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**Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Romans 12:1**

Arms held high, face tilted up and eyes full of water, her small voice cries, "I want you, Amber, I want you." How could I not oblige? I hoist her into my arms and snuggle her small body and think, this is how I should be with my own Father. Arms stretched towards Heaven, eyes full of tears, crying, "I want You, God...*I want You!*" Unashamed, raw desire for my God; He doesn't want me to set out and do, do, do, looking back at Him with a smile and saying, "Look what I did for You!" He wants me crying out for Him, asking to be in His arms, snuggling up to Him and just *being*. It is easy to forget in a whirlwind of events, checklists, and exhaustion, but the only thing that makes anything worthwhile is just being with Him.

Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> marked an especially fun day for the bus ARM staff as we had the pleasure of taking some (around 32) of the bus kids to the Phoenix Wildlife Zoo! We broke off into small groups and set off for some grand adventures; some of us riding any of the rides the zoo had to offer, feeding giraffes, racing ostriches from the other side of the fence, and petting sting rays.

The kids loved every minute, oohing and aaahing over fish, birds, and tigers. I think one of the best things that came out of the trip, though, was the fact that children from different neighborhoods were able to meet one another and form friendships.





The next weekend was spent in Chandler, AZ on a promotion trip for ARM. Diana and I had the privilege to stay with Joe and Marcia Vitton, members of the congregation (Joe is actually an elder of CCC). Missionaries from as far as India had come to Chandler Christian Church that weekend to share God's vision with the church. It was incredible to see that we all are a part of something *huge* and to be reminded that the Church is still very much alive and active all over the world-even in closed countries.



The weekend after that, Yuma came to visit! They helped with organizing and moving some house walls and then hosted a Family Fun Day event in a neighborhood out on the Rez called Tufastone. One of the coolest things was the fact that people from other neighborhoods were coming to Tufastone for the event! One of the girls from Tufastone, Nicole, won two Bibles from a game; she had never had a

Bible of her own before that day. She sat down next to me as we were winding down and offered me one. Precious hearts live out on that Reservation; you'd be hard pressed to find hearts bigger than those I've met here so far.

Thank you so much for your continued prayer and support. I love and miss you a lot and can't wait to see you again.

Love, Am



### Prayer Requests

For the "bus kids" all of them but especially Tuesday's kids

For Bill (bus driver) and his wife, Jean, as they travel for the month of June

For Dale and Diana: peace, joy, love, energy, and wisdom