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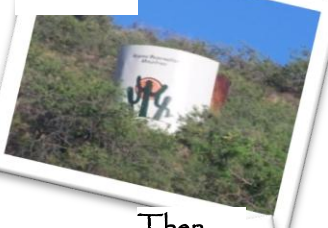
# Arizona Reservation Ministries

'God's ARMs around the Reservation'

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Celebrating our 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

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On March 28<sup>th</sup>, Arizona Reservation Ministries was blessed to celebrate its 9<sup>th</sup> year of service on the San Carlos Apache Reservation of Arizona. Looking back, we are humbled at all the miracles the Lord has performed, the abundant provision He has orchestrated, and the friendships He has provided! Beginning even before incorporation, we received our base of operations for \$1.00, had a woman working in San Carlos introduce us to key people and take us into areas learning vital information in one afternoon that typically requires months with a new ministry. Our mobile ministry center was provided already painted in the San Carlos High School colors, nothing we, nor the donors knew. Apache friends we met even before incorporation continue to be tremendous blessings to us. The stories of what GOD has done are innumerable! He has provided 45 acres for a much larger base of operation, a bridge to permanently access that property, partners from across the US to provide walls, floors, erect and complete homes for the homeless, appliances and furnishings for both these families and others, and even hand-made quilts to give at their House Blessings. He has led to the partnership between ARM and Amor Ministries so that already the number of homes constructed has increased more than 600% in just 16 months, Apaches required to complete community assistance hours with their court system are working on these homes, and a team of Apache Christians now has their part in **leading** as home recipients are determined. He has provided volunteers for a weekend or a week, others to join us each week, or for a season when the need is greatest, amazing interns; some of whom now serve overseas and internationally, and a strong team of ARM Staff who loves the Lord passionately, and serve Him in unity, honesty and comedy with one another...five of whom are from the San Carlos Apache Nation. Lives have certainly been transformed through the provision of homes, children's and youth ministries, Bible studies, deep friendships and passionate prayers lifted both locally and remotely. All praise and Glory to the King of Kings, who continues to do *"exceedingly, abundantly beyond what we could ask or imagine."* Ephesians 3:20



You are invited!

Next spring, we will be hosting a banquet in the Phoenix area to celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Plans are already taking shape for this event. We hope and pray that you will be able to join us! The date will be set soon, and posted on our web site. We invite you, between now and then, to visit our web site often. The Lord has provided until August a wonderful intern from Yuma, AZ who is helping to update all of the links that until now have been empty. God continues to move in amazing and miraculous ways through Arizona Reservation Ministries! Again, Praise God!

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## Partnerships and Plans Unfold

Members of the ARM team are meeting with many Apache Christians who serve in tribal departments and agencies for countless opportunities to provide 'God's ARMs around the Reservation.' ARM's Backpack Project is still unfolding! We will need more school supplies and backpacks than ever! Rather than working autonomously, however, we will coordinate our efforts with the schools and others who truly love the children of the San Carlos Apache Tribe. One of these agencies is the Diabetes Prevention Center. Another way we've been able to partner with this agency is to provide a portion of our afternoon programming one week with over 200 children so that they could provide instruction, play and a snack to educate these children/teens regarding the severe risk of diabetes within their Nation. By working together, not only did the children benefit from a critical lesson during their "game" time after the Bible lessons, but this agency was also able to include those numbers as they are required to share with many in order to maintain their grant for funding purposes. As mentioned, many such partnerships are unfolding. As always, please pray for wisdom as the opportunities increase and this ministry grows.

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Tent revivals are a common sight on the reservations of the United States; typically held on an annual or bi-annual basis for a week or two, and then moving on to the next location. Native pastors take turns filling the pulpits for each other; traveling evangelists actually make their livelihood preaching the Word from one location to another. Members of other ethnic groups can also be seen behind the pulpits of these revivals, sharing the Gospel and also the reminder that our family has many shades and dialects. Years ago, ARM's Executive Director had a vision. Several times when sharing this vision, it was confirmed by others from the US, typically from Natives. Revival *is* coming to the United States of America. That is good news! The exciting news for those of us who consider Natives friends or reservations "home," is that The Revival will begin on the reservations! One church in San Carlos has been holding a revival each and every night since January 2, 2011. That's a LONG revival! Not only are lives being offered to the Lord, people being born again, but they are growing as new members of God's family! They are learning to stand for Christ, walk in Christ, mature and serve Christ and reach others for Him! On Easter Sunday, at least 55 people were baptized! Two other churches on the Reservation have also held revivals recently, and there too, lives are being changed! On a recent prayer journey through ARM, a visitor prayed for the Holy Spirit to "breathe" across the Reservation. We are witnessing His breath as He moves in the lives of many. Keep praying...and praise God!

### Meet ARM's New Children's Director

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!



