

# NNN TRIP - DECEMBER 2026
# Delivery Trip Schedule

**Friday, December 4th, 2026, WILL BE the unloading of the trailer and staging everything inside of Twin Buttes church for pickup on Saturday afternoon. **This will begin on Friday morning until we have the trailer unloaded and sorted by church.****

**WE WILL NOT BE UNLOADING THE TRAILER ON SATURDAY, AS WE HAVE DONE IN THE PAST. This will now be done on Friday, December 4th. Each church will pickup on Saturday after the church service.**

**There will still be dinner on Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. at Golden Corral. We have the private dining room reserved. Each individual is responsible for their own meal.**

**There will be a church service on Saturday, December 5th followed by lunch and then distribution time! We are excited to be able to worship with our Navajo friends again this year.**

# GO AHEAD AND MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS NOW (SEE BELOW)

# **NOTE – CHANGE OF GIVING – NO GENTLY USED CLOTHING WILL BE ACCEPTED AND PLEASE NO BOOKS**

## Our Mission:

**… to bring the joys and meaning of Christmas to every Native American we can, so that they will know that they are loved.**
**… to assist our Nazarene Native Americans in touching the unreached Native Americans at Christmastime.**

**No gently used clothing as we have in the past. If you have been collecting clothing, please donate it to a worthy ministry in your area.**

**We will be able to distribute flour, beans, and sugar as we have in past years, so please take an offering for these products in October. Also, maybe consider doing a food pounding for your specific church. It must be in the original packaging.**

**We will also be able to take gifts for the churches as we have in past years.**

**Our trip to Gallup this year is scheduled for December 2nd-5th, 2026 . If you are planning on joining us in Gallup, please make your hotel reservations for those days. All travel information will be updated here.**

**PLEASE, PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING OUT WITH THE LOADING OF THE TRAILER. THE LAST FEW YEARS, THERE HAS ONLY BEEN 4-5 PEOPLE HELPING LOAD THE TRAILER AT EACH OF THE CHURCH LOCATIONS. WOULD YOU CONSIDER HELPING US WITH THIS PORTION OF THE MINISTRY?**

**If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Ricicki at colodistnmipres@gmail.com, or 303-717-1449.**

**Thank you for all your support for this ministry.**
**Sandy Ricicki,**
**Colorado District NMI President and NNNM Coordinator**

**Packages must be delivered to each drop off site by the deadline date and time for your area.** Please have all packages ready for loading one hour before the departure time. Listed below are the departure times. All those helping to load the truck **MUST** be there early as weather may play a part in when the truck actually leaves. You may also travel down with the truck on Wednesday, December 1st. As soon as the truck is loaded it will leave for the next pick-up point.

**Please note: Be sure and contact the church office at your respective drop off sites.**

**Help Load the Trailer Saturday Morning November 28th, 2026, at *10:00am North Eastern Colorado — Morgan Church:*** Morgan Church of the Nazarene, 221W. 7th Ave., Fort Morgan, CO 80701, 970-868-3305

**Wednesday, December 2nd, 2026 *–9:00am Northern Co. and The Greater Denver Area* The Crossing Church of the Nazarene** 3501 W. 104th Ave., Westminster, CO 80031, Church hours are 8:00-4:30 please call before delivering boxes, 303-469-5149. **Drop off date is Monday, November 30th – Wednesday, December 2nd . Trailer will be loaded and will be picked up no later than 9:00 am on Wednesday, December 2nd, 2026.**

***11:00 am Colorado Springs – Greater Springs Area – Colorado Springs First Church of the Nazarene*. The loading time may be earlier, perhaps as early as 10:30 am,** *4120 E. Fountain Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80906.*

***1:30pm Arkansas Valley – Pueblo – The loading time may be earlier, perhaps as early as 1:00 pm*** Pueblo First Church – 84 Stanford Ave., Pueblo I-25 to Central/Northern Ave., turn right, turn left on Northern, go to Lehigh and turn right, turn left on Stanford. 719-564-3209

***3:30 pm – Trinidad Nazarene Church***
**The loading time may be earlier, perhaps as early as 3:00 pm.**
733 Stonewall Avenue, Trinidad, CO

**Travel Info Thursday:** December 3rd, 2026 – Travel to Gallup, NM.
Stay at the: BEST WESTERN (used to be *Hampton Inn Gallup West-Best Western took it over) 111 Twin Buttes Road, Gallup, NM 87301 – 505-722-7224* (just a few blocks from the church).

