

June, 2018

Greetings from Arizona Reservation Ministries!

“This isn’t what we expected!”

I love you God. I know that doesn’t come as a shock, but the things I especially love about God right now are his creativity, his sense of humor, and his faithfulness. GOD is definitely unique! With so many years on the mission field, sometimes it feels like we’re in “auto pilot”. Sometimes, routines need a bit of shaking up to remind us WHO is in control. God has been doing a lot of “shaking” lately. The number of teams on the calendar to come help us dropped this year. Another group that was scheduled dropped from ten to two members. With these groups come the funds we need for projects and programs planned. **ARM was stretched financially as 2018 began, and that stretching has only gotten worse.** The pool parties we love each summer with our Church Bus kids and their families couldn’t happen, because the copper mine took over the country club and the pool.

GOD has not been surprised by any of this! Back in early 2018, a church generously provided an envelope filled with Walmart gift cards. Those funds have provided for a teen lock-in this past weekend, and two Vacation Bible Schools we’re currently in the middle of. A friend donated Lowe’s gift cards. When the groups cancelled/dwindled, we had already committed to the Vacation Bible Schools in partnership with Apache churches that are holding their summer revivals. These pastors had asked for this help way back in October at our Pastor Appreciation Banquet. A youth minister and his family joined in a prayer journey lately. He was moved by what he saw and heard. His youth group will be coming to help with next week’s VBS, returning each evening to help. A group who had visited this spring had a couple who lead a home Bible Study. We asked for help! This couple asked their Study friends...and EACH member of that study was able to get time off work so that they are here now to help with this week’s VBS. None but the first couple had ever been on a mission trip! The funds from the Lowes cards are enough to allow them to work during the day on one of the homes still under construction as they prepare their own meals, and add their ARMs in answer to our prayers. Our Church Bus has been out of commission for over a month! The closest bus mechanic is in Phoenix! Routine repairs have expanded into several problems, over \$5,000 in expenses, and a month with “no Bus.” BUT, the team is providing two weeks of VBS! The pool party will now be two days of “Water” Family Fun Days in the neighborhoods, so that even more can be reached! GOD is in control!



That Teen Lock-in held unexpected things as well! Jon, Linda and Kevin spent days planning everything so that the kids would have fun, but primarily so that they would know even more about their Savior. They had an obstacle course at our 45 acres. Sins were candidly, truthfully, transparently recorded in red ink on canvases. They splattered those canvases with red-paint-filled balloons. Jesus’ blood IS enough to cover them. Toward the end of the course, each team had to build a cross and then carry it up the hill to the offices, seeking what was in the treasure chest they’d been earning points to open. The chest revealed one word: heaven. I thought they’d be disappointed, but it sounds like they were thrilled. They understood that Jesus had provided the greatest treasure. With all of the games planned, movie, etc., consensus was that their crosses were the highlight. Even in this, Linda said, “it’s not what we expected.” We thought we knew who would come. GOD had amazing, wonderful plans. It was the boy who was with them on the one-year anniversary of his mama’s death and the girl who had buried her little sister (also an ARM Bus kid) four years ago. It was a girl who came every single week until she felt like she was too big...in a home with members of the Bloods. It was a dear “daughter” who just graduated high school and at the last minute, brought another recent Apache graduate, both on their way to the same college. I can’t make this stuff up. God continues to amaze me. I’m praying you’re amazed-and praising Him, too.



“You’re never too old...”

Dale and I still have flip phones. Mine is cracked, but still working. The monthly cost is something we can handle. BUT, we know that most of the rest of you most likely have smart phones. You can follow on facebook, read emails and much more from the small screen in your hands. Because of this, we know that how we communicate needs to shift as well. Donors in the past sent monthly gifts. Many of those contributing to us or this ministry now send their gifts electronically; sometimes, because they’ve just read something that prompts them to “click” on their phone. Things have changed, and we can’t be too old to learn to change as well. Kevin and Jon went with me to a free workshop in Phoenix for Christian non-profits about database software. I just got off the phone with an organization that is nationally known for their assistance in teaching others to change, and helping them through the processes. Next Wednesday, I’m scheduled to attend a free workshop the area’s United Fund is hosting about “Non-Profit Social Media.”

