



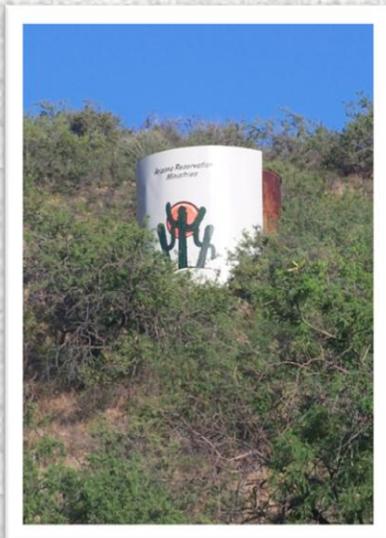
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Celebrating Twenty Years!

It would be impossible to communicate in this brief News just how MUCH God has done to create, lead, provide and sustain Arizona Reservation Ministries. We remain committed to the promise that GOD should lead. This is the ministry of Jesus Christ. Please humor us for a moment as we share some of the miracles that have been part of this ministry. This ministry began when God provided an 82-year-old church building just minutes from the San Carlos Apache Reservation for \$1.00. (We eventually paid an additional dollar for this building at a special gathering.) A group of college students had made flights, and planned to serve with another ministry, only to discover at the last moment that they were unable to do so. That campus minister contacted someone in the Phoenix area, who referred him to us. They were able to repair a church we had just learned of on the Reservation, because their pastor was preaching on the local radio. Our first Church Bus was donated by friends in Indiana. They didn't know-and we didn't know, that they painted it in the San Carlos High School colors. Unsolicited by us, the International Conference on Missions asked if we'd want the teens attending that Conference to construct the walls in their exhibit halls for Apache homes, transporting them year after year at no charge to this ministry. We've had visiting teams from most of the states in the U.S., as well as several international locations, including mainland China! Those students and a few of their leaders discovered Christ's love while here sharing with Apache and ARM staff kids, some of them accepting Him as their Savior on such eventful visits. Fast-forward to the challenges of Covid and the closing of other ministries. During that season, yet two more areas of ministry were begun in ARM. We have two teams of traveling basketball players, AND have distributed literally hundreds of thousands of pounds of food, diapers, water and more to those in desperate need. Truly, GOD continues to work miracles...and we get to join *our* ARMs in the adventures.



It is with GREAT pleasure that we announce that our Church Bus is once again rolling on a weekly basis! With Vermaleen Stevens leading and Roxie Carlyle driving (in addition to their teaching tasks, craft and game organizing and implementing and more) it has been exciting to watch as in the first three weeks, already over 175 children have attended this special ministry tool. Children line up on the corners in their neighborhoods anticipating the arrival of their Church Bus, or come running from everywhere once they hear the horn. Lessons begun with the Heroes of the Bible, and the special ways God can make them heroes. With the presence of visiting Short-Term Ministry Teams, 30-50+ children on the Bus can receive more attention than on the weeks that simply three from ARM are on hand. BUT, when our adult numbers are low, that's when we watch the older kids take on the responsibilities that are needed. We're hoping one day YOU can be part of the fun, too!

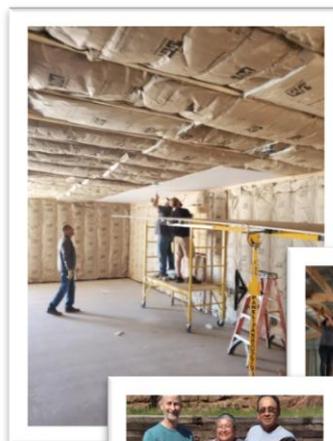
The ARM Construction Crew continues to work, regardless of whether Short-Term Ministry volunteers arrive or not. BUT, because of their extra ARMs, a great deal has been accomplished at both the American Indian Church and Preach the Word Ministries.

The American Indian Church had been able to gather for worship, etc. in a rented facility until lately. Someone started a fire in the trash can outside, and significantly damaged that structure, as well as furnishings and more that belonged to that congregation. Since then, they have been gathering in the shell of their new sanctuary and holding special prayer meetings, etc. in the home of Vincent and Vermaleen Stevens; the parsonage we were able to build in 2021. Electric tasks are unfolding, as well as an air-conditioning unit's installation and insulation soon. A dear friend from Indiana met Vincent and Vermaleen at the half-way point in Oklahoma, to receive a beautiful, hand-crafted pulpit for the American Indian Church, comprised of wood from both Indiana and the San Carlos Apache Reservation.

At Preach the Word Ministries' sanctuary, windows are going in, and finish work on the drywall in anticipation of painting soon. This congregation is also receiving an air-conditioner, thanks to the generous gifts of ARM partners.

