

# All About 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. 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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### Your Partnership is Critical! ♦♦♦♦

- I would like to begin supporting the monthly needs of this growing ministry.
- I want to commit to daily praying for ARM and those of the San Carlos Apache Nation. Please send urgent requests via email to:

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

# God's ARMs Around the Reservation

## Why?

There are many misconceptions regarding the Indigenous of the US:

- Many believe that all of the oppression inflicted upon them occurred prior to the 20<sup>th</sup> century. However, with a moment's search on the internet, one can discover oppressive situations *today* between many tribes, government agencies and others. The San Carlos Apache Reservation has been reduced in size five times because of the resources discovered there. The remaining land could still be taken from them **because they don't own the land**. It is held in Federal Trust. No corporation would invest in infrastructure to hire people, because the land is unsecure. Unemployment stands at over 75%.
- Many believe that if you are a Native American, the government issues you a check. (Or you receive funds from a casino there.) This also is not true on the San Carlos Apache Reservation. Families on this Reservation subsist on as little as \$250.00 *each month* through Tribal Assistance.

What we DO know is, that luxuries others take for granted are impossible for many from San Carlos; such as dreaming of the future, playing in safety, walking at night or taking a vacation and leaving home unattended (even for one night.).

### But God brings hope!

The spiritual battles waged for so long on this cross-cultural mission field, within the borders of the US, must be won. Alcoholism and drug abuse begin at early ages. Parenthood begins for many by the time they celebrate their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. A 10-year-old became a mother in 2017. A single-family home actually houses 20 or more as a nuclear family waits up to 15 years for a home of their own.

As Jesus returned to heaven, His command was to "Go into **all** nations."

The Nation of the San Carlos Apaches needs Christ now.

## Where?

The San Carlos Apache Reservation is the third largest of 22 reservations within the State of Arizona. It is located just 85 miles east of the Phoenix airport, east of the copper-mining town of Globe. This reservation of more than 2,854 square miles boasts a population of approx. 14,000; over half of which are under the age of 18.

### Arizona Indian Reservations



## What?

Arizona Reservation Ministries has been called to "hold up the ARMs" of our Native brothers and sisters, following the model found in Exodus 17. Currently, this is accomplished many ways, including...

- ◆ Meeting with Apache pastors for prayer and encouragement, providing Vacation Bible Schools, facilities construction, assistance or repair, hosting an annual Pastor Appreciation Banquet and more.
- ◆ Assisting Christians in leadership within Tribal agencies through practical provision (Social Services, Parenting Classes and the Wellness Center), Fall Festival (Wellness Center), Parades, Bible Study at the Assisted Living facility, Collaboration (Task Force), etc.
- ◆ Sharing Christ's love and lessons through a weekly Youth Group. We've also run a Church Bus for the children of San Carlos. Through this, much discipleship and mentorship also occurs. To date, over 100 have been baptized as GOD provides the 'increase!'
- ◆ Providing homes for the homeless and renovations of homes in great need. Our 32nd home was started in the spring of 2018!
- ◆ Distributing clothing, furniture, appliances, backpacks and school supplies, Christmas stockings and fleece blankets, through relationships with ARM team members, ARM ministries and other Tribal agencies.

