



# Arizona Reservation Ministries

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The photo shown on the left is of an actual place to worship on the San Carlos Apache Reservation. Pastor Holmes has been talking with ARM for over a year, praying for the day when his congregation might meet in a facility that would keep them out of the wind, rain, and snow. It is our desire to work alongside this group of spiritual siblings to create such a place. We're praying for the Lord to provide the funds and laborers needed, so that another year doesn't pass before they can have a church home of their own.



Several of the churches on this Reservation have been in existence for generations. In fact, the granddaughter of a founding pastor now serves her grandparents' congregation. The American Indian Church is one of these long-standing bodies of believers. Some of their structures had been torn down; others are in great need of repair. We are excited to watch as many are beginning to attend this small congregation! Their attendance is growing. The need for Sunday School classrooms, a small kitchen, and bathrooms are desperately needed. The footer for this expansion has been dug, but we're waiting for \$7,000.00 to purchase the concrete.

## Apache Facilities and Friendships



Projects are many on the San Carlos Apache Reservation. We're praying for the people and the provisions to complete them.



The leaders of these Apache congregations are passionate about serving Christ, diligent in that service, and fighting very real spiritual battles. Because of the poverty of their congregations, having the funds to provide electricity is at times a challenge. Having their flock supply their personal needs is impossible. Some hold down secular jobs to make ends meet. Others rely on the checks their spouses earn. One pastor's wife has been hospitalized on numerous occasions recently. Another pastor released himself from a care facility, knowing that his days on earth are limited. Yet another has buried several family members in the past year, most recently, a daughter.



Our annual Pastor Appreciation Banquet was held October 4<sup>th</sup>. Several of these mighty men and women of God joined us, as our focus was simply to encourage them, pray for them, and bless them. Please pray for these servants, and the congregations they lead.



### Water Fun Day!



Rest assured! Construction continues on a regular basis within this ministry. Having extra ARMs to complete projects is a significant blessing! This past quarter, we were excited to welcome back the youth of First Christian Church, Yuma, AZ to help us with a water-themed Family Fun Day. The temperatures were high and the crowd large as we celebrated summer's end together with families from across the Reservation. Years ago, a dear friend arrived in a visiting short-term ministry team from Columbia, Missouri. He returned with a self-contained water slide! That gift has been a tremendous blessing for many events! A Kiddie Pool was added this year to provide additional relief from the sun for little ones. An invention from our team was renovated this year that was a great "hit." When a ball is accurately thrown, a water balloon bursts, just above an anxious head! Sno cones, cotton candy, many games, and lots of fun were shared by a huge crowd! Also shared, were Bibles that were earned as prizes in a game (built and provided by a friend from Westminster, California). A woman won a Bible and then gave it to her friend. That friend asked for prayers, along with our inscribing in her new Bible. Others sought out Fun Day leaders, simply for a moment of private prayer. Days like this are clearly God-led. Having the extra ARMs makes them more possible.



### The Blessing of many ARMs!



God's ARMs are surrounding this planet. His people travel to distant countries to share his love with many in need. Stories of missionaries and short-term missionaries who have impacted continents are many and awe-inspiring! We thank God for those He sends to partner with us! They have arrived from Sierre Leone, Afghanistan, Romania, England, and China! This past quarter, they have arrived from First Christian Church, Yuma, AZ; Eastside Christian Church, Jeffersonville, IN; Palm Valley Church, Goodyear & Buckeye, AZ; and Prescott Christian Church, Prescott, AZ. Their ARMs have made a tremendous impact on this ministry, and on many from the San Carlos Apache Nation. We are praying you will consider coming to add **your** ARMs in 2020!



# Cross Cultural Ministry Close to Home!

## ♥♥♥ Frequently Asked Questions



### ☑ How much does it cost to partner with ARM through a Short-Term Ministry trip?

The cost to join ARM in short-term ministry is \$500.00 per person for the 7-day week; \$80.00 per day per person for shorter visits. These funds cover your food and lodging (25%) and construction costs (75%) while here. Your service will be a blessing both physically and financially. You will also need to provide your own transportation (air, rental van, etc.)



### ☑ What is the best-sized group to bring on a Short-Term Ministry Trip with ARM?

The best-sized group is 10-14 participants. This will allow you to remain together for all projects. That said, we have had groups ranging from three to 50. These arrangements need to be made early in the preparation process. With smaller groups, there is the chance that you will get to join in ministry with another Short-Term Team, as we at times welcome two groups, combining their labors and service.

### ☑ How can I get our group's trip reserved on the ARM calendar?

Simply call our offices at (928) 425-8449 or email us at: [AzRezMinistry@hotmail.com](mailto:AzRezMinistry@hotmail.com). We'll confirm the dates and then need a non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 to hold that time for your group. Your deposit will then be deducted from the amount needed as you send in the necessary forms and funds **at least two weeks prior** to your arrival. The Short-Term Ministry Calendar will be updated frequently on our website.



### ☑ What do you suggest we do to help create the most positive Short-Term Ministry experience?

- ◆ Above all, we ask that you would **pray** regularly and often about your trip, and gather others within your church to pray for you, as well.
- ◆ We strongly request that you hold several meetings to form a cohesive team and *review those pages noted within our 'Short-Term Ministry Packet' prior to arrival.* (This Packet is found on our web site).
- ◆ A parents' meeting is recommended for youth groups so that the information contained within our Short-Term Ministry Packet is accurately shared.
- ◆ Appoint team members to prepare daily devotions. Devotions should be a part of your pre-field planning, as well as each **evening** that you are here on the mission field.
- ◆ We also strongly recommend that each person take responsibility for at least 50% of the cost of their trip, so that they feel more ownership in the process.



For more information, check out our Short-Term Ministry Packet on our website at [AzRez.org/Ways to Share/Mission Trips](http://AzRez.org/Ways to Share/Mission Trips)

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