



Arizona Reservation Ministries' Bus Buddy Update

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To our dear friends and Bus Buddies,

I know that we have said that a "Bus Buddy Update" would be sent monthly, but are realizing that a more realistic goal will be to provide one to you every-other month. If you want additional information, you are *always* welcome to call or email. We take this partnership quite seriously and thank God for your prayers, provision and interest in the lives of the children and teens of the San Carlos Apache Nation.

In January, we were able to hold yet another "Family Fun Day." A group of 5th graders arrived with a parent each to help with the many, many aspects of such a large project. Because of their preparations and presence, we were blessed to expand what we reinstated less than a year ago. Hot dogs, chips, cookies, etc. were served to any and all who visited. That **physical** food amounted to 325 hot dogs served in less than 2 hours! We've learned for the next Family Fun Day to pop some popcorn prior to arrival to help with the long lines of those waiting for that snack. Also available were a basketball shooting contest, spin-art, and simple fun. We provided for the **spiritual** health of those attending as well. The bus had the tables raised so that all of the kids and teens could color pages with the critical reminders that EVERYONE can pray, and that God hears ALL of us. Another page had a drawing of Jesus knocking on the door, with Rev. 3:19-21. Again, a game was played that focused on Christ's leading and our need to walk with Him. At this event, both our "bus kids" and those 5th graders were able to work to win prizes by learning memory verses. Even families we've never met worked on those verses, including teens and adults! We also designated a private area on the far side of the bus for Faye and me to have a place to take those who needed prayer. God used the afternoon in some amazing and miraculous ways! One mother commented that she had prayed for the Lord to provide for her and her family that morning, and used *us* to answer that prayer!



The most exciting development within the Children's Ministries of ARM, is that Faye Hinton is transitioning into the position as ARM's Children's Director! Already, she is the one that greets the children, sets the tone for the afternoon and is responsible for the visits. Just lately, she has also started leading the weekly meetings our team holds to discuss the future lessons, pray for specific children and families, etc. Please pray as Faye steps into this leadership role. It is SO exciting to us to watch as God leads in ways this

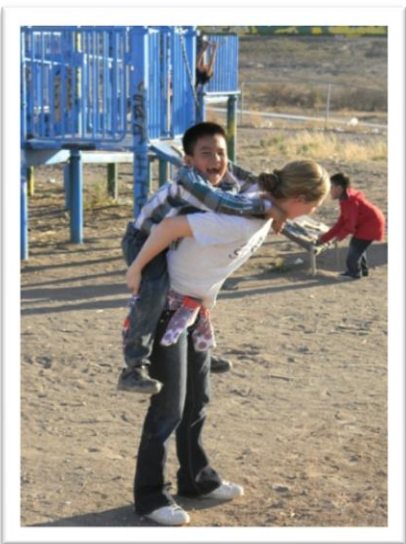
ministry has long prayed for! As the Lord provides additional Children's Ministries/Youth Ministries workers, it will be Faye that they submit to. *That is exciting!*

The temperatures are cause for comment as I share that unfortunately, there were two afternoons when the temperatures were so cold here that the bus' diesel engine would not start, no matter how hard we tried. We've been running our Mobile Ministries for nine years now, and this was the first time the temperature kept us home. It was truly too cold to travel out, and expose kids who oftentimes arrive without coats in



those low temperatures. This week, the Kids' Church Bus' alternator went out. The Teen Bus (which we can use as back-up for now) wouldn't start either. Mobile Ministries occurred in Labumba from four vans. ☺ It's almost hard to imagine cold temperatures even now as the days grow longer and warmer.

We are still working to provide air conditioning on the church Bus. Please pray for us to have that situation resolved before the temperatures top 90 degrees.



We are SO Grateful for the people who join us in short-term ministry! Teams are arriving at a fast pace and a great blessing to all of us! Their presence allows our team to have more intimate conversations with those who need them. Kids are learning about other places across the country as these visitors share what "home" is like for them; and how unique and special their home is as they share about San Carlos with these guests. They also provide their ARMs...even literally. ☺ Because of their presence, we could have three-legged races to reinforce a lesson about our need to grow not only physically, but spiritually, as they paired up with a "big" new friend. Great conversations occur even between these guests and the kids and teens. Please, please pray for the visits to lead others to a life-saving relationship with Christ. This week, we have been enjoying a very special snack! Northeastern Oklahoma A & M College brought with them a sno-cone maker! They will be leaving it for us to add to the things we are able to provide for various events...but those sno-cones are bringing visitors each afternoon! Miss San Carlos arrived one afternoon with her parents, not only for a sno-cone, but to see first-hand what her little sister was so excited about as she participates in her Church Bus at least once each week!

This week's lesson is from Galatians 6:2. Not only are we talking about bearing each others' burdens and getting help to bear our own...we're talking about the BEST burden-bearer; Jesus. The craft that the work group provided is a small tote. We thank God for those who bear our burdens through prayer and provision...our BUS Buddies. Thank you. Sincerely,

Diana Lawrence and Faye Hinton...Children's Directors. ☺



Prayer Requests

- ♥ For a couple to lead youth ministry soon
- ♥ For the air conditioning needs on our bus.
- ♥ For the girls who need physical and emotional healing.
- ♥ Wisdom in all things!
- ♥ Faye's new position. ☺