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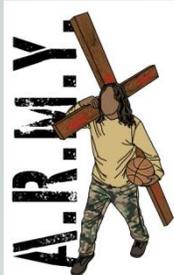
We're super-excited to share that three teams were able to join us for Short-Term Ministry this past quarter...AND, that many others plan to join us before the end of 2023. Our 2024 Short-Term Ministry Calendar is available on our website for you to search for the time your team might be willing to serve alongside us in 2024 as well! We're praying that you might choose to make a difference on this cross-cultural mission field too.



Groups since our May Quarterly News was written arrived from Christ's Presbyterian Church, Goodyear, AZ, Eastside Christian Church, Jeffersonville, IN and Copper Creek Christian Church, Maryville, IL. With our incredibly hot summer, their ARMs were especially appreciated as finishing touches were added to the American Indian Church's facilities and work accomplished on the second half of a home for the Johnson family on the San Carlos Apache Reservation.



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



We're also excited to watch as the A.R.M.Y. basketball teams continue to grow in the Lord, and in their abilities on the court! Thanks to dear friends and fellow missionaries on the White Mountain Apache Reservation, a new logo for this team has been made. These basketball teams are also excited about their new uniforms! Please keep these teams in your prayers as they travel to compete, grow in their faith, and represent Christ in their homes. Please also keep their coaches Pros and Roxie Carlyle, on the ARM Team in your prayers as well. Through Christ, many lives are being transformed!



We are incredibly grateful to our friends and partners for providing for our huge annual Backpack Project once again! This year, well over 1,270 backpacks were given to the students of San Carlos prior to the start of school the end of July/first of August. In addition to delivery from our Church Bus, we were also able to provide backpacks to several Apache-led, Bible-based churches, two Christian schools, the Tribe's Wellness Center and the Tribal Chairman for their special events. AND THEN...the school bus drivers from the San Carlos Apache School District arrived with one of their buses to load the additional school supplies that remained! Please keep the students and staff of San Carlos in prayer as another school year has begun.

# God Stories

We're confident that you have stories of things that have unfolded or been provided that you KNOW were only possible because of our all-powerful, all-loving, all-knowing God. These events/provisions are typically known as 'God-stories.' They have occurred throughout history and on every continent of this planet.

So...the first 'God-story' we'd like to share is one about a country who tells its citizens that God does not exist. In fact, those who passionately follow Jesus Christ have been imprisoned...or worse. For the sake of unfolding events, we're not able to share exactly where this is, but want to share what GOD has done. Twice in the past, He has brought those from far away to the San Carlos Apache Reservation. Their agenda was simply to discover the situations of the Indigenous of the United States. While here, children of the San Carlos Apache Tribe, and the ARM team shared that not only does God exist, but He brought them here to let them know they are loved. Several from these groups chose to follow Christ by the example and words of these young ones.

God has actually sent people from other countries on several occasions to serve alongside us in Short Term Ministry. They've arrived from Afghanistan, Romania, Lithuania, China, England, Sierre Leone, Ukraine and more. We are excited to be just one part of the Global Kingdom of God!

Many are aware of the miraculous provision of a home base to begin Arizona Reservation Ministries. That story can be found on our website. The church building we initially received for \$1.00 (giving another dollar to those holding the deed at a second event) was just what we needed for several years...but then for many reasons, we needed to find a larger place to park the Church Bus, store our donations, secure offices and more. After traveling with a realtor in Globe many times, and placing offers/bids on a few properties, God's much better plans were revealed. We actually offered more money than another buyer for a 3-acre parcel, but the seller decided he wanted the money a few weeks earlier than we could provide! The Realtor told our Executive Director, "I know what you need, but it's not for sale." She introduced us to the owner, who was willing to sell it to us. We now have 45 acres bordering National Forest purchased for half the appraised value and were given 10% back from the seller as his tith!

Our focus has always been to place Jesus Christ first and foremost in all that we do. Secondly are the needs of the San Carlos Apache People. For that reason, when the creek that runs between the road and our offices would flood, the need for a bridge in Globe (approx. 10 miles from the Reservation) was not a high priority. God had other plans and prompted a church in California to send us \$30,000.00 specifically for us to work on a bridge. Until that bridge was completed, we drove across culverts which oftentimes floated down the creek during flooding, making access impossible except by foot, over planks, etc. Other miraculous things unfolded during the construction of our Bridge Project. For engineering purposes, we had to hand-fill wire baskets with softball-sized rocks...14 ton of these baskets on the four points on each bank of this bridge. We thought we'd need to purchase some of these rocks. As the hill on our land was excavated, those rocks were provided. As the flat-bed railroad car was placed by a dear friend with a crane from California, we knew that we would need dirt with very little rock for access on both sides of that bridge. As the next phase of excavation unfolded, the dirt found had very little rock. The final phase required huge boulders for erosion control. Guess what our excavations discovered?!? Even in this story, there's more "God-stories." But another is unfolding now...

