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## Thank you!



To those of you who have been praying for our great need for a new, reliable vehicle for our Children's Ministries...**thank you!** We had decided back in May of 2023 that this new vehicle should be a Class A Recreational Vehicle rather than another bus. Our reasoning was that with the RV, anyone would be able to drive it, so that when our "Church Bus Driver" was unavailable (as she was last summer as they awaited the arrival of Baby Alexis in August), the Mobile Ministry Center could continue to arrive in all four neighborhoods. In addition, our Bus had a diesel engine. Its reliability was, well, unreliable. In this rural area, there was no mechanic to repair whatever was wrong. This new RV would have a Ford Triton V10 engine...much easier to find a mechanic! Then...our Native Team members challenged us to pray for a debt-free RV.

ARM's Executive Director spent countless hours watching auction sites, dealerships and more for an RV that would be just right for our Children's and Youth Ministries' Mobile Ministry Center. Just after Christmas, one became available. Traveling down to the Phoenix area, the purchase price was just right for the funds on hand (\$22,000 had arrived the last few weeks of December!). Most RV's don't have large windows. We wanted them so that adults would more readily see what was going on inside. This one does. Most also have a built-in dining nook. We would need to replace that with benches for the many children who will attend, so God had already replaced that with a simple (and easily removable!) dining table and four chairs, the typical built-in couch was already two recliners that came out easily as well. We had thought we'd need to purchase new tires (This is a 2013 RV with just over 40,000 miles on it). BUT the tires are all new! This NEW (to us) RV is now being renovated! The benches from our old Church Bus have been refurbished, the many elements that we don't need in the RV are being removed. Benches are being installed so that we can, once again, have basketballs, Potato Heads, building blocks, memory verse books and more inside. We're SO excited! Please pray for this new tool for ministry to roll soon. Only God knows how many lives will be changed because of this great gift!

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



Tori isn't new to Arizona Reservation Ministries. She's actually been a great blessing and encouragement the past two summers as she's served on our Church Bus Team while on hiatus from her duties at a nearby Christian School. Because our Children's and Youth Ministries begins each afternoon after school is dismissed, after much prayer, she has agreed to join Vermaleen and Roxie on the Church Bus Team. Please join us in thanking God for her addition. We also need you to pray for someone to provide the funds needed to cover her salary.

Before Covid-19 we were introduced by Pros to a family of three that were living in a tent or in their car. He asked if we could help them by building something to protect them from summer heat and the freezing temperatures of winter. We were able to build them a small home with a bedroom, bathroom, and small kitchen. Delays in adding onto this dwelling were many, including the challenges of Covid, and the construction of two Apache-led church sanctuaries. In July of 2023, we set the floor, and began adding on the rooms they needed to care for their growing family. Baby Andre arrived this fall. As this is written, the finishing touches are coming together. Lord willing, they'll be able to have a House Blessing Celebration even before you read this! We thank God for the teams He has sent to help us with this, and the men on our team who have worked in high heat and freezing temperatures to make this home for the Johnson family a special place to certainly celebrate.

As November unfolded, we were grateful for the return of a team from First Christian Church, Yuma, AZ. Then, in December, volunteers arrived from Phoenix, Mesa, Sun City and more to help with our Christmas Stockings and Fleece Blankets Project AND the preparing of our end-of-year mailing. Volunteers are needed and appreciated year-round! Lanesville Christian Church, Lanesville, IN has already arrived this past month. The 18 of them were a tremendous blessing as the Johnson family's home got painted, the cabinets and electrical finishing touches and flooring all were completed, the children and teens of San Carlos had a great time with a relay race, lessons on the changing of seasons but God's faithfulness, hugs, prayers and more, AND our old Church Bus was dismantled and the new RV got its first touches of renovation. Please pray for many to decide to visit and add their ARMs some time in 2024. We have several visiting Short Term Ministry Teams on the calendar already. However, there are also several months with not one scheduled. Whether we have teams of volunteers or not, the Children's and Youth Ministries, construction and more continue, but so much more gets accomplished when others come to help. Please pray about this special need.



We were thrilled to be able to distribute 625 Christmas stockings to the children and teens of San Carlos, and over 1,200 hand-tied fleece blankets! Only through the generosity of so many of you are such provisions possible! We've also been able to provide gently-used (and new!) blankets and jackets to many as temperatures here drop below freezing. Many are living in homes with no electricity or way to keep warm. We're thankful that the Tribal Representatives opened up their community buildings for those in greatest need.

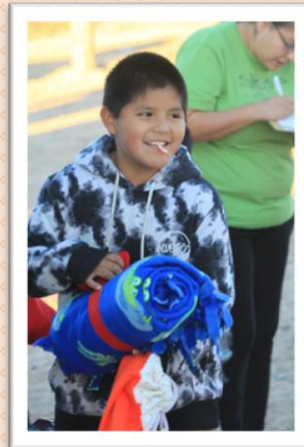
As a Team, we were also excited to once again celebrate with a Christmas party! We've added two children to the "ARM family" this past year! Being able to play games, laugh, eat and share provided a moment to simply celebrate as our tasks continue to prompt us to serve. We are so grateful to those who provide on a monthly basis for the support of our Native team members! They need to feed, clothe, and care for their own families, too. Knowing you are caring for them and praying for all of us is a source of encouragement to us all.







Just a glimpse...



"Sister," our "office cat" has proven to be much more efficient at keeping the mice away from our offices than any other thing we've tried. She is full of energy, greets everyone and keeps us all on our toes!

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