

Arizona Reservation Ministries
Lawrence Family Update
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Greetings once again from Arizona Reservation Ministries!

We are excited to announce the marriage of Jacque to Ephraim Fonseca, adding a new and two grandsons to our family on June 25th. ☺ Since our last newsletter was written, MUCH has been happening within our family and this ministry. Please join us in praising God for His blessings, provision *and* protection!

We are grateful for your prayers as events we have shared unfold and as needs are presented. Your partnership is *so* precious to us! The Mother's Day luncheon at our home for the staff of the tribal-run Shelter Care was a lot of fun. As some of the staff is contemplating retirement, a project I had been working on for a long time had to be completed soon. The best frybread is made with Bluebird Flour. This flour comes in cloth sacks. For years I'd been collecting these sacks. Each friend received a denim and Bluebird purse I had finally been able to complete. The blessings they have given me can never be repaid...but giving them something handmade will hopefully show in a tangible way how much they mean to me. As you think about our Tuesday Bible Studies, and this facility, please also pray for the Lord to send people who need such a warm and safe place to live soon. There are many beds there that remain empty. In part, because family members want to hold onto the funds these elders receive through Social Security, retirement funds, etc. and so keep them at home.

Amber, our friend and intern, and I were blessed to represent ARM at Chandler Christian Church's (AZ) missions fair. As Amber feels God's call to missions in her own future, we wanted to expose her to this part of mission life as well. Our hosts were incredible people, the church welcoming and the opportunities to share, a great blessing. We are so grateful for the way they taught Amber how important caring partners are.

We are grateful for your continued prayers for Chopper as he continues to hold a full-time job, care for his family and preach nightly at the revival still running each evening since January 2nd at a Bible-based, Apache-led church! One week of this revival, Faye led one of our visiting teams (we had two that week; one from Oregon and one from Ohio!) to present a VBS program for all of the children in attendance. Both the kids and the team praised God for such a wonderful week! One of these evenings, Amber and I were able to attend. It was incredibly humbling to be invited to share with the adults gathered to worship and learn that evening. God has a way of speaking through anyone who is willing to be used. All I wanted to do was encourage them, to let them know you and I are praying for them. The alter call at the end saw many come to the front; broken, crying and in need of a hug and a prayer. Again, I was humbled as the leaders motioned for me to join the other leaders to help with those who were making life-changing decisions. God is moving. Please, please keep praying.

As this is written, we are "knee-deep" in school supplies, backpacks, etc. Perhaps not literally, but that is where our time must focus for the next 10 days. Shopping, sorting, packing, distributing. Please pray for all of this. We know that you will receive this at the middle or end of this adventure, but God's timing isn't "linear". ☺

Another project that is rapidly unfolding is in partnership with Amor Ministries. They are hosting a 'Women of Strength' event. Twenty women from across the US who are leaders will arrive in Phoenix on the 29th to hear about women of San Carlos as Amber and I join them. Amor's founder and several others will come with us as we head to San Carlos the next day to create a more stable structure for women who have labored under shacks for as long as 32 years selling their tamales, frybread, etc. in order to provide support for their families. Mac is designing this structure. I've been able to meet with many who we need permission from in order to proceed, with these women to know what they would like, etc. Amor's team and visitors plan to have a traditional meal and worship with Apache sisters that day as well. All of this is in the final stages of planning. Again...please pray for God's outcome. Already, He is moving in amazing ways! When going to visit a tribal leader, he wasn't in, but an assistant was. That meeting was clearly God-orchestrated! I know to some this will sound silly, but we have another Apache "daughter." As an orphan, God has led her to us to hug her, pray for her, and advise her. Please pray as this new responsibility begins. Just last night, she had her dinner at our home, blessing us with wonderful conversation, prayer time, etc.



