



Arizona Reservation Ministries'

## Bus Buddy Update

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As we glance over our last Bus Buddy Update, it is exciting to see what the Lord has done in just a short time! Because we were blessed with the visits of three Short-Term Ministry teams in the past two months, activities impossible with our committed, full-time team were added; not only making our visits to the neighborhoods more fun but again providing a bit more time for us to spend in conversation with specific children needing that extra attention. It has been HOT. Unseasonably hot. I know that many of you have experienced that same heat wherever you are located as well. The water games these groups provided was great fun...and a respite from the heat.

After all of the pencils, backpacks, paper and more were distributed, we were able to tally that distribution. Over **540 kids and teens** received backpacks with school supplies from ARM! After that distribution, an additional 100+ backpacks plus supplies were given to an inter-tribal event for their Back to School Celebration. Only GOD could orchestrate such an incredible provision! Thanks to those who allowed Him to use them!

We reserved the community pool for a new event. As is often the case, the Lord leads and we watch as HE does amazing things! We weren't sure how many children would be able to travel the  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour into Globe to join us, but with only two vans, the number we could pick up was limited. Counting the number of children filling a swimming pool is difficult! At least **75 plus** their families joined us for a picnic, and an afternoon to simply play.

We have several events planned between now and Christmas. Please pray for the Tribal Wellness Center's Fall Carnival, held just before Halloween each year. A team from Indiana has made this their project and join us to help as our small group join in as we proclaim Christ in several ways, enjoying an evening of fun with over 300 Tribal members! The day after this Carnival, we'll host another Family Fun Day...this time in Labumba. Just a week later, we hope to have our fourth Family Fun Day of the year; this one in Hallelujah Square. We're also helping the Wellness Center with their annual 'Share the Warmth' event. We're collecting new and gently-used coats, pajamas, sweatshirts, etc. for kids and teens of San Carlos. These items need to be into our offices by the end of October.





The next event we're praying over and planning is to participate in the Tribe's Christmas Light Parade. We hope to decorate the Church Bus with lots of Christmas lights, and have the children ride within. Older kids/teens will rollerblade behind, distributing Words of Hope to those who are watching. Lord willing, we'll end the evening in a parking lot with cookies and cocoa. Of course, quite soon, we'll be working diligently on our Christmas stocking and fleece blankets Project! Please pray for the Lord to provide the needed stocking stuffers and blankets so that all of those who regularly attend their Church Bus can be blessed just prior to Christmas.



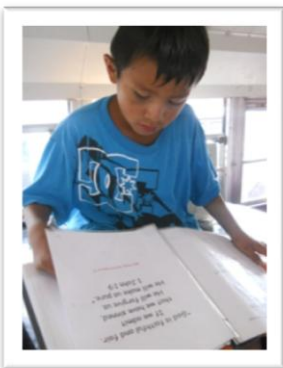
We have learned many times that we can make our plans...but GOD directs our steps. Pray for HIS leading in all of this and for us to always remember to keep Him and His message of salvation as first priority in all that we do.



In the past two months, our larger Kids' Church Bus has been at the mechanic's more than it has been serving with us. Our other, much smaller, less kid-friendly bus has been a blessing in that we were able to continue our ministries. However, on occasion, if someone arrived and couldn't find a place to sit, they would leave and not hear the lesson prepared for them. Our Kids' Bus is old. Finding parts was difficult and required much time, and expense. We are praying for a newer vehicle. Please join us in praying; not only for the provision but also for wisdom regarding the form of that provision. We are considering an RV with slide-outs instead of another bus. This option would allow us to travel without being dependent upon someone with a Commercial Driver's License. Whatever the Lord chooses to provide, we will need wisdom regarding its retrofit. Already, our team is beginning to pray and ask the Lord for His plans. Please join us in praying both for the provision and the planning.

Please know that all of this planning, all of these provisions mean nothing without the hearts of these children and teens. Each is incredibly precious to us. Each was worth our Savior's life. One conversation recently revealed clearly that the Holy Spirit was moving in a young girl's heart. As she discussed who Jesus was, she confided, "but Jesus just loves white people-right?" What a JOY to be able to send her to the other side of the bus where an our Children's Minister Faye, Apache woman who knows Jesus loves her, could share some incredible news. ☺

Your partnership is so precious to us! Thank you for daily praying for us. Thank you for your financial assistance. Thank you for spreading the word about something so important as being a Bus Buddy.



*Sincerely,  
ARM's Church Bus Team*



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### Prayer Requests

- ♥ For everyone to stay safe while we wait for the LORD to send others to serve with us.
- ♥ For the bus to keep running until the LORD sends a replacement.
- ♥ For the children and teens to understand Christ's love for *them*.
- ♥ For the events planned to go as GOD desires.