

The Children's and Youth Ministries of Arizona Reservation Ministries



**'God's ARMs Around the
Reservation'**

Arizona Reservation Ministries

Was established in March 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 Center, hosting prayer journeys around the Reservation with visitors from across the US, partnering with Apache-led churches and Tribal agencies, Bible studies and more! ARM's focus is to not only partner with our Native brothers and sisters, in the ministries God has placed them in within the Reservation, but to also fill *this* ministry with Native Team members. Of the 11 on our team today, four are from the San Carlos Apache Nation. One member of our Board of Directors comes from this Reservation. It is our intent to seek other faith-filled Native believers to serve through this ministry as God leads and provides.

ONLY through the Hope Christ offers can we envision a brighter future on the Reservation. We fully believe in the power of prayer and pray often. We have witnessed innumerable miracles as God has guided and provided for this ministry! What we honestly need most is **your** prayers. Thanks for reading about us, and thank you for praying!



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We need your help!

This area of Arizona Reservation Ministries is in great need of partners. A Bus Buddy contributes monthly toward the ever-increasing costs of gasoline, insurance and maintenance for our Church Bus, as well as craft supplies, toys and snacks.

- I would like to become a Bus Buddy. Lord willing, I will support this area of ARM on a monthly basis.
- Please accept this one-time gift to help with the extra expenses related to this area of ARM such as mechanical repairs, etc.:
- I hope to spread the word about what ARM is doing, and the many needs of your ministry and the Reservation. Please send brochures and other publications that might help with this.
- I would like to invite someone from ARM to share with our church! Please email/call me at: _____
(I understand that at least a portion of the travel expenses will need to be provided by myself or others who will gather to hear what God is doing through ARM.)

- Please add me to your mailing list:

Name: _____

Address: _____

- Please send correspondence electronically to: _____

Email (To save postage and printing costs for ARM): _____

God's ARMs Around the Kids and Teens of San Carlos◆◆◆◆◆

Life for Kids



The arrival of a child is always a blessing. However, many of the babies born on this Reservation's parents have not yet celebrated their 16th birthday. Some of these kids will live in a home with 20+ others, some of whom

will be alcoholic, drug abusers and/or gang members. Sadly, their parents may be in the middle of this lifestyle themselves. Many children would then reside within these walls, a close-knit gathering of young cousins that oftentimes assume responsibilities at a young age in caring for even younger ones. 'Grandma' may be the most stable care-giver. As the years unfold, school attendance will provide regular and healthy meals for most of the year, but attending each day when the distance between home and school is so great can be a challenge. Safety, a bed of their own, and the possibility of dreaming of a brighter future are luxuries some little ones cannot imagine.

What ARM does...

The "Church Bus" as it is affectionately called by the kids on the San Carlos Apache

Reservation, arrives one afternoon each week in each of four tribal housing areas to provide Bible lessons, memory verses, prayers, singing, snacks, crafts and fun to an average of 200 *each week*. The focus is Jesus Christ, with lessons these

children can hang onto. After the lesson time, they all scatter to play. Some stay inside the bus to create their own crafts, play with

board games, or Legos. Still others work diligently to recite Bible memory verses to earn prizes.



Others head outside for the Church Bus to play an organized game, or even basketball with the hoop attached to the back of the bus.

Children and teens are choosing Christ from this Mobile Ministry Center! Over 100 have been baptized by the Church Bus team since 2012! They eagerly raise hands to volunteer to pray, and help in many ways as clearly this is *their* Church Bus.



Carnivals, Parades and Family Fun Days

At various times during the year, a visiting Short-Term Ministry team may provide the activities for a special event in one particular neighborhood while our ARM Church Bus Team develops deeper relationships

with the family members of those who attend the Bus. Just before Halloween, we are delighted to partner with the Tribe's Wellness Center as they host a Fall Festival.

Later, other Tribal agencies are inviting us to assist with their special events as well! It is always exciting to watch as a handful of us gather to share Christ while serving our Apache Spiritual Siblings!



Christmas Stockings and Fleece Blankets

Over 700 hand-made stockings were created across the US and

distributed in 2016! That many hand-tied fleece blankets provided warmth and comfort to kids who may consider it their only bed.

◆ Sewing instructions,



information to create these fleece blankets and stocking wish lists are posted on our website.

Backpack Project

Over 950 backpacks filled with school supplies provided by our partners were distributed prior to school's start the beginning of August of 2017! Along with the supplies is a message about the

importance of education, and the reminder that Jesus Christ will be with them as they study.

◆ Specific needs are listed on our website.

Life for Teens...

By the time a child on the Reservation reaches the age of 12, in some cases, they have been experimenting with or abusing drugs for quite awhile. Some of those we know at 13 have already spent time in jail. Teen pregnancy, sometimes as a result of violence, is rampant. Teen suicide is 7 times the national average. Because their home is inhabited by many, (Some of whom are possibly also on drugs, alcohol or members of a gang) choosing to attend school daily, get good grades, and reject that destructive lifestyle may be difficult at best.

The Teen Church Bus

Until the Lord sends a spiritually strong couple to represent Him in mentoring teens, many join in the lessons and fun with their little siblings/children from our other Church Bus. An over-night party was

held for many of these teens in the spring of 2017. Please pray for the Lord to raise up a godly couple to serve in such a powerful position soon.

