

# PROJECT 29:11

**WILL YOU HELP?**

## Partnering with Navajo People in the Area of the Former Bennett Freeze



**Typical meager living conditions of the Dine'**

There is an area in northwest Arizona that is considered to be home to the poorest of the poor in the United States. The communities located here are home to some of the most traditional peoples in North America. The people are known as the Navajo People, or Dine' and live on approximately 1.5 million acres in a specific local of the western portion of the Navajo Nation. Most of the people of this region speak only their Dine' language, practice their traditional religion, and survive via subsistence sheep herding and weaving without the benefit of electricity and safe running water.



The U.S. Department of Energy refers to this area as a "National Sacrifice Area" in a region at the heart of the global warming issue. The people have been impacted by uranium and coal mining that has polluted their air, land, and water



since the 1940's and further by U.S. government policy known as the "Bennett Freeze" which prevented repairs, improvements, or development of communities from 1966 to 2009. The result is a people who have and continue to die from substandard housing, forced relocation, pollution, unemployment, and a social fabric that destroys the family unit.

Wings of Faith, in association with its partners, has made a commitment to stand with the Dine' of this region to provide humanitarian support in the form of clothing and some food supplies. WOF will also be providing transportation for study of future sources of potable water and water distribution points, Bibles, future pastoral support and teaching materials.

To assist us now, please call (951) 817-9723 or send a donation to:

**Wings of Faith Ministries, P.O. Box 524, Tustin, CA 92781-0524**

**Thank you!**