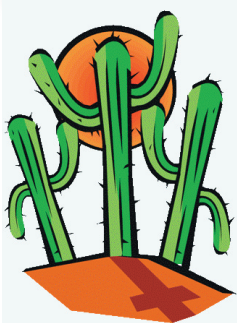


Arizona Reservation Ministries

'God's ARMs around the reservation'

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A Promising Partnership Begins!

As this quarterly publication is composed, there are more people visiting to serve the San Carlos Apache Tribe and the missionaries here than at any other time in ARM's history. We are excited! But the story begins last spring...

As prayer journeys were occurring last spring we were compelled to pray for protection of a Nation whose significant need for homes could invite those with ulterior motives. We were also turning away short-term ministry groups, for lack of space, which had planned to go to Mexico to build homes, but for a variety of reasons wanted to stay in the US instead. After seeking wise counsel, we contacted Amor Ministries; an organization started 30 years ago this year by fellow alumni with the Lawrences. Amor is building homes in Mexico, Bangladesh and South Africa. The leaders of Amor and ARM both prayed, discussed with their Boards, and stepped out to begin a partnership that could feasibly allow more than 5 times the number of homes for homeless Apache families to be built each year! After long hours and intense labors of ARM team and Amor team members working side-by-side to prep the sites, the first four homes are under construction today. Apache family members are working alongside 125 from Santa Barbara, CA, Amor, AND ARM team members to get those four homes weather-tight in preparation for more groups to complete them. Please pray as this incredible partnership unfolds!

“Do Not Let Anyone Look Down on You Because You are Young” (1 Tim. 4:12)



In addition to the hectic activity described above, we were also blessed with the arrival of a group of 5th graders and their parents from Johnson City, TN on the same weekend! They planned and presented a children's event on the Reservation for two of the neighborhoods our bus ministries visit. The kids presented the lesson, parents helped with craft, game and snack times for an enjoyable afternoon simply providing more 'ARMs around the Reservation.' It was fun to watch as Apache children watched kids from another place share Jesus.



Christmas Blessings



We are so grateful to all who were a blessing this Christmas to the San Carlos Apache Tribe! Approximately 305 children received stockings containing toys, toiletries and more, while approx. 60 teens received a specially designed sack pack containing a Bible and Wal-Mart and McDonald's gift cards as a more personal gift for these young adults. Over 600 hand-tied fleece blankets were distributed as well! Remaining donated items were given to the tribal Youth Home, Shelter Care, Social Services and Police (for their Toys for Tots Program.) It is humbling to see how many sacrifice to become such a great blessing!

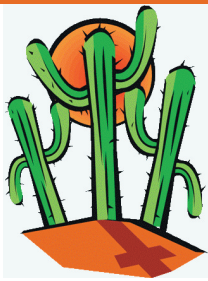


Financial Update



We are also deeply grateful for the gifts that provided funds for the shipping of walls for Apache homes and for ARM's end-of-the-year budget needs. Through you, God provided so that all ARM's 2009 and even a few of January's bills were paid as the New Year began! We are still aware of the precariousness of this economy and are still operating with a revised budget so that the most important aspects of this ministry can run unhindered. We appreciate your support AND your prayers!

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Macaiah's Ministry



Macaiah Hill applied, interviewed, and joined the staff of ARM "officially" in December of 2009. He has been working with our house building as a volunteer for quite awhile. We thank God for the two large gifts received to allow him to work with us for now. Another donor has begun monthly support so that Macaiah can work part-time with us while attending college. Please pray for others to provide so that Macaiah can continue to serve Christ on HIS reservation in such a practical way.

Work Groups



We are so thankful for the physical, spiritual and emotional partnership of those that come to help on a short-term ministry trip! As 2010 begins, March-August is already filled. Two groups are on our 2011 calendar! Please pray for the Lord to sift these groups so that His plans are accomplished. Please also pray that out of these groups He will call those who will return to serve with ARM full time.

Bridge Update



Lord willing, by the time you receive this newsletter, we will have the permit in hand to begin construction on our bridge. Please pray, however, as the water running through the creek now might wash away the temporary access and delay that construction. Thank you!

ARM's Staff Needs



- Mechanic
- Youth Minister
- Bus drivers/Children's workers

Prayer Requests



- This is an election year for the Tribe, too. Please pray for the politics of San Carlos.
- Please pray for God's leading in the creation of an Apache Pastor Board (for housing ministries).
- Please pray for the Lord to send His workers soon.
- Please pray for God to sift and send those He wills in the work groups that are coming.

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