

ARIZONA RESERVATION MINISTRIES

Children & Youth Ministries



God's ARM's Around the Reservation

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

Currently, ARM's are provided for Home-building, children's and youth ministries from our mobile ministry centers, hosting prayer journeys around the reservation with visitors from across the US, mentoring teens/adults, partnering with Apache churches and an Apache-led ministry, Bible studies and more!

Only through Hope in Christ do we see a brighter future on this reservation! We fully believe in the power of prayer and pray often. The ARM team is excited to watch as God is calling Apache Christians to work within this team to share Christ in critical ways! Please pray for the support needed to cover their living expenses; and for those we have contacted to serve in leadership positions within and in partnership with ARM.

What we honestly need most is your prayers. Thanks for reading about us...and thanks for praying!



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We Need Your Help!

This area of Arizona Reservation Ministries is in great need of partners.

A Bus Buddy contributes monthly toward the ever-increasing costs of gasoline, insurance and maintenance for the bus itself, as well as craft supplies, toys and snacks. Those who choose to partner with ARM in such a practical way will receive monthly prayer updates telling of successes and prayer requests specifically from these children.

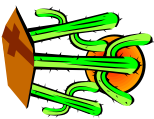
- I'd like to become a Bus Buddy
 - I'd like to become a Teen Bus Partner
 - Enclosed is my one-time gift toward the maintenance fund/special needs of the mobile ministries of ARM.
- In order to receive monthly prayer updates, my e-mail address is: _____

A Teen Bus Partner contributes toward the expenses of this particular ministry. As with the Bus Buddies, you would be a tremendous help in providing for the practical on-going needs of this ministry. You would receive monthly prayer updates sharing stories, and although the names will not be included to respect their privacy, prayer requests of specific teens as well. Please keep our greatest need for the Teen Bus in prayer! We are praying for the Lord to send a faithful couple soon to accept the tremendous responsibility of leading in this area of Arizona Reservation Ministries. Teen suicide rates are at over seven times the national average! Teen pregnancy, alcoholism, drug abuse and gang affiliations/ activity are prevalent.

NAME _____

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God's ARMs Around the Reservation

LIFE FOR KIDS

The arrival of a child is always a blessing. However, many of these babies are born to children...parents that have not yet celebrated their 16th birthday. Most likely, they will live in a home with 20 others, some of whom will be alcoholic, drug abusers, and/or gang members. Unfortunately, their parents may be in the middle of that lifestyle themselves. Grandma may be his/her most stable care-giver. As the years pass, 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 tremendous and difficult at best. Safety, a bed of their own, and the possibility of dreaming are luxuries many little ones can not imagine.



Christmas Stockings & Fleece Blankets



Each year just before Christmas, the ARM team distributes several hundred Christmas Stockings created by friends from across the US filled with toys, toiletries and more that we know the kids/teens would appreciate. Groups from across the US also hand-tie fleece blankets for distribution during this same week each year. With our colder temperatures (it even snows a bit!), having a familiar soft and comforting blanket means a lot to each recipient.

Carnivals



At various times during the year, a short-term ministry team may provide the activities for a special event in one particular neighborhood. What a great way for us all to simply have fun, and deepen relationships not only with kids and teens that participate in our mobile ministries, but family members as well! Just before Halloween, we are also honored to assist the Tribal-led Wellness Center as they host a "Halloween-Alternative Carnival." It's pretty awesome to have at most ten of us...and several hundred Apache Tribal members in attendance at this annual event!

Backpack Project



Before the beginning of school, we stuff several hundred backpacks with items the schools have requested, distributing them from our mobile ministry centers. This one act conveys our partnership with families in providing a critical need, our support of schools in that provision, communicates to the kids and teens how important an education is, and shows in a physical way that Jesus Christ does meet their needs because He loves them.

Vacation Bible School

At times, those joining us in a short-term ministry trip may plan and present a Vacation Bible School for children in the area of an Apache-led, Bible-based church. ARM team members act as mentors of this team, and as the liaisons between the Church and these visitors, insuring that a special time of Bible lessons, crafts, snacks and more is provided each evening for a week during the summer for kids and teens of San Carlos.



The Church Bus

The "Church Bus" as it is affectionately called by the kids on the San Carlos Apache Reservation, arrives one afternoon each week in four tribal housing areas to provide Bible lessons, prayers, singing, snacks and fun. The focus is Jesus Christ, with lessons these children can hang onto in their days and nights of unimaginable difficulties. After the lesson time, they all scatter to play. Some stay inside the bus to create their own crafts from the big yellow table that swings up from the wall for such a purpose, or play with Mr. Potato Head, board games, Legos etc. Others head outside for activities like jump rope, rollerblades, football or even basketball with the hoop attached to the back of the bus.



LIFE FOR TEENS



By the time a child on the San Carlos Apache Reservation reaches the age of 12, in many cases, they have been experimenting with or abusing drugs for quite awhile. Many of those we know at 13 have already spent time in jail. Teen pregnancy, sometimes as a result of violence, is rampant. Teen suicide is 7 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.

The Teen Bus

Traveling the same days with the Kids' Church Bus, the Teen Bus is retrofitted especially for them. Like the Kids' Bus, the seats have been removed. Inside you'll find a couch, game table, televisions, X-Box, PS2, microwave, refrigerator, craft supplies and more...things relevant to these young Apache adults. This special place is a safe haven for those over the age of 12. However, as some of these young women have babies before their 16th birthday, toys to occupy their babies are now on board as well, so that as babies play, Mamas can continue to hear about Jesus Christ, and for a moment, be a teenager again.

