

Arizona Reservation Ministries

'God's ARMs around the Reservation'

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Lessons, Leadings and Blessings

Our partnership with Amor Ministries continues to provide lessons for us all, clear leadings from our Lord, and blessings for not only the families of San Carlos who are receiving much-needed homes, but so many others!

At the end of July, Amor Ministries held a new event for their organization; "Women of Strength". This event will, Lord willing, become a part of their offerings for women who believe the best "vacations" have a purpose outside of them and want to serve the Lord in the process. The founder of Amor chose 20 women from across the US to participate in this initial event. We were able to meet them in Phoenix as they all gathered to begin, sharing with them what Arizona Reservation Ministries does, what our primary focus is, and a bit about their Apache sisters.

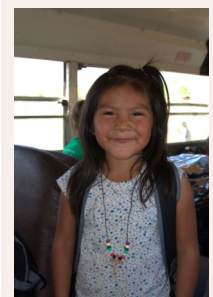
On Saturday, we headed to San Carlos where these women worked on a facility to replace the shack that women had been using for up to 32 years to sell food to support their families. A short-term ministry team from Missouri had done a significant amount of prep work with our "A-Team" prior to the weekend so that the project would interrupt these women's livelihood as little as possible.

In addition to this project, Amor's visitors also enjoyed an Apache lunch, provided by the recipients of this new "pop stand" and an incredible time of worship, led by our Children's Minister, Faye Hinton at her church on the reservation.

We've learned more lessons as a result of this project. Many are unaware that the people of San Carlos STILL cannot own their land. It is held in Federal Trust (and has been whittled down several times!) The family who has the site lease on the land this pop stand has been on for so long gave their permission for a newer (yet still impermanent) structure to be built. Tribal representatives were consulted so that communication could be made clear to not only the Tribal Council but to any Tribal members who might approach them with questions, etc. The vendors themselves were consulted by ARM team member, Mac Hill, who drafted this structure and oversaw its construction. Blessings unfolded throughout this project and are continuing still! A young woman in need of a family has been accepted into that of ARM team members, relationships with representatives, vendors, etc. have been strengthened. As with anything within this ministry, this project is simply a tool for Christ to use as He wills. Please pray as God continues to work in such amazing ways!



Backpack Blessings



Backpack Provision

As another school year begins in San Carlos, we are again amazed as so many joined in the practical provision of school supplies. Thank you! More filled backpacks than ever were physically distributed through ARM's Church Bus (528!). In addition, a carnival intended to network several Tribal agencies is planned for this month to provide school supplies for the many other children who live in areas our Church Bus does not visit. The list of requested supplies was long, yet oftentimes the item most appreciated was the brand-new toothbrush! We continue to be amazed at both the generosity of others, and the incredible basic needs of many on the San Carlos Apache Reservation.

As we conclude another year's Backpack Project, we are already thinking about our Christmas Stocking and Fleece Blanket projects! The partnership with Dollartree.com was utilized by a few, saving postage costs and blessing us with items we really needed. We will once again use dollartree.com for any donors who might wish to help as we fill Christmas Stockings with the items Church Bus kids and teens are hoping for. That list will be available soon on our web site. But, again...thank you for your generosity in helping so many kids and teens start another school year well.





We loves our Volunteers!

Reliant Upon Prayers



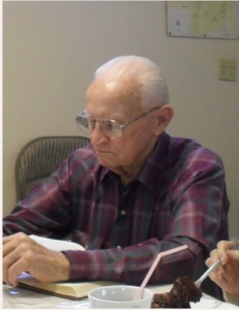
"He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many." 2 Corinthians 1:10-11

We don't typically share the more personal side of this ministry, nor do we resort to "preaching" because we know that as our partners, the Lord leads *you* to lessons as well. However, since our last newsletter was written, ARM's team sounds a lot like Paul in 2 Corinthians 11:24-25: A multiple-felon apprehended in the yard of team members by Dale and area police, a grandbaby's ambulance ride, a grandson's emergency appendectomy while visiting his grandpa Bill, Charlie's ER visit after a 5:30 a.m. mandate from the doctor, Dale's helicopter trip to the Chest Pain Center followed by innumerable tests and dr. visits, Faye's husband's surgery on a severely injured thumb, nearly everyone of ARM's vehicles breaking down, ARM's telephone system destroyed by lightning, and a bear across the street from Bill and Jean's yard! But, like Paul, we stand. (*"That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong."* 2 Cor. 12:10) We remain strong, in large part, because you pray for us. Thank you.

The staff of Arizona Reservation Ministries continues to stand strong! Each member is an incredible blessing as they add their own gifts, personalities, etc. to this ministry. Please join us in thanking God for His provision of people as well as finances, backpacks, stockings, etc. Our team members who call the San Carlos Apache Reservation "home" continue to receive the majority of their support from ARM's general funds. Please pray about partnering with one of these mighty warriors for Christ on a financial and prayer partner basis. As described above, the need for your prayers is truly critical. Faye, Lynell, Mac, Mike and Guy have proven innumerable times that their hearts are focused on Christ, as together, our ARM Team serves Him.

We enjoyed an afternoon of fun as we celebrated our variety of ages, backgrounds and personalities as summer began. Games, "testing" and a video helped us appreciate even more, our diversity. Charlie then blessed us with a great meal before the ladies of the Bus Team traveled to the Reservation to cheer on the Little League team that Mike and Guy had volunteered to coach...hopefully not embarrassing them too much!

