

Our Prayer Requests

- Please pray for us to have wisdom each day as we lead this ministry, and our growing family.
- Please pray for Dale's health as he continues to persevere in spite of fibromyalgia since 1996.
- Please pray for Diana's health-melanoma in 1995, 2001 and lesser skin cancers since, and a heart "episode" in 2007.
- Please continue to pray for our kids-as their adult lives unfold, for God's leading and provision.
- Please pray for our finances and other needs- AND for wisdom as God provides for them.
- Please pray for our family members who don't yet know Christ.

Our Wish List

- New financial partners; churches who are struggling have been forced to drop our support, and the elderly who have supported us for so long are now unable to continue.
- Our home is located on a hill. The retaining walls on both sides are crumbling and need to be replaced. This past winter's extra rains have washed a significant amount of our yard down into our neighbor's yard. We need the provision of laborers and supplies to create new walls.



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ARIZONA RESERVATION MINISTRIES

was established in April of 2002 to provide 'God's ARMs around the reservation.' ARM exists to make disciples, empowering our Native brothers and sisters to meet the physical and spiritual needs of their community, motivating them to become active members of local, Bible-based churches. ARM assists in many ways!

Currently, ARMs are provided for Home-building, children's and youth ministries from our mobile ministry centers, hosting prayer journeys around the reservation with visitors from across the US, mentoring teens/adults, partnering with Apache churches and an Apache-led ministry, Bible studies and more!

Only through the Hope in Christ do we see a brighter future on this reservation! We fully believe in the power of prayer and pray often. As 2010 unfolds, we eagerly welcome our first Native team members! The numbers of these friends grows; serving both in the home-building aspects of ARM and our Children's Ministries as well. We are also earnestly working toward appointing Natives to our Board of Directors.

What we honestly need most is your prayers. Thanks for reading about us...and thanks for praying!



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Dale & Diana Lawrence



God's ARMs Around the Reservation

The Lawrence Family

Our History

Hello! Dale and I call our life before August of 1991 our "other life."

Dale was a Paramedic-Firefighter on the Hazardous Materials Team for the City of Phoenix. I was Director of Children's Ministries at Christ's Church of Fountain Hills. God began preparing our hearts for ministry as we were living the "good life" but both felt there was something more to be done.



Dale was the elder at Christ's Church in charge of Missions, and led a Bible Study in our home. At the time, we had 2 children. The youth minister took a group of teens

up to the American Indian Christian Mission to help a friend from Manhattan Christian College lead worship for a week of summer camp. He returned and told Dale about AICM, so Dale and two men with contractors licenses headed up the mountain over Memorial Day weekend. Dale felt called as soon as he stepped out of the truck, but thought we'd wait 10 years until he'd retire; no need to raise support, insurance, and retirement were also covered. **God had other plans.** Dale eventually was on AICM's Board of Directors and saw how exhausted the current Administrator was. He came home from a Board-Staff retreat in 1990, and we started praying, raising support and packing.

We arrived at AICM August 11th 1991. (Our fourth child turned one year old on the 13th) One year later, the administrator wanted to minister directly on the Navajo Reservation so Dale became AICM's Executive Director. Over the following years, AICM went from a budget of less than \$200,000 each year to over a million dollars each year and reaching nearly 10 times the number of people on an annual basis through various ministries. The mobile ministry center began there in 1995, working on the White Mountain Apache Reservation. Dale and others built a church building for a man who had been the White Mountain Apache Tribal Chairman and was then a diligent Christian leader. Work continued through VBS' on both the Navajo and White

Mountain Apache Reservations, summer camps on campus continued and much, much more.

In 2000, God led our team of nearly 45 to pray regarding AICM's growth. We were growing, but wanted it to be GOD-LED. (God orchestrated) We discovered that nearly all had gone through the study, "Experiencing God" either in their home churches from Washington to Florida, or were currently going through it at their Show Low church or in our home. This "praying" process was described in that study. On a Friday, the list of what we all believed God was leading us to accomplish, in addition to the boarding school was completed. The following Wednesday, Dale got a call from Central Christian Church in Globe... and the rest is history. (You can read about that adventure on our web site under "Who We Are") That summer of 2000, not only did we receive a church building for \$1.00 just 10 minutes from the San Carlos Apache Reservation, but Rosie and Mary, two Navajo AICM staff members presented a week of VBS in their home in Pinon on the Navajo Reservation. That week, 35 people accepted Christ, so a church plant was "birthed" where we thought we were only having a week of VBS! AICM's Board of Directors recognized God's hand, but was not comfortable expanding so quickly, so a man on staff from Texas joined in the Navajo church plant, and the Board gave us all that was being donated for San Carlos to begin Arizona Reservation Ministries.



Since then, we have been incredibly busy attempting to follow as God miraculously leads! I want to also share, however; that we are all proud of Dale as he completed his Master of Ministry Degree from Hope International University in December of 2009, not only enhancing his own education but setting a priceless example for his kids, grandkids and those of San Carlos as well!

- Diana Lawrence

Our Family

We thank God for the children He has blessed us with!

Jacque (1981) is a 5th-grade teacher in Marana, just north of Tucson AZ. We are so proud of her as she earned National Certification in 2011.

Jon (1983) works near us in the town of Globe, while raising our three granddaughters, Jasmine ('06), Andi ('08) and Morgan ('10) with our precious daughter-in-law, Linda.

Justin (1989) completed his AA at our local community college, working full-time for Canyon Fire Dept. and graduated from Tri-City's Fire Academy all in 2010. During summers, he works for the Forestry Department as a Hot Shot.

Jenna (1990) completed her AA two weeks prior to her high school graduation, spent one year at NAU and is now taking college coursework in Tucson.

Dale and I are indebted to those who have provided financially for us as we raised our family, for 8 years with no health insurance. We are deeply grateful to those who have been and are continuing to pray for our family! That gift is so precious!