Our Bus Team held a special zoo trip for the children/teens who regularly attend their Church Bus prior to the dismissal of school. We filled two large and two small vans with kids and adults and headed to Phoenix's Wildlife World Zoo for an afternoon of adventures, concluding with a great pizza and cookie dinner through our gracious hosts, Sun City West Christian Church. Our next event is scheduled for August 5th as we have reserved Globe's community pool for a few hours, providing hot dogs, etc. as well. While at Sun City West, several conversations unfolded with kids as they asked about their baptistry, which is located in their foyer. We are confident that several of the Church Bus kids want to be baptized and ask for you to pray for God to work out the best details so that can be accomplished soon.

We were able to enjoy one House Blessing since our last newsletter. Another one should be celebrated shortly. A third home nears completion. We hope to start two more homes within a month. With all of these homes, we are also working to get the plans through for permits for Charlie and Debbie Lucero's home on ARM's property as well. (No, their Mesa home still hasn't sold...please keep that in prayer also!) Several of you have voiced your interest in helping with their home once it can begin. Please let us know of your interest again so that we can keep you posted as the Luceros' home gets underway.

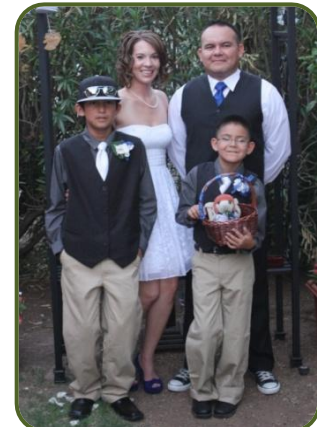
We are sensitive to the times when it becomes painfully clear that the evil one feels the threat of what God is doing on the San Carlos Apache Reservation through this team. That said, we are more confident than ever that GOD is in control. On a Sunday afternoon, Dale was working to clean up our yard in preparation for the upcoming wedding planned there. He rose when he heard loud and angry shouting, saw a policeman run into our yard chasing someone. Dale was able to help capture this multiple-felon...right there in our front yard! We thank God this man didn't have a gun and that it all unfolded as it did. The following day, Jon and Linda had to take their baby Morgan to Phoenix Children's Hospital via ambulance because she'd swallowed a penny and it was blocking her esophagus. We thank God that the 24+ hours that penny was in her throat, it remained vertical so that her airway wasn't blocked. Two days later, Jenna drove herself to Tucson's Medical Center in great pain at her dad's (Dale's) advice. We thought she had appendicitis. Thank God it was a cyst and non-threatening. Justin hurt his knee while fighting wild fires. Thank God the injury wasn't serious, but because of it, he made the choice to head back to base camp ahead of his crew so that they wouldn't be slowed up in the event of a sudden change in conditions. Almost as soon as he returned to camp, his team ran down behind him. They had, indeed, been overtaken by the wild fire. On June 9th, Dale was flown via helicopter to St. Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix with heart attack symptoms. The dr. that saw him depart the Globe ER had tears in her eyes. Although a comfort, her tears added to the stress level. Charlie had been in Colorado and felt compelled to return early, heading through Globe as Dale was being treated in the ER to add his prayers and hugs when they were most needed. Shirley Umberger, a woman who volunteers on Thursdays with us most weeks from the western side of the Phoenix area offered to drive me to Dale's hospital so that I could get there safely. The day before, we had a message on ARM's answering machine from a dear friend. He was worried because God had kept him up the night before to pray for us. He didn't feel peace until praying for us for quite awhile. As we listened to his message, we could feel his worry through his words, and heard the whisper of God that HE was gathering others to pray us through. Dale's arteries are fine. His heart looks healthy. But Dale is clearly **not** healthy. He tires after 10-20 minutes of any labors. Tests done at St. Joseph's revealed multiple cysts on his thyroid. Most are common, but one is over 1 1/2" long and sitting on top of the nerve to his larynx making swallowing, etc. difficult. Biopsies showed that the majority of the cells are benign. The surgeon says that even if some of the questionable ones are cancer, it is slow-growing and not life-threatening. Tests continue. His heart is not beating right. He'll wear a heart monitor for 3 weeks to hopefully find out why. This is a synopsis of what we've been going through with Dale...and your prayers are deeply appreciated. We see God's hand in many ways, so we know that HE will win. Baby Morgan continues to visit doctors as well. Tests are leading them to consider that she may have siliacs disease. Jenna will be having surgery on July 29th. While at work at Auto Zone, a shelf collapsed on her arm, tearing the ligament in her wrist. Our team mate, Faye's husband was fighting fires as well. He had an accident and was in another Phoenix hospital having surgery on his thumb while we were at St. Joseph's. Please pray for complete healing, relief from the pain and for their finances as he's out of work.

