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WILL YOU HELP US

DEAR FRIENDS,

At Navajo Ministries, we are privileged to welcome you as friends in our mission to “do what is right” by serving children and families in the Four Corners Region.

Just as the strands of yarn used to weave a beautiful rug, we too weave together the good news of the Gospel, love and care to help bring the lives of those we serve back to wholeness.

We pray you also share our commitment to provide our staff with the continuing education that equips them with the best tools for weaving together the lives of the children in our care.

During this time of year, our house parents prepare to attend the annual New Mexico Christian Childcare Association’s conference.

The conference is educational, inspirational and offers our house parents the time to share with other caregivers. And while they are gone, we also need to provide substitutes to care for the children.

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Will you help us this month with a gift for the continuing education of our house parents? The expenses are over \$3,000 and your gift makes all the difference.

Thank you, ahéhee’.

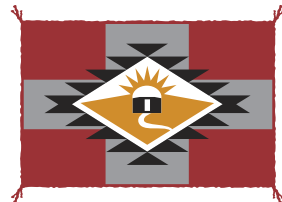
  
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**Aghaa’ yisdizíí** is a strand of yarn used for weaving, just as this communication weaves together our ministry with those of you who make it possible through prayer and support. We hope you will share this strand of hope and restoration with others 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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Acts 10:34-35

# Yá'át'ééh

Yá'át'ééh is Navajo for "welcome . . . all is well." Whether through general greetings or accompanied with an embrace, the Navajo forms of welcome are full of promise.

## Yá'át'ééh háshínee'

*A mother's welcome*

A mother greets her child with Yá'át'ééh háshínee' and often repeats it, "Welcome my child, my baby." Open arms are extended and express the awesomeness of the love and relationship. The Navajo mother's welcome is cherished and warm.

great appreciation and attention, Yá'át'ééh is spoken slowly and communicates, "I am here at your call for business. I welcome you."



## Yá'át'éhéi

*Welcoming a close friend*

To welcome a dear friend, héi is added and emphasized and used between those who are intimate and very close because it is informal and casual. Yá'át'éhéi is impolite if you are not known, or are with an elderly person or in a business meeting.

## Yá'át'ééh awéé' ch'ídeeldlo'

*Welcoming a new baby*

When a baby is born to a Navajo family, the formal celebration or welcome does not take place until the baby shares its first laugh. Knowing the child will now survive and thrive, the laugh starts the celebration or awéé' ch'ídeeldlo', that welcomes the baby to the world and family.

## Yá'át'ééh Diyin God ba'álchíní bitah

*Welcoming people into the family of God*

For Navajo Christians, welcoming others into the family of God is a time of joy and is expressed, Yá'át'ééh Diyin God ba'álchíní bitah. It's the welcome that lasts an eternity.

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## Yá'át'ééh abíní

*Welcome the morning*

The sunrise is important to the Navajo and is greeted with Yá'át'ééhi'í'á or "good morning." Even the door into the traditional Navajo home, or hogan, faces east to take in the light of morning and welcome the new day. "Good evening," is Yá'át'ééh i'í'á.

## Yá'át'ééh

*Welcoming a guest*

Often combined with a subtle handshake, Yá'át'ééh is spoken in welcoming a friend and offering peace between the two. The visitor or guest cups their left hand over the handshake as a gesture to confirm the welcome.

## Yá'át'ééh

*Welcome in business*

Slow pronunciation of Yá'át'ééh is used in formal or business greeting. A very firm hand grip demonstrates

# WELCOME

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**The Navajo language is as beautiful as the Navajo people. The language is also as unique as the people who use it.**

Made famous by the Code Talkers of World War II, Navajo words have proven to be a great ally to all who love this country and for all who welcome the Navajo nation to the family of God.

At Navajo Ministries, our mission has always been to welcome homeless Navajo children with open arms to a safe and caring home. Our **Four Corners Home for Children** has five homes, some modeled after a Navajo hogan, with the main room centered around the fireplace and the front door facing east to welcome the promise of morning.

For over 50 years, hundreds of children have been welcomed, Yá'át'ééh háshínee'. Yá'át'ééh háshínee' by house parents who honor the traditions of the people with the grace and good news of Jesus Christ.

Our **Moms Too** program welcomes displaced mothers experiencing hardships who are often victims of abandonment and abuse due to backgrounds of alcoholism, drug addiction, divorce and poverty. Through the support of our counselors they can embrace a new day with promise, Yá'át'ééh abíní.

Friends are welcome to our **Counseling Center** who need a kind handshake of service and shoulder of support. And here, those who struggle find friends who have a commitment to compassionately look into hurting eyes, listen with close attention and say "what is right."

Through our **Cross-Cultural Ministry** and small group ministry, **Restored Warriors**, we welcome and walk with those wounded by abuse, introducing them to the Wounded Healer, and providing a safe place for recovery on the journey to a restored relationship with God, self and others.

And, we welcome those of you who through your gifts of time, talent and treasure make it possible for Navajo Ministries to continue to serve by welcoming people into the family of God. **Yá'át'ééh Diyin God ba'álchíní bitah.**

# Ahéhee' THANK YOU

Your gift helps Navajo Ministries continue to provide hope and restoration to families in the Four Corners Region.

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