

April, 2018

## Greetings from Arizona Reservation Ministries!



### Geography Shift

For the vast majority of these past 27 years on the mission field, those who have joined us in Short-Term Ministry have been predominantly from outside of the State of Arizona. They have purchased airline tickets, rented vehicles, and traveled enormous distances to serve alongside us. It appears that trend is shifting. All of the groups who have joined us thus far in 2018 have originated in Arizona. We have welcomed AZ winter visitors from outside the state, but their trek here was a short one from their "winter homes." We have welcomed a couple who were from Guam and a man from Fiji, but they now attend churches in Arizona. It is always exciting to watch as God calls His children to join in this adventure! Having the help of others makes a great difference in how quickly some projects are accomplished. Families waiting for homes are certainly appreciative of the decrease in wait.

### Shifting My View

Long ago, I read a story of a woman who was traveling in an airplane. As the plane took off, it did its usual bank and then set course for its destination. As she looked out her window, she saw enormous storm clouds growing. It looked like a terrible storm was looming on the horizon. But then, she glanced across the aisle out the other window. There, she saw an incredibly beautiful sunset, the last rays of sunshine bursting through for a memorable view. That's kind of how I've been as I've been praying about what to write in this news. My focus has been on the wrong window...A girl who should have celebrated her 12<sup>th</sup> birthday took her life just a week before. At her wake, we received word that a 19-year-old boy we had known for 15 years hung himself. His mama had already buried her two-year-old daughter in 2013. Two sisters were raped at knifepoint. Their mom and grandma are dear friends. Honestly, those storm clouds can become paralyzing at times. When we are fervent in our request for prayers and invitations for others to join in prayer journeys of the Reservation, it is because that is our greatest need. BUT, *"The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ."* 2 Corinthians 10:4-5. GOD is in control. We just celebrated the most powerful moment in all of history-Easter. What looks terrible, God will transform by His great power and love. I can shift my gaze to the "other window." As I spend time listening and praying, I'm reminded to trust God. Of course the many situations that are present right now cause ceaseless prayer, but God sees it all. He weeps as we weep-just as Christ did at Lazarus' tomb. SO...we ask, once again, that you would keep the ARM team, the Lawrence family and the San Carlos Apache Tribe in your prayers. Those prayers are priceless

### One More Shift

Another trend that we see a "shift" in is our income. Dale and I have just lost \$800.00 in **monthly** support, because of the passing of dear friends and partners. The generation who faithfully and sacrificially provided for both our family and this ministry is growing old. The next generations are raising their children and learning about giving. Just as God is in control of the frightening situations we are currently watching, we can rest assured that HIS provision will continue. Please simply pray for the finances of ARM, Dale and me, and for each ARM team member.