***PLEASE NOTE: Everyone needs to call and reserve their own rooms. ASK FOR AUDREY DIRECTLY. We have a block of 15 rooms set aside listed under Nazarene, at $89.00 + tax per night. Make sure you reference Nazarene when you book. These rooms will be released on Wednesday, November 25th if they are not all booked.***



**Thursday, December 3rd or Friday, December 4th – Check in at the Motel**

**Meet at Golden Corral Restaurant at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, December 4th, 2026. We will go over all of the plans for Saturday morning. *Everyone is responsible for their own meals.* We have the private dining room reserved.**

**600 N 11TH STREET GALLUP, NM 87301 (505) 863-3335**

**Saturday: December 5th, 2026 (check out of hotel. You may stay longer if you want)**



**We will have our church service on Saturday morning with our Navajo friends. We will then be loading the receiving trucks after the service and a quick lunch.**

**Sunday Option:**
You may choose to worship at one of the Navajo Churches. You must make your own arrangements and get your own directions.

**Approximate costs:** Gallup, NM – *Best Western- 89.00*+ tax, Double Occupancy. Each person needs to bring adequate funds to cover meals and incidentals.

**Nazarene Navajo Nation Ministry**

1. **The goal of the NNN Ministry is as follows: To bring the joy and true meaning of Christmas to every Native American we can, who might otherwise have none.**
2. **To assist our Nazarene Native Americans in touching the un-reached Native Americans at Christmas time.**

**The spreadsheet will not be posted this year.** Use the same church as you had last year. Please read over this information thoroughly and feel free to ask any questions you might have. Note, there have been a couple of church changes. Please see note on District website. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact:

**Sandy Ricicki**
Cell 303-717-1449
E-Mail: colodistnmipres@gmail.com

**Instructions**

**The Long Answer and all those details…**

1. Try to assign someone to head the NAZARENE NAVAJO NATION MINISTRY for your church.
2. In early SEPTEMBER – receive assigned gift goals (same as last year)
3. Each church is asked to attempt to raise at least the amount indicated below that will be used to purchase flour.

Make a church check to:

**COLORADO DISTRICT NMI**
**c/o Hugh Sigler**
**7373 Crescent Dr.**
**Littleton, CO 80120**

**Send to the District NMI Treasurer as soon as possible!**
Be sure to **designate clearly** the purpose of the offering

**Suggested Gift Amounts For Flour Purchase Per Church Worship Attendance**

| | |
|---|---|
| 50 & under | $85 |
| 51 – 175 | $125 |
| 176 – 225 | $200 |
| 226 & Over | $250 |

Encourage involvement of many people as possible in this ministry. Consider one of the following possibilities or create your own. Get started early! Do not wait until the last minute to get started on this special project.

**Ideas & Suggestions:**

- Set offering goal [#gifts X ($15-$25)]; receive the offering. Assigned individuals go Christmas shopping and buy all the items at the same time.
- On a Sunday prior to Thanksgiving, in addition to the regular Thanksgiving Offering for world evangelism, have a *Thank Offering* of non-perishable food items – *each one bring one*. Have a special drop point or have all food items on the altar (at the altar in boxes or grocery store shopping carts borrowed for the day).
- Place *paper ornament tags* on a Christmas tree (boy doll, girl doll, mittens, gloves, etc.) identifying the gift. Include the following on each ornament: gender, age group, price limit, and suggested items. Challenge people to take an ornament (or several) and prepare the gift, putting the *paper ornament tag* on the package.
- Adults could purchase all items, children of the church could box items, and teens could do the wrapping.
- Set an offering goal; divide that goal among the different groups (e.g. Sunday School classes, teen group, Bible Study groups, etc.). Receive offering, purchase gifts and wrap, or have each group be responsible for a specific number of gifts.
- All gifts need to be new.
- Use the suggested gift items list to help in preparing appropriate gifts. Be sure your people have access to this list.

**Gift Suggestions** Below are a few gift suggestions. You may purchase other items (be creative). Please try to keep each package comparable in value and content, as they will be going to the same church in most cases. Each packaged gift should carry a suggested value of $15-$25. Remember: BOXES without BOWS! **Women** Hot pads, aprons; needles/thread; dish towel sets; bath towel sets; kitchen utensils; winter gloves or hats; socks (knee highs ); head scarves; hand lotion/chapstick; hairbrush **Teen Boys** Drawing paper, school supplies; socks; baseball glove & ball; football; winter hats; sweat shirts (all large); puzzles & games; personal hygiene **Men** Socks; Flashlights & batteries; Small tools; Leather gloves; Winter gloves; Handkerchiefs; Shaving cream; sweater caps; pocket knives; deodorant **Teen Girls** School supplies; Socks; Note pads; Books, puzzles; Sweat shirts (large); Winter gloves;

Personal hygiene **Children** Toys; Socks; Puzzles; Mittens/winter gloves; Toothbrush & paste; Winter hats; Coloring books; Crayolas; School supplies **Infants** Booties; Winter hats; Lotion; Mittens; Infant clothes; Infant toys; Infants supplies **Print a Commitment Card**

**If you have questions, please email Sandy Ricicki (see below) for clarification or more info. Thank you for participating!**

**Sandy Ricicki** 303-717-1449, E-Mail: colodistnmipres@gmail.com

## These are the general instructions for wrapping and shipping donations.

**Wrapping Instructions:**

**Food**

1. All food should be put into shipping type boxes (with tops) and taped shut with strapping tape. (Banana Boxes work well)
2. Be sure not to have any box weighing more than 50 lbs.
3. Place a prepared **FOOD SHIPPING LABEL** on the **TOP** each box of food.

