

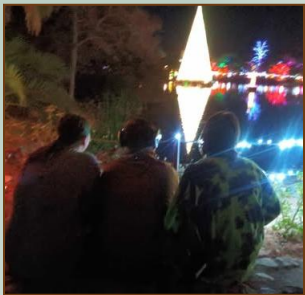
# Arizona Reservation Ministries

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Because our Quarterly News was last sent in November, there's much to share from our wonderful Christmas celebrations. First of all, we want to express our deep gratitude to those who contributed toward our annual Christmas stockings and fleece blankets projects. It has become a tradition that many on the San Carlos Apache Reservation eagerly anticipate! This year was no exception. Parents, who themselves had received stockings and blankets as children, brought their babies...including a newborn we eagerly welcomed! Both parents had attended the "Church Bus" for years. This baby's father was baptized by ARM team members in the river as a teen. Please join us in praying for this next generation as lessons taught and Bible verses memorized through this ministry, impact their futures. We loved being part of the Stocking/blanket distribution through our Children's ministries for four afternoons. Five hundred twenty-eight were handed to children and teens that week. The remaining 172 stockings and nearly 500 blankets were then given to those living in the community on the other side of the Reservation. One teen who has grown up on the "Church Bus" and now volunteers one day each week, shared that she has saved every stocking she's ever received! Again, thank you to those who so generously gave!



With the many "hats" each of the ARM team members wears, finding time to simply celebrate the great gift of the team the Lord has created is difficult. Just before Christmas, we took our own children and traveled to Phoenix to visit the zoo for their annual "Zoo Lights." Listening to the giggles as some rode camels, others crowded into the photo booth, and each of us took pictures in front of amazing lighted displays, was truly a blessing. Please join us in thanking God for this team and the families represented within.



We hold monthly meetings in which each team member is given the opportunity to share praises and prayer requests. Baked goods and singing accompany many as we celebrate birthdays, ARM anniversaries, and more. Quite honestly, we need workers. Our Construction Crew needs someone to serve alongside them and order supplies among other tasks. Our Children's Ministries needs additional workers as well. Because their bills would need to be paid, and those funds would need to come from ARM's General Fund, we also ask that others would consider providing for such an important need.

Since our November News, we've welcomed volunteers to help stuff our Year-end Mailing from various AZ churches, join ARMs to work on the completion of the Safe House and more. These volunteers simply come to serve for the day, becoming an answer to our prayers. As 2025 began, we welcomed the youth group from Mountain View Lutheran Church in Apache Junction, AZ. Before you receive this News, Lord willing, we'll also welcome a team from New Hope Community Church in Gilbert, AZ.

There are many weeks still open to welcome your group! Please pray about joining us in 2025. Already, two teams are on our 2026 calendar! Both calendars are updated regularly and are available on our website at AzRez.org.

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



We continue to meet on a weekly basis with over 100 children and teens. Our vans travel through a different neighborhood Mondays-Thursday, honking as we travel. Children run to jump inside and gather at the playground, basketball court...or dirt lot. As temperatures this summer exceeded 110 degrees, they came any way. We played with water balloons and sat under a canopy. Temperatures now can dip below 50 degrees. On especially cold and windy days, we can't come. However, on many cold days, we also bring bags of gently-used coats of various sizes. These are eagerly snatched up so that they can get warm as they hear lessons. We're currently teaching those participating the many names of God. There's great power in those lessons! We're also singing songs in both English and Apache! We need someone to help us complete the remodel of the RV so that we can use it to gather within and stay warm. We need someone to join the ARM team to drive this huge mobile ministry center! In addition to needing this vehicle to stay warm, we also need it to keep the dogs away from the children. Most days, we have a pack of 5-7 dogs join us. Some seem to think they're children-not dogs, and sit for the lessons. However, not all children feel safe around dogs. SO...we have dog biscuits to toss far from our gathering to alleviate their fears. Again, please pray for us and this situation.



Construction began nearly a year ago on the two-story addition to our 35<sup>th</sup> home. The Carlyle family moved into that home. As it was built, this family's life was altered for eternity. A wedding was held, and the Lord became the center of their family. Prospero began volunteering with our Construction Crew. He and Roxie just celebrated their fifth anniversary on the ARM Team on January 12<sup>th</sup>! What they have been doing within this ministry has changed over the years. Many have asked to stay with them as their own homes were unsafe. They've also become the coaches for traveling teen basketball teams. Some of those team members are among those asking for refuge. Baby Alexis has arrived in the years since moving into their existing home. Their family of eight live in a small three-bedroom home. They currently also have two teen boys residing in their living room, their bunk bed replacing a couch. The addition has been dubbed a "safe house" as clearly that was the need. The second floor will be receiving carpeting and finish work soon. The lower level will, Lord willing, be completed soon as well. Once completed, we have two more construction projects already underway.

As many are aware, a huge wildfire blazed through the San Carlos Apache Reservation this past July. Because of various government regulations and situations, the home we have been praying to replace has been delayed. As meetings begin with Tribal representatives and the family who will receive this home, Lord willing, progress will begin soon.

Several years ago, with the assistance of church members, those involved in the "Tribal Assistance for Needy Families" organization (who teach construction skills on the Reservation), as well as volunteers joining our ARM team created a sanctuary for this church. The Pastor of that church and his family will be receiving a new and much-needed home as well. Members of Grace Church in Mesa recognized this great need and raised half of the funding for the Morgan family's home. Lord willing, the foundation for this new home will be completed soon after you receive this News.

# How can YOU help in 2025?

## We'd love an invitation!

*Those on the ARM team...both those from the San Carlos Apache Reservation, as well as the others, would love to be able to have the opportunity to share what God is doing through this ministry!*

*Already, we've been able to share at LifePoint Church in San Tan Valley, AZ in 2025. Perhaps your gathering would be interested in hosting us as well!*

*Simply contact us at [AzRezMinistry@gmail.com](mailto:AzRezMinistry@gmail.com) to arrange a visit from ARM in 2025*



## You are invited

We've often shared our invitation to join in praying through the Reservation in a Prayer Journey. This is accomplished in our van. No walking is required. We also are willing to provide this opportunity to powerfully pray on behalf of this ministry and those of the San Carlos Apache Tribe any day of the week...not just on weekends. If interested, please feel free to email us at [AzRezMinistry@gmail.com](mailto:AzRezMinistry@gmail.com)



## #MakeADifference

It is the policy of this ministry to send a letter of thanks for any donation that we receive. Some people request to simply receive one at the end of the year. **If you sent funds through the mail to us in October-December and never received a letter thanking you for that gift, most likely, we didn't get it.** We've had multiple mail carriers the past few months. There has been a significant drop in our income. Some partners have contacted us because their checks didn't clear. Please keep all of this in your prayers. Thank you.



## Community Rewards Program

ARM's #: **SB630** by registering ARM as your charity of choice, we'll receive a portion of your purchase price!

The need for food and other items remains critical! Only the month of February has been committed by partners to provide needed items. Please pray about helping with this tremendous need.





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