## “Young Evangelists!”

We were able to have a special week on the Church Bus once again. Picture a white bus with handprints painted on, the prints of specific children who all requested a particular color so that they would always recognize their *own* handprint. The inside is renovated into a mobile ministry center, complete with benches filled with toys, two tables in the back for craft time, chalk boards where the memory verse is written and more. The Bus enters a different neighborhood four afternoons each week. We’ve been visiting these areas for over 15 years; so now we are teaching children of those who once attended themselves. Each week, approx. 200 children and teens visit their Church Bus. The horn honks as we travel through, the children running from across the area to board. We then park at the same locations we have always parked, stop the Bus, and then hold Church Bus. There is an object lesson, a Bible lesson, three songs and a memory verse, all tied to one theme. After this comes the “controlled chaos” time, when the kids opt to play games, do the craft, recite memory verses for prizes, etc. This special week has occurred twice before, and happened again in March. The lesson is taught about prayer. Instead of the controlled chaos time, the two neighborhoods that have so many children and so many streets (that walking in our limited amount of time would be impossible), we cluster with an adult leading a handful of kids within the bus, and “prayer drive” their neighborhood. On the other two days, we “prayer walk.” Wednesday was especially special. ☺ One boy who regularly attends walks to the Bus as his mom is at work and he doesn’t live in this neighborhood but wants to come. His mom found us about half-way through the walk and picked him up. Just minutes later, she found us again and rolled down her window. He wanted to finish the walk. We invited her to join us at the Bus for the final prayers...and she did. One little girl who was approx. 10 years old eagerly told us we needed to stop in front of her house to pray. I didn’t know where she lived, but when she stopped...I knew. This was a home where gang members live and drugs are for sale. She fervently and loudly prayed in front of her home. When the adults came to the porch to find out what this group of kids was doing, I told them we were just praying, and asked if they had any prayer requests. One young man asked if we’d pray for his family. As the walk concluded, a pastor we met at the Pastor Appreciation Banquet this past October and his wife, (who joined us for the first time at the February Women’s conference), rushed out of their home with camera in hand. He was shouting, “Young evangelists! Young evangelists!” We asked if they’d like to join us in praying inside the Bus, and they did. First, some of the kids prayed, and then these two prayed. Then, the boy’s mother who had just gotten off work prayed. Through tears (bringing many of us to join our own tears), she thanked God for the Church Bus. She told the Lord that she had no idea what her son had been participating in and was so thankful. God is moving! Please keep praying.



*Dale and I consider ourselves incredibly blessed! Many Thursday evenings, we get to have “family night” at our house, complete with dinner and some sort of game with any of our kids and their families who are able to join in. One evening, we had seven children between the ages of twelve and six with us! The chaos was wonderful! We don’t take these very precious moments for granted! Jon and Linda regularly bring their four and faithfully serve with us in this ministry. Justin is considering a move down to the Phoenix area, and out of Globe and Jacque, although much closer than California, will be living in the White Mountains. These two will then live approx. 1 ½ hours away in opposite directions. Jenna still has the “long-distance” distinction, however, living in Oklahoma. We’re looking forward to a very special event the end of May! I’m sure we’ll be posting lots of family photos after that! In the meantime, we continue to thank God for your partnership in prayer, encouraging words, the special gifts so that Dale and I could get in a “date” and our monthly support. We honestly do thank God for you!*

*Love, Dale and Diana*

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22<sup>nd</sup>: Please keep Jacque in prayer as she settles into her new home tonight.

23<sup>rd</sup>: Please keep Jon in prayer;

many visits with cardiologists and answers, soon.

24<sup>th</sup>: Please pray for the young women who have recently voiced their desire to turn from drugs/alcohol to Jesus.

25<sup>th</sup>: Pray for Kevin, he celebrated his first anniversary with ARM yesterday and is at home in IL visiting family.

26<sup>th</sup>: Please pray for the prayer journey occurring today.

27<sup>th</sup>: Pray for Dale, Jasmine (our granddaughter) and me as we start the tradition with her of a short trek with each grandchild.

28<sup>th</sup>: Pray for Linda as she leads a prayer journey today for Desert Christian Fellowship. Pray also for those participating in this critical event.

29<sup>th</sup>: Please pray for Dale and me as we share about ARM and San Carlos with Cactus Christian Fellowship (Phx.) this morning.

30<sup>th</sup>: Please keep Nicholas, Cameron, Micah, Ty, Uriyan, Angel, Jayde, Joseph, Demetri, Andreas, Judah, Kristen, JR, Jasmine, Andi, Morgan and Edward in your prayers. These are the children of ARM team members.

## May

1<sup>st</sup>: Please pray for Jon and Linda as they take a week's break; and for their four kiddos-we get to watch two of them ☺

2<sup>nd</sup>: Please pray for the pastors of San Carlos: Fernando Pechuli, David Miles, Vincent Stevens, Leroy Elgo, Ralph Holmes, Ned Casey, Simon Hooke, Ed Hopkins, Chris Phillips, Ronald Boni, Sherry Harris and the others who are faithfully sharing the Word of God in Reservation churches; pray also for their families, finances, health and unity.

