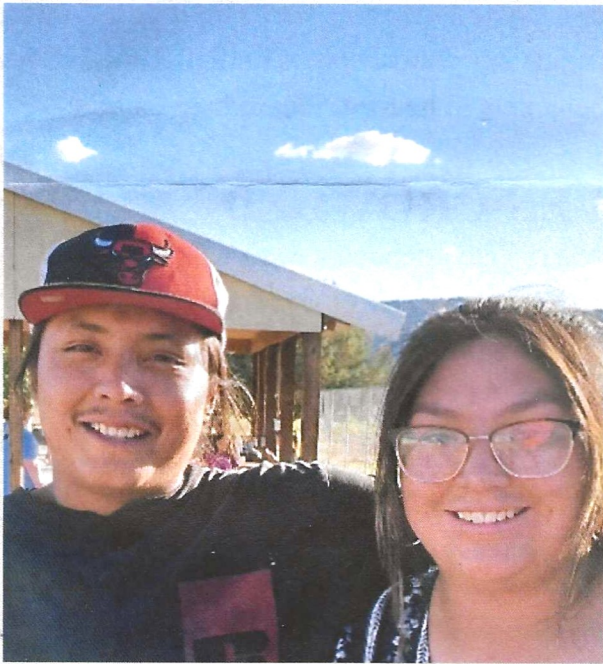


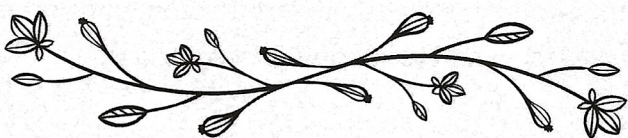
# NEWSLETTER



## MOUNTAINS AND VALLEYS

In life, there are mountains and valleys and the same holds true in ministry. This past week we experienced both. Butterfly is the youngest of 5 children born to the late Kristie Henry. The oldest was Kaylan who recently turned 28 years old. Kaylan was very kindhearted as all of Kristie's kids are. His smile made us happy. Kaylan struggled so much with self-worth, depression, anger, and hopelessness. On a recent Sunday he, his girlfriend of more than a decade, and their little girl were at church. When they went forward for prayer at the end of service there was a glimmer of hope in Kaylan's eyes that brought Pete so much joy. Seeing the smiles and laughter

the three of them shared that day pleased us all. That mountaintop experience plummeted into a huge valley when something triggered Kaylan and his way out was to take his life that same day. We were shocked when the news came that Kaylan had given up the fight. No one wants to receive such a phone call. We all wonder, "What could we have done? Why didn't we see this coming, and more?" That day when Dad, (Bob), gave the message for Kaylan's service every seat in the building was filled and young and old surrounded the walls. You could have heard a pin drop as Dad shared the truth of God's Word. Some of Kaylan's family that were not attending church with us are doing so now. In spite of the tragedy, God is still glorified! We appreciate so much the phone calls, text messages, emails, and cards expressing your love and concern at the loss of Kaylan. It has brought us so much comfort.



## IF NOT NOW THEN WHEN?

On Monday, Presidents Day, we met at the church as usual for sewing. Six of us had just filled our plates for lunch and Bible devotion time. In walked five ladies led by a congregation member who had been absent from church for years. She and the other ladies are in-person clients at the local Rehab Center seeking help obtaining sobriety. Being a holiday they didn't have their usual classes and the center had dropped them off to play basketball outside. When they saw my car, they decided to come in. We welcomed them and encouraged them to join us for lunch and devotions. As the visitors filled their plates Pete who was at the church working on repairs noticed Amber. They both remembered conversations they had previously about her walk of faith and the need to be obedient in baptism. I heard him say to her, "Don't put it off, you never know what life will bring." Her reply to Pete was, "Let's do it now!" After our time of Bible, sharing, and praying this young woman made her confession of faith and washed her sins away. The joy on her face radiates! We rejoice with the angels in heaven. Please help us pray for Amber and her new life in Christ.

## MAKE HEAVEN CROWDED

After youth on Wednesday Pete attended a Men's Conference at one of the local churches in Whiteriver. He enjoyed the fellowship of so many men he knew that were present. There is no time limit when it comes to revivals or conferences on the reservation. It started at 7 and lasted until 11 when the meal was served. Although he spoke mostly Apache Pete was encouraged by the gentleman who gave the message. He was a young man from Cibecue, an hour away from the area where we have church. During the time of fellowship after the meeting, this young man said to Pete, "It's because of you and Greg Pete, that I am here today." He had met Pete in jail and that is where his faith journey started. This young man isn't attending White Mountain Apache Christian Church but praise God, he's working for the Kingdom in Cibecue, and that inspires us both! Last Sunday the church was filled as it has been for months. At the end of service Joshua, a young man who has been attending Men's Bible and lunch time on Tuesdays came forward. He decided to surrender his life to Christ and be emersed in baptism. Seeing the excitement of those present as they witnessed his decision was wonderful. Please help us pray for Joshua and his new life in Christ.



We are often asked, "Is there anything you need?" We truly appreciate the concern, love, and desire to provide, that is expressed when we are asked such a question. The most important thing anyone can do for us is PRAY! We can all do or give but it is in vain unless God acts! Praying for us is the most important thing you can do. This is what it provides us, courage, strength, determination, comfort, and hope to name just a few. Thank you for being a huge part of what God is doing in Arizona!

*Our love to you all,  
Pete, Kim, and Butterfly*