Jacque, Ephraim,
Isaac & Joseph Fonseca

We are just beginning to receive the first of what will probably be many medical bills. Dale's helicopter ride was \$31,000. Our insurance doesn't cover helicopter rides. Dale spoke with them yesterday, and they reduced the price to \$8,800 to be paid within two years. ☺ Our medical insurance has a \$5,000 deductible and then we're responsible for 20% of the remaining bills. I am reminded of Jesus' provision of tax money in the mouth of a fish. We know He will provide. We just ask for you to pray for that provision and for us to keep trusting for it.

As always, we are so grateful for your prayers, your financial assistance, your words of encouragement, your visits...your *partnership*. We thank God for you!

Love, Dale, Diana, Justin and Jenna



Arizona Reservation Ministries And Lawrence Family Prayer Calendar

July, 2011

- 20th: Please pray for our backpack project as it unfolds this week.
21st: Pray for the team from Bolingbrook, IL that is serving with us this week.
22nd: Please pray for Dale as medical tests continue; for his stamina and peace.
23rd: Pray for team member, Lynell, as she celebrates her birthday today. ☺
24th: Pray also for Kendralyn who celebrated her marriage yesterday. ☺
25th: Pray for the team visiting us from St. Peters, MO.
26th: Please pray for the staff and residents of Shelter Care and today's Bible Study.
27th: Please pray for our new "daughter", Nikki.
28th: Pray for Jacque, Ephraim and the boys as they move to Oxnard California soon.
29th: Please pray for Jenna's surgery at 6:30 this morning and for complete healing.
30th: Please pray for the ARM/Amor Pop Stand project today.
31st: Pray for the team arriving today from Lewisville, TX.

August

- 1st: Pray for team member, Bill as he celebrates his birthday. ☺
2nd: Please pray for Jbn and Linda and their growing family.
3rd: Please pray especially for Morgan and her health.
4th: Pray for Justin's safety as he continues to fight wildfires across the US.
5th: Please pray for our Church Bus pool party this evening.
6th: Pray for the kids who are ready to be baptized!
7th: Please pray for the teens of San Carlos as they desperately need the Lord.
8th: Please pray for Debbie Lucero, team member, as she celebrates her birthday. ☺
9th: Pray for the Lord to send more God-centered staff soon.
10th: Pray for ARM's and each team member's finances.
11th: Today is our 20th anniversary as missionaries. ☺
12th: Today is Dale's and my 33rd wedding anniversary. ☺
13th: Today is Jenna's 21st birthday. ☺
14th: Today is Charlie and Debbie's anniversary. ☺
15th: Today is granddaughter, Andi's 3rd birthday. ☺
16th: Today is Dale's birthday. ☺
17th: Please pray for the group with us this week from Huntington Beach, CA and for our kitchen tasks as the Luceros return from a much-needed break.
18th: Please pray for San Carlos' Tribal Leaders to be people of integrity.
19th: Please pray for Amber as she transitions from her ARM internship to college in Yuma.
20th: Please keep our former interns in prayer as they continue their educations, care for new families, and serve on mission fields themselves.
21st: Please pray for Chopper and the continuing revival at Freedom Holiness Church.
22nd: Please pray for Chuck Hill as he represents Christ in many ways on the Reservation.
23rd: Today is granddaughter, Jasmine's 5th birthday. She's also starting Kindergarten! ☺
24th: Join us in thanking God for a ministry that instructs mission agencies in support-raising! Debbie and I will be "attending" a workshop today.
25th: Pray for the plans beginning for ARM's 10th anniversary banquet in Phoenix, March 24th, 2012.
26th: Please pray for Bill and Jean Cook as they continue to faithfully serve through ARM.
27th: Pray for the A-Team as they represent Christ as ARM team members and young men of God.
28th: Please pray for Faye and Lynell as they represent Christ through ARM and as God leads.

