

The Childrens & Youth Ministries of Arizona Reservation Ministries



'God's ARMs Around the
Reservation' since 2002

Arizona Reservation Ministries

Was established in March of 2002 to provide 'God's ARMs around the reservation.' ARM exists to make disciples, empowering our Native brothers and sisters to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of their community, motivating them to become active members of local, Bible-based churches. ARM assists in many ways!

Currently, ARMs are provided for home-building, church-building, children's and youth ministries, hosting prayer journeys around the Reservation with visitors from across the U.S., partnering with Apache-led churches and Tribal agencies, the distribution of Critical Care items, Bible studies and more! ARM's focus is to not only partner with our Native brothers and sisters in the ministries God has placed them in within the Reservation, but to also fill *this* ministry with Native Team members. Of the twelve on our team today, eight are from the San Carlos Apache Nation. It is our intent to seek other faith-filled Native believers to serve through this ministry as God leads and provides. We have others we're hoping to hire soon; simply waiting for others to catch this vision and assist with their monthly support.

ONLY through the Hope Christ offers can we envision a brighter future on the Reservation.
We fully believe in the power of prayer and pray often!
We have witnessed innumerable miracles as God has guided and provided for this ministry! What we honestly need most is **your** prayers.
Thanks for reading about us, and thank you for praying!



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We need your help! ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

This area of Arizona Reservation Ministries needs partners! We need partners to contribute monthly toward the ever-increasing costs of gasoline and insurance, craft supplies, Bibles, entry fee, snacks and meals for basketball tournaments, and much more!

- ☐ I would like to partner with ARM's Children's and Youth Ministries. Lord willing, I will support this area of ARM on a monthly basis.
- ☐ Please accept this one-time gift to help with the extra expenses related to this area of ARM such as mechanical repairs, etc.: _____.
- ☐ I hope to spread the word about what ARM is doing, and the many needs of your ministry and the Reservation. Please send brochures and other publications that might help with this.
- ☐ I would like to invite someone from ARM to share with our church! Please email/call me at: _____
(I understand that at least a portion of the travel expenses will need to be provided by myself or others who will gather to hear what God is doing through ARM.)
- ☐ Please add me to your mailing list:
- ☐ Name: _____
- ☐ Address: _____
- ☐ Please send correspondence electronically to: _____

Email (To save postage and printing costs for ARM): _____



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God's ARMs Around the Kids and Teens of San Carlos◆◆◆◆◆

Life for Kids



The arrival of a child is always a blessing. However, many of the parents whose babies are born on this Reservation have not yet celebrated their own 16th birthday. Some of these kids will live in a home with 20+ others, some of whom will be alcoholic, drug abusers and/or gang members. Sadly, their grandparents may be in the middle of this lifestyle themselves. Many children would then reside within these walls, a close-knit gathering of young cousins that oftentimes assume responsibilities, at a young age, in caring for even younger ones. As the years unfold, school attendance will provide regular and healthy meals for most of the year, but attending each day when the distance between home and school is so great can be a challenge. Safety, a bed of their own, and the possibility of dreaming of a brighter future are luxuries **some** little ones cannot imagine.



What ARM does...

We're in transition! For nearly 20 years, a renovated bus was our "Church Bus," arriving

one afternoon each week in each of four tribal housing areas to provide Bible lessons, memory verses, prayers, singing, snacks, crafts and fun to an average of over 120 *each week*. The focus is Jesus Christ, with lessons these children can hang onto. After the lesson time, they all scatter to play, recite memory verses or create crafts. The diesel engines were hard to maintain in this rural area, and a CDL driver was not always present. SO, we have obtained a huge RV which is nearly done with its renovations! In the meantime, we've still be gathering with these children outside-even in temperatures of 100+ degrees. They eagerly come, and embrace this ministry as their safe place...and a place to learn about Jesus. Over 100 have been baptized by the Church Bus team since 2012; nine in 2024! God has provided Apache Children's



Ministers to model in incredibly critical ways, and GOD is moving!

Carnivals, Parades and Family Fun Days

At various times during the year, a visiting Short-Term Ministry Team may provide the activities for a 'Family Fun Day' in one particular neighborhood while our Team develops deeper relationships with the family members of those who attend our Children's Ministries. Tribal agencies are inviting us to assist with their special events as well! It is always exciting to watch as a handful of us gather to share Christ while serving our Apache Spiritual Siblings!



Vacation Bible Schools

When the Lord provides others to help us, we are excited to assist Apache-led, Bible-based Churches with Children's programming through VBS programs, oftentimes while the adults are nearby attending a Camp Meeting or Revival. These events are always filled with moments of great ministry!

Christmas Stockings and Fleece Blankets

As Christmas of 2024 unfolded, over 700 hand-made stockings, created across the U.S., as well as over 1,200 hand-tied fleece blankets, providing warmth and comfort to kids were distributed through this ministry.

As always, a special gift was tucked within sharing that Jesus Christ is the BEST Christmas gift.

◆ Information to create these fleece blankets, our Christmas Stocking pattern, and our Stocking Wish List are posted on our website.



Backpack Project

Over 1,200 backpacks filled with school supplies provided by our partners were distributed prior to school's start in July of 2024! Along with the supplies was a message about the importance of education, and the reminder that Jesus Christ will be with them as they study.

◆ Specific needs are listed on our website.



Life for Teens

By the time a child on the Reservation reaches the age of 12, in some cases, they have been experimenting with or abusing drugs for quite awhile. Some of those we know at 10 years old have already spent time in jail. Teen pregnancy, sometimes as a result of violence occurs. Teen suicide is 11 times the national average. Because their home is inhabited by many, (Some of whom are possibly also on drugs, alcohol or members of a gang) choosing to attend school daily, get good grades, and reject that destructive lifestyle, may be difficult at best.

A.R.M.Y. Basketball Teams

(Arizona Reservation Ministry's Youth basketball teams) began at the end of 2021. These teams compete in tournaments that are held approx. two hours from home or more. A visiting Short-Term Ministry Team became acquainted with these coaches, and now hosts them in their church building, complete with a kitchen and basketball court. During practices on the Reservation, they're also learning about Christ's love for them. Already, several have made personal decisions to follow Him! These team members are also joining in ARM activities, helping with Family Fun Days, food distribution and more.