God also continues to provide volunteers! Olin and Sharon James from Sun City, AZ travel almost weekly to assist in our children's/youth ministries. Shirley Umberger joins them from Avondale, as well as Cindy Henslin from Fountain Hills for a 2-hour, one-way trek to be a blessing to so many. Linda Lawrence joins us for our crowd on Thursdays as well; bringing one of her daughters along to see friends. We are also blessed with help from mothers and grandmothers on the Reservation as the number of children and teens increases. Robert Baird, an 85-year-old, multiple-time retired minister of the Gospel fills in the pulpit when needed and also leads our weekly Bible Study, traveling 1 ½ hours one-way each Thursday. Others join us on a regular basis to help with our unfinished "to-do" list. We thank God for each and every person who volunteers; for a weekend, a week, or regularly. Please pray for others from Arizona to accept this critical "call." The work is difficult but the blessings are many!



Faye Hinton



Mike, Guy and Mac-The A Team



Lynell Wright



God's "extra ARMs"

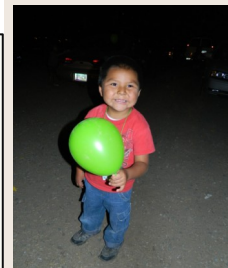
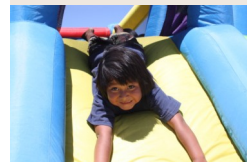
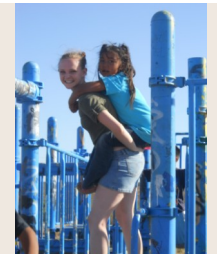
Our visiting work teams continue to arrive and bless us! They provide the additional "ARMs around the Reservation" to help keep kids and teens cool with a water game on our hot afternoons, complete homes for those in need, give hugs to team members as well as others, lift prayers on their prayer journey, free time, and, Lord willing, once they have returned home. We didn't have space to list those groups that visited us in the Spring. Since our February News, groups have arrived from: Grace Church in Mesa AZ; Scottsdale (AZ) Christian Academy; Christian Student Fellowship from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College; UNC, Chapel Hill NC's CCF; College Heights Christian Church, Joplin MO; Good News Fellowship, Ferndale WA; Sun City West (AZ) Christian Church; Christian Campus House of Eastern Illinois University; New Hope Community Church, Gilbert AZ; 1st Christian Church of Yuma AZ; Crossroads Christian School of Portland OR; Meadow View Church of Christ, Frazeyburg OH; Grove Bible Church, Chandler AZ; Westbrook Christian Church, Bolingbrook IL; Mid Rivers Christian Church, St. Peters MO; and North Point Christian Church, Lewisville TX. We are incredibly grateful for those the Lord sends to help us in such amazing ways! We have many groups already on our 2012 calendar and need **your** help year-round. Visit our website at www.azrez.org and click on the "Ways to Share" link, looking at "mission trips" to download our Short-term Ministry Packet to learn the logistics of bringing a group of your own to help us in this adventure!



Our children's Ministries Team is doing so much more than afternoon visits sharing the Gospel and distributing backpacks! We've had another Family Fun Day in one of our neighborhoods, thanks to the assistance of a visiting work team. Families are reached as popcorn, sno cones, hotdogs, games and more are provided for all. We were also able to host a week of Vacation Bible School for a church on the Reservation who are consistently holding a revival every night since January 2nd! The children and teens who regularly attend their "Church Bus" earn trips and parties. We took several vans filled to the Wildlife World Zoo in Phoenix, ending the day with pizza and cookies at Sun City West Christian Church. As this is written, an End of the Summer party is planned for as many as can obtain transportation as well as our vans filled for an evening of hotdogs and swimming as we rent out the public pool in Globe and a carnival with Tribal agencies to provide both fun and school supplies to celebrate the start of another school year. Please pray for the Lord to send more workers soon for this powerful branch of Arizona Reservation Ministries.



In addition to our regular volunteers, seasonal and short-term ministry partners, we are also blessed with interns! ARM provides the necessary requirements for Bible College students that are looking for a cross-cultural internship within the United States, as well as a great way for others who may want to serve the Lord more intentionally for a season of their lives. For more information, check out our website at www.azrez.org. Click on the "Who We Are" link, then "join our team." You'll find lots of information to get you started and hopefully answer your questions! Like our short-term ministry teams, we need interns year-round!





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Prayer Requests

- For the revivals being held at various Apache-led Christian churches, and their leaders.
- For the students and schools of San Carlos.
- For the Lord to provide servants to join the ARM Team soon and wisdom with applicants.
- For wisdom as home recipients are selected.
- For all construction to be completed well and soon.

*Regularly updated prayer requests
and our Needs List are available
on our website at www.azrez.org*



Financial Update

Since our last newsletter, we've had several major needs that are not in our tightened budget. If able to help us with the repair costs for our construction vehicle (approx. \$2,000) our children's Mobile Ministry Center (nearly \$1,000) or a new telephone system, we would be most grateful!

Thank you!

Needs List

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

Lowe's Gift Cards
Oriental Trading Company credit for crafts
Furniture in **great** repair
New, hand-made quilts
Small stacking children's chairs
Small Bible memory verse "prizes"

Just a reminder: Our Childrens and Youth ministries benefit from your donated used cell phones!