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Helping people is always the right thing to do. If you can help somebody make their life easier, make their life a little better, you should do it.

[DOG BARKING]

On the reservation, there's a number of people still waiting for power.

These customers, they're waiting for electric for a long time-- more than 30 years. Probably 50.

Myself, my wife, there's Hopi and Navajo in our blood. They asked for volunteers, and here I am now.

It's an interesting thing how we got involved with trying to bring electricity to the Navajo Nation. I belong to the Electrical Workers Without Borders. And we were going to other countries to work on improving electrical infrastructure in those countries. And then we heard about the Navajo Nation. We thought, why are we going to other countries when we have Americans without power?

Light Up Navajo and the mutual aid program is a program where different companies from the outside come out to the Navajo reservation, and they help us extend power lines to homes that have never been served on the reservation. They help bring in power to a lot of people.

Get our tailbone out of the way. Location, 1.5 miles north of Cameron Trading Post off of Highway 89.

The program has been in existence for a while. They haven't had any outside line locals before. So 1245 volunteered to lead the pilot because we knew that we could take our linemen, and we could send them anywhere in the country, and they would get the job done.

There are 10,207 families without electricity on the reservation. I had no idea that the number was that high. The first couple days we got here, we were all in shock a little bit with the number of solar panels with the people living off of generators.

Blew out here with our tools. Like day one of climbing school. I'm amazed the amount of work we've done without utilizing bucket trucks. Just going back to the basics. Just the belt and some hooks.

We did a lot of production, a lot of stringing.

We're hanging transformers, running services.

A lot of folks that are out there right now, they don't have electricity, so they're out in their cities. But they get their power, they'll probably be moving back in.

It's a long time coming. It's good to see that there's line extension coming here and there that benefit the need of people.

I was born and raised here, and I never had electricity or running water. Now we have electricity, and that can speed up the process to finish our home. We're almost there. I'm back home, happy, back where I was raised, all the memories that I have here. This is the foundation for my kids, generation after generation. It's solid now.

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