Food

From: your church (Colorado Church)

1. Food and food boxes **ARE NOT** to be wrapped with Christmas paper.
2. Please **DO NOT** put any gifts in the food boxes.
3. In some cases, churches have been asked to give gifts to more than one church. Food should not bear the Navajo Church name.

**Gifts**

1. Wrap each *individual* gift with Christmas type paper.
2. **PLEASE DO NOT USE ANY BOWS.** They get smashed in the shipping process.
3. Place the appropriate **GIFT LABEL** on each gift. Here is a sample of the pre-prepared labels.
4. Please take note of the specific designations: "LATE CHILD" (ages 8-11), "EARLY CHILD" (ages 4-7), "TODDLER" (ages 1-3), and "INFANT" (ages up to 1). The GIFT SUGGESTIONS have not been changed.

To: (Assigned Church)
From: (Your Church)
Woman

1. Once all gifts are finished place them in shipping type boxes (with tops) and tape shut with strapping tape.
2. Be sure not to have any box weighing more than 50 lbs.
3. Place **GIFT SHIPPING LABEL** (see samples below indicating the right and wrong way to fill out label) on each box of gifts being sure to indicate on the label all information requested. **Please take note that though we have divisions in the "CHILD" and "INFANT" categories, the shipping labels still have these divisions. Due to the confined space on these labels we do not want to further restrict them so we are**

**asking that you indicate the total number of "LATE CHILD" gifts and "EARLY CHILD" gifts in a particular shipping box and put that number on the appropriate "CHILD" line (girls' gift count on girls' line, etc.); add the total number of "TODDLER" gifts and "INFANT" gifts in a particular shipping box and put that number on the "INFANT" line.**

The first sample-shipping label below is the correct way to prepare them (always use numbers indicating how many of that type gift is in this box). The second sample is the incorrect way to prepare them (never use a b or an X).

**RIGHT WAY**

TO: _____

FROM: _____

(Colorado Church)

Please indicate the number of gifts for each category below that are contained in this shipping box only:

| | |
|---|---|
| Adult | Women 2 |
| Adult | Man 1 |
| Teen | Girl 1 |
| Teen | Boy 1 |
| Early/Child | Girl 2 |
| Early/Child | Boy 2 |
| Late/Child | Girl 2 |
| Late/Child | Boy 2 |
| Toddler/Girl 2 | |
| Toddler/Boy 2 | |
| Infant/Girl 2 | |
| Infant/Boy 2 | |

**Please DO NOT put any EXTRA gifts in boxes with other types of gifts! Ship them in their own box labeled "EXTRA GIFTS".**

**Wrong Way**

TO: _____

FROM: _____

(Colorado Church)

Please indicate the number of gifts for each category below that are contained in this shipping box only:

| | |
|---|---|
| Adult | Women x |
| Adult | Man x |
| Teen | Girl x |
| Teen | Boy x |
| Early/Child | Girl x |
| Early/Child | Boy x |
| Late/Child | Girl x |

Late/Child Boy _x_
Toddler/Girl _x_
Toddler/Boy _x_
Infant/Girl _x_
Infant/Boy _x_

**Please DO NOT put any EXTRA gifts in boxes with other types of gifts! Ship them in their own box labeled "EXTRA GIFTS".**

Please **DO NOT** put any food or used clothing items in the **gift** shipping boxes (this does not apply to new clothing wrapped in individual Christmas gift boxes).

1. In some cases, churches have been asked to give gifts for more than one church. If this is the case, please be sure to use separate shipping boxes for each church and use the appropriate shipping label for that church.

**Extra Gifts**

1. Extra gifts have special labels. Please be sure to indicate in the space provided the type (age and gender) of the extra gift.

To: Extra
FROM: _____
Gift Type: _____
(Indicate Age/Type, Category, and Gender)

1. Place all extra gifts in a separate shipping box and use the appropriate **EXTRA GIFTS SHIPPING LABELS** on that type box being sure to complete the requested information on the label. Last stop on the "pick up" schedule is Trinidad Church of the Nazarene, Trinidad, CO. For other collection sites and schedules see instructions under Collection/Drop Off Locations.

**Attachment of Labels to Boxes**

Please place label in prominent place on box and attach securely with clear packing tape.