Please pray for both congregations as their new homes are completed.

The months of March and July were filled with teams planning to join us in Short-Term Ministry by the time we sent you our February News. Words aren't adequate to share just how much these teams mean to us! In addition to their physical labors, passionate prayers, and amazing hugs, the ARM Team's children get excited to meet these guests who arrive from distant locations, and eagerly anticipate sharing dinners with them. As these next teams arrive, the children and teens on the Church Bus will also consider them a great blessing as they share about homes with green hills, ocean views and more. Just since February, we've welcomed a team from LifePoint Church, San Tan Valley, AZ. Palm Valley Church in Goodyear/Buckeye, AZ returned, as did a team from City Church, Surprise, AZ. First Christian Church in Yuma, AZ came once again. We welcomed the return of a group from Second Church of Christ, Danville, IL AND a group from Eastside Christian Church, Jeffersonville, IN. These teams accomplished SO much! Two sanctuaries for Apache-led churches are getting closer to completion. We cherish each and every group that sacrifices to join us. Please join us in praying for God to provide more ARMs in 2022.



Arizona Reservation Ministries Youth basketball teams continue to compete at tournaments both on and off of the San Carlos Apache Reservation. These teams receive mentorship and discipleship from their coaches, Prospero and Roxie Carlyle. During one trek to compete, Pros felt compelled to offer the invitation of Salvation with these players. He returned super excited, as each member of those teams made decisions for Christ!

'God's ARMs Around the Reservation' since 2002'

2022 Backpack Project Of Arizona Reservation Ministries



For the past seventeen years, it has been so fun to serve as God's ARMs in providing backpacks and school supplies to students of the San Carlos Apache Reservation.

Before school began in 2021...even with the Covid restrictions, we were able to provide over 1,000 students with the supplies they needed to start a very different school year of hybrid (distance and in-class) learning, as well as the remaining supplies to the San Carlos School District! **This project is much larger than what can be accomplished without your help.**

Thanks for helping, thanks for praying, and thanks for spreading the word!

The deadline for receiving all items is July 4th, 2022

What We Need...

brand-new backpacks (no owl prints, please)

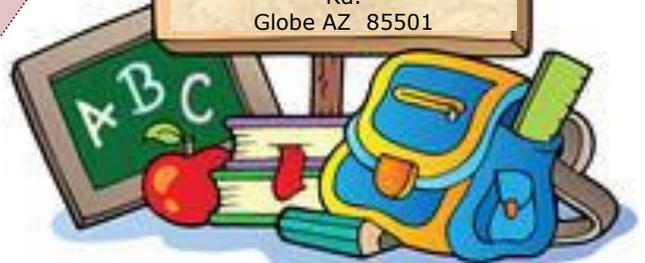
- ♥ tissue boxes (Kleenex, etc.)
- ♥ toothbrushes (individually-wrapped)
- ♥ toothpaste
- ✓ boxes of primary sized-crayons
- ✓ coloring books
- ✓ primary-sized pencils
- ♥ pocket folders (LOTS of them!)
- ✓ boxes of Crayons
- ✓ colored pencils
- ♥ # 2 pencils **with cap erasers**
- ✓ black/blue/red ink pens
- ♥ composition notebooks
- ♥ glue sticks
- ✓ pencil boxes
- ✓ zippered pencil pouches
- ✓ 2" 3-ring binders
- ✓ boxes of markers
- ✓ individual highlighters
- ✓ packages of binder dividers
- ✓ packages of index cards
- ✓ packages of wide-ruled notebook paper
- ✓ packages of college-ruled notebook paper
- ✓ small scissors
- ✓ black dry erase markers
- ✓ calculators
- ✓ paperback dictionaries
- ✓ pkgs. Post-it notes

♥We'll need over 500 of these items!

Please do not send us pencil sharpeners

thank you!

*to save postage costs (and multiply the amount of school supplies you can provide!) please consider sending funds or Walmart/Dollar Tree gift cards to:
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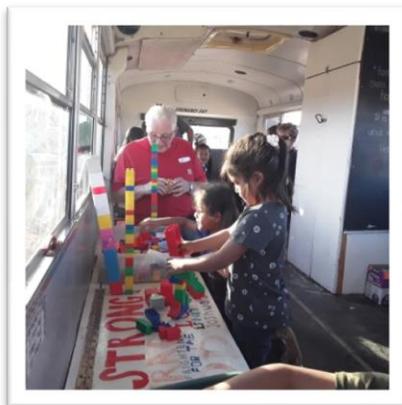


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