We've shared in recent News that as in the generous donation years ago toward a bridge to our offices, friends of this ministry heard the call of Christ, and sent funds we hadn't been asking for, for a specific purpose. One couple sent \$20,000.00 toward a more reliable way for us to hold Children's Ministries than a Church Bus. These funds are the 'seed money' for a Class A Recreational Vehicle. Already, that fund has grown to over \$30,000.00! We're simply asking for your prayers. Feeling led by the Lord, our Native team members challenged us to simply pray for a "debt-free RV." That's a 'God-story' in the making! We now know more specifically what we'll need. BUT GOD might have other ideas. Pray for wisdom as we search for one with opposing slide-outs, an entrance at the front passenger seat, a small restroom in the rear, and easily removed kitchen appliances, etc. However, we're asking that you will join us in praying for HIS perfect provision, in His perfect timing. We've watched more miracles than we can count within this ministry, and know that HE is moving still. Thank you for joining us in praying! Rest assured, there are children, parents and grandparents on the San Carlos Apache Reservation who are praying as well.



### Each Stocking needs:

individually-wrapped toothbrush, toothpaste, flashlight with batteries, individually-wrapped candies, socks, coloring books & crayons/sketchbook & pencils, card games, Beanie Babies/small stuffed animals, hair brush/comb.

### We'll also need...

Sensory fidget toys; squishies, stretchy string fidgets, stress balls, flip chains, fidget snake cubes, fidget spinners, pop-its, Playdoh brand tubs

### For the babies & toddlers:

Baby brush/comb, Baby wipes, "sippy" cups, socks, bibs, and Preschool toys: (**Please check for choking hazard**): blocks, cars, learning toys, rattles, rubber ducks, plush baby dolls, Bible-themed board books.

The Deadline for all donations is November 16<sup>th</sup>  
Thank you!

### Younger Girls:

**Dolls:** Barbie dolls, classic baby dolls, etc.

### Hair & Beauty:

barrettes, hair ties, costume jewelry, play make-up, lip gloss, etc., **Creative toys:** simple girl Lego kits, simple craft kits, art supplies **Outdoor toys:** Jump ropes, sidewalk chalk, yo-yo's, bubbles, etc.

### Younger Boys: Action

### Figures/ Figurines:

(Superheroes, wrestlers, Transformers, etc.) Paw Patrol, Ninja Turtles, animals, dinosaurs, etc.

**Sports:** table-top basketball/bowling, Nerf-style footballs, yo-yo's, etc.

**Vehicles:** Hot Wheels, small trains, planes, etc.

**Creative Toys:** Simple Lego kits, tool sets, craft kits, art supplies, etc.

### Older boys: Sports:

**Deflated** basketballs, small hand-held air-pump with needle, baseballs, sturdy hacky sacks, Nerf balls, etc.

**Toys:** finger skateboards\*without demonic images, Advanced Lego kits, travel (Grab & Go) or mini board games, etc. **Puzzles:** Word puzzle books, jigsaw puzzles,

Rubik's Cubes, brain teasers, etc. **Media:** Ear buds, portable phone chargers, Devotionals, journals for prayer time, etc.

**Hygiene:** men's' body sprays.

### Older Girls: Hair &

**Beauty:** lip gloss, nail polish, make-up, hair accessories, bracelets, necklaces, etc. **Crafts:**

detailed coloring books & colored pencils, craft kits, (drawing, beading, etc.) **Media:** ear buds,

**portable phone chargers,** Devotionals, journals for prayer time, Christian teen fiction **Sports:** deflated

basketballs, volleyballs, etc. small ball pump with needle. **Puzzles:** Word puzzle books, jigsaw puzzles, Rubik's Cubes, brain teasers, etc.



# 2023 ARM Christmas Wish List

ARIZONA RESERVATION MINISTRIES ♥ 8435 SOUTH SIX SHOOTER CANYON ROAD, GLOBE AZ 85501

We will also need:  
45" x 60" two-ply fleece blanket for each child/teen who receives a stocking.  
For many of the kids, this will be their favorite gift!  
No owl prints, please.

ALL items need to be small enough to fit within a Christmas stocking. Thanks to the generosity of many, in 2022, we were able to distribute over 1,200 fleece blankets and stockings! To save postage, consider sending us Dollar Tree or Walmart Gift Cards so that we can purchase specific items still lacking as "Stuffing Day" approaches.



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