3<sup>rd</sup>: Please pray for all of those who plan to graduate from High School the end of this month. Pray for the finances of family members so they can celebrate well...and for SAFE celebrations.

4<sup>th</sup>: We thank God for James, who has been serving with us since January! We're all excited about the arrival of a new addition to his family this fall. Today is his birthday!

5<sup>th</sup>: Please pray for the marriages of ARM team members and for those who hope for marriages of their own.

6<sup>th</sup>: Pray for Terry, Nina, Amanda, Kaylee, Chopper, Barbara and the others the Lord has placed in Tribal agencies who work daily with those in horrendous situations.

7<sup>th</sup>: Please also pray for the health care and hospital of San Carlos. Pray for those who are battling cancer and against another outbreak of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever.

8<sup>th</sup>: Please pray for this ministry. We truly need more to join us in Short Term Ministry. Pray for the Lord to continue to filter and send His workers soon.

9<sup>th</sup>: Please pray for the Church Bus to continue to run smoothly and for those who wear multiple "hats" within this ministry to drive it. Pray for God to send a permanent Church Bus Driver soon.

10<sup>th</sup>: Please continue to pray for the young daddies of San Carlos. Pray for mentors for each one, for peace and the removal of addictions and violence.

### Prayer Calendar for The Dale Lawrence Family and Arizona Reservation Ministries

11<sup>th</sup>: Pray especially for two sisters and a brother who are all now young parents, fighting addictions and, with their significant others, part of gangs.

12<sup>th</sup>: Please pray for the godly

grandma and grandpa who live in a home with children who are leaders of a gang.

13<sup>th</sup>: Pray for the mamas of San Carlos. Pray also for those on the ARM team who are moms, and for my amazing Mama. ☺

14<sup>th</sup>: Please join us in praising God for our granddaughter, Morgan, who turns eight today! Please pray for her heart to always remain "knit" to her savior.

15<sup>th</sup>: Please keep our Children's Minister, Faye, in your prayers. She juggles a family of six, leadership at her church and many tasks within this ministry.

16<sup>th</sup>: Pray for my dad. I'll be traveling 300+ miles today to take him to the doctor.

17<sup>th</sup>: Keep the communities of Labumba and Seven Mile in your prayers regularly. They are incredibly spiritually dark places.

18<sup>th</sup>: Please pray for Dale. He is building retaining walls one 62 lb. block at a time, moving dirt, one shovel-full at a time, in addition to leading this ministry and taking very good care of me. ☺

19<sup>th</sup>: Please keep Rob and Christy on the ARM team in your prayers. Safety for Rob as he works in construction and rest for Christy as she juggles college classes, etc. Today is Rob's birthday! ☺

20<sup>th</sup>: Please join us in praying for those considering suicide.

21<sup>st</sup>: Pray for all that we'll need for the Backpack Project to arrive in time. Pray for sales!

22<sup>nd</sup>: Pray for Jon, Kevin and I as we head to Phoenix for a seminar on computer stuff. (☺)

23<sup>rd</sup>: Please pray for the finances of ARM and each ARM team member.

24<sup>th</sup>: Pray for the students graduating from 8<sup>th</sup> grade today in San Carlos and those graduating from Globe High School tonight.

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26<sup>th</sup>: Pray for Jacque, Wade and our family as we celebrate their special wedding!

27<sup>th</sup>: Pray for Kristen, Lynell's daughter, as she celebrates her 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday today!

28<sup>th</sup>: Pray for the safety of all of those traveling this weekend.

29<sup>th</sup>: Please pray once again for the Lord to send workers; full time and short-term, to join ARM.

30<sup>th</sup>: Pray for Jenna as she works in OK and hunts Pokemon' ☺

31<sup>st</sup>: Please pray for our grandson, Isaac, now in the Marines and celebrating his birthday today.

## June

1<sup>st</sup>: Pray for this evening's Teen Overnight party with the ARM team!

2<sup>nd</sup>: Please pray for Justin as he celebrates his birthday today!

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