

God's ARMs provide a home

The Need

In 2005, a representative from ARM had the privilege of meeting with the Tribal Chairwoman of the San Carlos Apache Nation. In that meeting, her face lit up when asked for permission to help with the need for homes for her People. The next step was a meeting with the leaders within the Tribal Housing Authority. It was in this meeting that we received the news that over 1,500 homes were needed immediately. Families may wait up to 15



years for a home of their own. In the meantime, families reside in homes ranging from the size and appearance of a garden shed (some family members then sleeping in an abandoned car out front) to a 1,200 square-foot home with over 20 other extended family members. Within the walls of these larger homes, drug and alcohol abuse and gang activity contribute to a vicious cycle where "home" is anything but peaceful and safe.

The need for adequate housing is critical. God has called Arizona Reservation Ministries to assist with this need. His leading and provision has resulted in 32 homes completed or currently under construction!

ARM has established a Home Application process. This process is heart-breaking as over 50 applications will be submitted for every one home we will build. If multi-nuclear families live in a single-wide mobile home, but the roof is intact and the toilet is not falling through the

floor, their need for a new home is far less than others.

Although earthly homes are needed, leading these new home owners to the relationship that will ultimately provide their permanent home is much more important. For that reason, at each step of the process, our greatest focus is on Jesus Christ. As Christians come and build their home and visit with them, as their House Blessing is celebrated, Christ is proclaimed.



When a family receives the keys to their new home, ARM celebrates with them in a House Blessing. Extended family and ARM team members gather to share a meal and celebrate God's great provision. Along with keys, each family also receives a hand-created quilt, an engraved Bible and a photo album with the pictures and words of encouragement of those who have shared in this labor of love (and the scriptures now hidden beneath their drywall written by these builders). Words shared that day also reiterate Christ's love and offer of an eternal home with each family.

Receiving a home can transform lives!



Experiencing God's personal provision brings Hope many grasp as the first step for brighter futures!

How You Can Help

There are many ways you can assist with this great need! The first and most important is your prayers! Please pray for wisdom as we pass through the application process, determining who is in greatest need today for a home. Pray also for the LORD to send workers, for necessary funds, for safety at the work sites and for those receiving the home to not only see Christ in those building their home, but deeply desire their own relationship with Him as well. Building a home requires much labor! Volunteers from across the US are the primary laborers in creating a home for a homeless Apache family. We are also thrilled with interior and exterior walls and floor sections that are being constructed in church parking lots, etc. across the US and then delivered to us! Creating a home requires a lot of funds. In order to complete a home, over \$27,000 must be raised. Each short-term ministry team that works on a home contributes approx. 75% of their funds toward construction costs. Additional funds are needed to complete each two-or three-bedroom home.



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