955 when the New Testament was published. It wasn't until nearly 30 years later that the translation of the Old Testament was completed. The first completed Navajo Bible was published in 1985. A revised version was made available in 2000.

**Diyin God bizaad, the Word of God, was first made available in the Navajo language in 1955.**

## Diyin (God) bizaad bóhoo'aah

*Learning God's Word*

Every summer, Vacation Bible School groups come to various churches on Navajoland to teach children about Jesus Christ. Many of the children who participate in Vacation Bible School do not normally attend church.

## Sodizin

*Prayer (request to God)*

Sodizin are requests to God for restoration of health, good life and harmony. One of the greatest lessons learned at Vacation Bible School is the practice of prayer. The children who participate at Vacation Bible School learn to put all their trust in Jesus and to communicate with God by prayer.

## Ahil nidaalnish

*They work together*

Navajo Ministries along with visiting outreach teams, partner with reservation churches to deliver God's word to the Navajo Nation through Vacation Bible Schools.

This partnership has become a tradition on the Navajo Nation and is much appreciated by the children who participate and their families.

## Diyin God dayoodlánígíí

*Church (the ones that believe in God)*

The word church may be defined as the body of believers. Diyin God dayoodlánígíí means *the ones that believe in God*.

## Sin la'bee dahwiitaal

*We are singing a song*

The children who experience Vacation Bible School are taught valuable lessons about the Lord Jesus Christ through a variety of lessons and games. Singing songs of praise and worship is effective and fun way to teach the Word of God.



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**During summer, outreach teams from churches across the nation come to Navajoland to assist in teaching Vacation Bible School to children at reservation churches. This is a life changing experience for both the children and the outreach teams.**

Through Vacation Bible School, countless boys and girls in Navajoland have found a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Through these cross-cultural experiences, adults and youth across America have discovered the unique culture and lifestyle of Navajo youngsters living in remote areas of Navajoland.

Here are some comments from recent team members about their time spent with the children. "It was extremely rewarding to be led by the Lord to specific children to individually share Christ's love during the VBS time." "God has really impacted my life through this trip."

## God's Word is a part of every area of our ministry

The children living at Navajo Ministries are taught the Word through devotions with their houseparents, further teaching is provided by youth groups and Sunday School classes.

The moms in the Moms Too program are taught education and career goal setting, budgeting and parenting skills, family management, nutrition and Christian discipleship.

Through Vertical Radio we present God's Word through both music and messages by respected pastors and teachers. Vertical Radio broadcasts to the farthest reaches of the world through its live streaming, 24 hours a day across the internet.

In our Counseling Center, the counselors use God's Word as the basis for their advice and direction.

In the Restored Warriors program, adult survivors of abuse come together in a safe place to tell their story, look at the damage caused by the abuse and begin to take steps along the path towards restoration.

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