

All About Arizona Reservation Ministries



'God's ARMs Around the
Reservation' since 2002

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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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- ☐ I would like to begin supporting the monthly needs of this growing ministry.
- ☐ I want to commit to daily praying for ARM and those of the San Carlos Apache Nation. Please send urgent requests via email to: _____
- ☐ 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/group! 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: _____

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



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God's ARMs Around the Reservation



Why?

There are many misconceptions regarding the Indigenous People of the U.S.

- Many believe that all of the oppression inflicted upon them occurred prior to the 20th century. However, with a moment's search on the internet, one can discover oppressive situations *today* between many tribes, government agencies and others. The San Carlos Apache Reservation has been reduced in size five times because of the resources discovered there. The remaining land could still be taken from them **because they don't own the land**. It is held in Federal Trust. No corporation would invest in infrastructure to hire people, because the land is unsecured. Unemployment stands at over 75%. The San Carlos Apache People are one of the poorest ethnic groups in the U.S.
- Many believe that if you are Indigenous, the government issues you a check. (Or you receive funds from a casino there.) This also is not true on the San Carlos Apache Reservation. Families on this Reservation subsist on as little as \$250.00 *each month* through Tribal Assistance. Their two casinos are still not making enough profit to benefit Tribal members. Only those working at the casinos benefit from that income. Others are simply using their limited resources to gamble, etc.

What we DO know is, that luxuries others take for granted are impossible for many from San Carlos, (Such as doing laundry at home and not having those walk by take what is drying on the clothesline, dreaming of the future, playing in safety, walking at night or taking a vacation and leaving home unattended...even for one night.)

But God brings hope!

The spiritual battles waged for so long on this cross-cultural mission field, **within the borders of the U.S.**, must be won. Alcoholism and drug abuse begin at early ages. Parenthood begins for many by the time they celebrate their 16th birthday. A 10-year-old became a mother in 2017. A single-family home may actually house 20 or more as a nuclear family waits 15 years or more for a home of their own.

As Jesus returned to heaven, His command was to

"Go into **all** nations."

The San Carlos Apache Nation needs Christ now.

Where?

The San Carlos Apache Reservation is the third largest of 22 reservations within the State of Arizona. It is located just 85 miles east of the Phoenix airport, east of the copper mining town of Globe. This reservation of more than 2,854 square miles boasts a population of well over 17,000; over half of which are under the age of 18.

Arizona Indian Reservations



What?

Arizona Reservation Ministries has been called to "hold up the ARMs" of our Native brothers and sisters, following the model found in Exodus 17. Currently, this is accomplished many ways, including...

- ◆ Meeting with Apache pastors for prayer and encouragement, providing Bible Study, facilities construction or maintenance, and more; all to strengthen Apache-led churches.
- ◆ Assisting Apache Christians in leadership within Tribal agencies; providing practical provisions for Social Services, Parenting Classes, the Assisted Living Facility, the School District and the Wellness Center, joining in special events, such as parades, carnivals, trainings (Domestic Violence, Suicide Prevention, etc.), and more.
- ◆ Building relationships, sharing Christ's love and lessons through a weekly Bible Study at the Tribe's Assisted Living facility, providing mentorship, evangelism and skills training to boys' and girls' traveling basketball teams, and afternoon visits with the children and teens of San Carlos, reaching 100+ on a weekly basis.
- ◆ To date well over 120 of all ages have been baptized as GOD leads and provides!
- ◆ Providing homes for the homeless and renovating others. (Our 40th home is currently under construction!)
- ◆ Distributing hundreds of thousands of pounds of food and other critical care items, clothing, furniture, appliances, backpacks (over 1,200 in 2024!) and school supplies, Christmas stockings (700) and fleece blankets (over 1,200 in 2021!) through precious relationships with ARM Team members, this ministry and Tribal agencies.