- 29th: Pray for Samuel as he struggles with family problems and how to let God hold his burdens.
30th: Pray for our witness each and every day.
31st: Pray for all of us to have Christ's wisdom in all things.

September

- 1st: Please pray for God to bless the many who participate on prayer journeys of the Reservation.
2nd: Pray for those who have visited; to remember their Apache siblings.
3rd: Please pray for the prayer journey with visitors from Phoenix today.
4th: Pray for the Arizona churches who have visited us to begin greater ownership of this ministry.
5th: Pray for Uriyan, Mike and Faye's son as he celebrates his 3rd birthday. ☺
6th: Please pray for God to provide more partners for this ministry and our team members.
7th: Please continue to pray for God to use Central Christian Church in Globe especially to reach young families.
8th: Pray for our families; my mom's birthday is today. ☺
9th: Please pray for Jbn and Linda as they plan and provide children's ministries at the Globe church.
10th: Pray for Jenna as she begins another year of college.
11th: Pray for Kenneth Jones as he celebrates another birthday ☺ Pray for healing!
12th: Please pray for Manuel, accepted Christ a few years ago and is back on the streets and drinking.
13th: Pray for Labumba as the Church Bus visits today. This neighborhood is always the most spiritually challenging.
14th: Pray for wisdom as invitations arrive for me to represent ARM across the US.
15th: Pray for more team members so that I am more available to travel.
16th: Pray for the work team this weekend from Gilbert AZ.
17th: Thank God for our new son-in-law, Ephraim. He celebrates his birthday today. ☺
18th: Pray for Jbn and Linda as they celebrate their 7th anniversary. ☺
19th: Please pray for Brandon, Josiah, Tyler, Jarrod, Arthur, Aaron, and other young men who need a godly man to mentor them.
20th: Please pray for angels to surround young girls so that they can keep their innocence.
21st: Pray for the hospital under construction on the Reservation; for those building to be people of integrity.
22nd: Pray for the high school students of San Carlos to receive a great education, stay in school and hear God's calling on their lives.
23rd: Please pray for someone you have met or heard about from San Carlos.
24th: Please pray again for Dale's health.
25th: Please pray for Justin to follow as God leads.
26th: Please pray for our retaining walls-they're getting really weak.
27th: Thank God for those who came to help us when we didn't even know we'd need help!
28th: Please keep our volunteers in prayer and join us in thanking God for them!
29th: Pray for a church that is on the calendar to work with us this week.
30th: Pray for 1st Christian, Yuma teens as they come to help us this weekend.

October

- 1st: Pray for the youth group from 1st Christian, Yuma with us this weekend
2nd: Please pray for the pastors of the Reservation to be encouraged in their ministries.
3rd: Pray for the Church Bus as it visits neighborhoods each week.
4th: Pray for wisdom as people apply to join this team, for the Lord to provide.
5th: Pray for the teams already on the 2012 calendar to have their hearts prepared for their visits.
6th: Pray for the residents of Shelter Care and for the Lord to enable other elderly to move there soon.
7th: Pray for Apache Christians to be protected as the spiritual war continues.
8th: Pray for the team joining us this next week from Prescott (AZ) Christian Church.



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- ◆ Home furnishings in great repair
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- ◆ Postage stamps

- ◆ Oriental Trading Co. gift cards

The Lawrence Family

- ◆ Workers/funds to repair our retaining walls
- ◆ New monthly financial/prayer partners
- ◆ Restaurant/shopping gift cards



You are invited!
 ARM will celebrate her
 10th anniversary on
 Saturday; March 24th, 2012
 at Phoenix's
 First Christian Church.
 Please save the date!