### Bridge Update

We are excited to report that the final phases of ARM's bridge are near completion. The final phase, paving from the road to the bridge itself, will most likely not be done for awhile because of cost, but the 3' deep, 150' length of rock in the creek bed for erosion control is underway, as well as tightening the bolts on the planks of the railroad cars that are now serving as our bridge. These tasks require heavy equipment. A neighbor, the owner of a paving business in the area, has been helping from time to time as able with excavation, etc. His assistance is a great help...but also not free. We will need to pay him for his services as he has removed the culverts, over which ran our only access to the property for so long. He has also moved dirt, rocks, etc. It is difficult to imagine paying for the large required rock, but that is what we will be required to do. That, also, will be another expense as we complete this enduring project. What we all find interesting, is that the County has been working on a bridge, too; just down the road from us. That bridge has cost over 2 million dollars, doesn't rise as high as ours, or have the rock for erosion control that we are required to provide. The ancient bridge it will replace has been demolished, the County providing that immense amount of debris for a portion of our creek bed! A project started as God provided to begin is nearing completion, constantly reminding us of His faithful provision.



April, 2010

November, 2010



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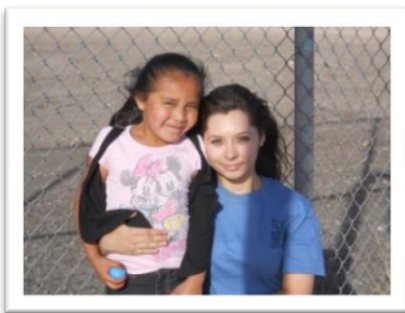
## Backpack Project, 2011



After our Backpack Week; as the school year was beginning in 2010, meetings were held with various Tribal agencies to begin the process of creating a process so that all of the children of San Carlos would be provided the necessary school supplies prior to the start of a new school year. When efforts are coordinated, efficiency can result. We are modeling in ever-increasing ways our desire to submit to the authority of Apache Christians, wherever the Lord has placed them. As this publication is composed, meetings are underway to finalize those plans. We are confident that the 399 backpacks ARM was able to provide in 2010 were a blessing, but that many children still went to school with no supplies. Through these meetings, and the plans that unfold, Lord willing, not only will children and teens receive the supplies they need to assist in their academic dreams, but also deeper partnerships will develop between the schools, parents, ARM, and other Tribal agencies. God is moving! We need your help! The following is a list of items we will need toward this project:

- ✓ Brand-new backpacks
- ✓ Fat Crayons
- ✓ Crayons for older children
- ✓ Colored pencils
- ✓ Fat pencils
- ✓ #2 pencils
- ✓ Small pencil sharpeners
- ✓ Tissue paper (Kleenex)
- ✓ Glue sticks
- ✓ Water bottles
- ✓ Coloring books
- ✓ Pencil boxes
- ✓ Cap erasers
- ✓ Wide-ruled loose-leaf notebook paper
- ✓ College-ruled loose-leaf notebook paper
- ✓ Highlighter markers
- ✓ Red ink pens
- ✓ Blue ink pens
- ✓ Black ink pens
- ✓ Rulers
- ✓ Dictionaries
- ✓ Calculators
- ✓ Pocket folders
- ✓ Post-it's (3"x3", 1"x2", 1"x1")
- ✓ Individually-wrapped toothbrushes
- ✓ toothpaste

ALL items need to be brand-new in order to provide them within this project. As ARM is a non-profit organization, you may purchase items for this project through Dollar Tree Direct; [www.dollartree.com](http://www.dollartree.com) and order the items sent site-to-store to our Globe, AZ store. This would save on postage costs, and provide the items we will need at significant savings to you! Our deadline is July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to receive all items.



### Welcome, Amber!

God continues to bless this ministry with volunteers who serve for a brief time, weekly, for a few months, through internships, or as full-time team members. Amber Hart has arrived to help us for four months. Amber first visited ARM in short-term ministry trips from First Christian Church, Yuma AZ this past fall. Watching the difficult labors of our bridge project, while also helping to complete a home for an Apache family, Amber herself coordinated a "Short Term Ministry Team" from her home-asking friends to join her in helping us as her way of celebrating her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Please pray for Amber as the Lord works in and

through her for the remainder of her internship with us...providing her own 'ARMs around the Reservation.'

### Staff Needs:

Please pray for the Lord to provide those team members as He directs. In this spiritually dark environment, we ask that He would send Christian "soldiers" who can stand against Satan with us. We also ask for people to commit to becoming "prayer warriors" on our behalf.

### Internship Opportunities!

- ◆ In children's ministries, construction and youth ministries.

Please check out our website for more information.



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### Prayer Requests

- Against the epidemic of suicide.
- For the revivals being held at various Apache-led Christian churches, and their leaders.
- For the Lord to provide servants to join the ARM Team soon and wisdom with applicants.
- Provision of the bridge funding and budget short-fall.
- For wisdom as we represent Christ, especially in the many meetings we are participating in.



Celebrating 9 years!



### Financial Update

We praise God for His faithfulness as He continues to provide through His children! We ask for your prayers as some of our supporters have been forced to cease funding for this economically-difficult period. We are confident that He will continue to supply our needs. We simply ask for your prayers for His provision and for wisdom as we use them.

Thank you!

### Needs List

(Our complete Needs List is updated quarterly and available on our web site.)

- ✓ Lowe's Gift Cards
- ✓ 20 vinyl bunk bed mattresses
- ✓ Furniture in **great** repair
- ✓ New, hand-made quilts
- ✓ Brand-new back packs and school supplies
- ✓ "Oriental Trading Co." gift cards