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First Nations ministry between what we did in SD and here in NM. And secondly, for me personally, I have lived in New Mexico longer than any other place I have ever lived. Most of the ACP report is numbers. While I hate being numbers-driven, I thought I would share some numbers that tell a story of what the Creator has done in the last 10 years.

If you have been a part of Southern Baptist life, you have probably heard about the ACP (Annual Church Profile) reports that every Southern Baptist church should fill out every year. Many churches begin the process of getting that information together in September or October. This September is pretty significant in our lives and ministry. First, Sept. marks the 10 year anniversary of our ministry in New Mexico, and almost 13 years of faith-based



Commissioning service for East location

• When we moved here 10 years ago, we really had no place to have a church service, and today we meet in 3 locations.

• At our first service we had 2 Navajo adults and 4 kids, and today, among 3 locations, we could see as many as 40+ adults and upwards of 15+ children every week: almost all

Ladies leading in worship at Miller

Navajo. If we could ever get everyone who attends church on the same Sunday, we would be full to capacity in each location.

- We had 55 kids and 28 adults enrolled in Plus the teams who traveled to lead activities for our summer camp program.
- We have seen many of the men in our church go through some form of rehab, and some are in recovery.

- At this point, we have our first couple going through the First Nations Ministry Boot Camp being trained for full-time vocational ministry with First Nations people.
- The most important number is that during the past 10 years, we have seen 17 people publicly commit their lives to the Lord and be baptized and seen many more make public professions of faith.

There is another number we do not like to boast about. Over the last 10 years, I have officiated over 60+ funerals and been a part of several others. However, last week was a first. A young man in our church family passed away unexpectedly for some unknown reason. Instead of the family asking me to officiate the service, the father of this young man asked instead that I assist in bringing this young man



I would like to mention a special prayer request. Please pray for some building inspections that are going on at Journey this week.

We are moving forward with getting the roof done on our house we have

received some special gifts for this project.



home after his death and sit with them as part of the family at the service. It was a very special honor.

Some of you may not be excited about these numbers; but our ministry is not about the masses. It is about the One. I would like to praise God for doing more than we can even ask or think. This all would not be possible without your financial and prayer support. And as I conclude, let us all look forward to the greater things that God has in store.



Thank you for your support and help we have a ways to go but thank you for the gifts that have come in.

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