

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, emotional 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. 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! We need partners to contribute monthly toward the ever-increasing costs of gasoline, insurance and maintenance for our Church Bus, craft supplies, Bibles, dinners for our weekly youth meetings and much more!

- I would like to partner with ARM's Children's and Youth Ministries. 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...

For over 16 years, the "Church Bus," as it is affectionately called by the kids on the San Carlos Apache Reservation, would arrive 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 Mr. Potato Head, board games, or Legos. Still others work diligently to recite Bible memory verses to earn prizes. Others head outside 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. Please pray for the Lord to provide a new Church Bus driver very soon!



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 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. 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!



Vacation Bible Schools

When the Lord provides others to help us, we are excited to assist Apache-led, Bible-based Churches with Children's programming through VBS programs, while the adults are nearby attending a Camp Meeting or Revival. These events are always filled with moments of great ministry!

Christmas Stockings and Fleece Blankets

Over 850 hand-made stockings were created across the US and distributed in 2017! That many hand-tied fleece blankets provided warmth and comfort to kids who may consider it their only bed.

◆ Stocking sewing instructions,

information to create these fleece blankets, and our Stocking Wish List are posted on our website.

Backpack Project

A total of 1,048 backpacks filled with school supplies provided by our partners were distributed prior to school's start the beginning of August of 2018! Along with the supplies was 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 10 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.

H.A.N.D.S.

A new youth group has started through ARM! "Helping And Nurturing Disciples Students" meets weekly for Bible Study, games and more! Please pray as this newest entity within this ministry is clearly on the front lines of incredibly brutal spiritual battles! Young mothers and many who have lived through unimaginable difficulties join to learn about the One who not only saves them, but carries them as well.