When we moved to the mission field, I literally scotch-taped our family photo to the text we’d written on the computer, then printed each copy on an old Xerox machine. Things have changed! We need your help. First of all, please pray for us to have wisdom so that the changes we embrace are God-led. Secondly, to purchase software we’ll need is expensive. **If each of you could send \$20.00, we could pay for this, and, Lord willing, reach those we need to faithfully provide for this ministry. Thank you!**



Great Family News!

Saturday, May 26th, we walked our Jacque down the aisle and into the arms of a man who truly loves her. She is safe, loved and happy. Wade was a high school friend; our new son-in-law, bringing his two kids; Megan and Tyler, into our family. They are looking for a home to buy or build outside Show Low, where Jacque spent 4th-12th grades. She’s already teaching summer science classes to the children “on the mountain.”

Just a few hours ago, Justin asked his sweetheart to marry him near a lighthouse we love by the Golden Gate Bridge. Theresa and her daughter, Anissa will be joining this family soon! Justin has sold his home in Globe and they are looking for one in San Tan Valley, just 45 minutes from us.

Jon and Linda have been incredibly busy helping with the teen lock-in, Vacation Bible Schools, prayer journeys etc. They are also coaching Edward’s t-ball team. We’re all enjoying evenings, when possible, watching Ed and Jasmine play ball. Morgan is taking tumbling right now and Andi has a new horse, thanks to her auntie! Their need for a larger home and monthly partners remains critical.

Jenna was able to join us for Jacque’s wedding. How GREAT it was to have them all together! We know that many of you pray for our children and now our grandchildren as well. Your support, encouragement and prayers mean so much to us!

Love, Dale and Diana



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13th: Please pray for Sam and Brenda's anniversary gift today to be the great news that their electricity will finally be connected to their new home!

14th: Pray for the VBS this week and the tent revival to both bear much fruit for the kingdom.

15th: Please pray for the ladies from Westbrook Christian Church, Bolingbrook IL, the friend from Valley Christian in Tucson AZ and the youth from Amadeo Church in San Tan Valley AZ who are helping with our VBS!

16th: Please pray for the finances of ARM and for new monthly partners.

17th: Please pray for fathers who do not know the Lord, and praise God for a heavenly Father who perfectly loves us!

18th: Please pray for our team meeting this morning to be encouraging and productive.

19th: Pray for the Bible Study again today at the Tribe's Shelter Care that I get to lead.

20th: Please pray for the Church Bus to be fixed and the bill paid.

21st: Please pray often for the children of San Carlos! School break means no school breakfasts, lunches and school supervision.

22nd: Pray for the ARM team's camping trip scheduled for tonight!

23rd: Please pray for the fire dangers that are extreme all over the State of Arizona.

24th: Please keep the pastors of San Carlos; their ministries, families, finances and health in your prayers.

25th: Please pray for the communities of Moonbase and Hollywood Ridge. Their water supplies often go out in the summers!

26th: Please pray for the Family Fun Day planned in Hallelujah Square today.

27th: Please pray as I share at the Tribe's Wellness Center's Women's Conference today.

28th: Please pray for the Family Fun Day planned for Indian Hills today.

29th: Please pray for Carolyn, James' wife, as she celebrates her birthday today and awaits the arrival of their little one soon!

30th: Please pray for Jacque, Wade, Megan and Tyler as they enjoy being a new family.

July

1st: Please pray for the two men who came forward for prayer after Dale preached at the recent revival.

2nd: Please pray for the tremendous needs of our Backpack Project; the supplies, the logistics, & the as labors as well.

3rd: Please pray for Jon, Linda and family to find a larger home and for others to become monthly partners with them.

4th: Please pray for clear communication between US Tribes and those in Washington DC so that solutions can lead to freedom for them.

5th: Pray for Justin and Theresa as they make wedding plans and moving plans.

Prayer Calendar for The Dale Lawrence Family and Arizona Reservation Ministries

6th: Today is our backpack shopping day! Pray for sales!

7th: Please pray for the preparations necessary for a special team meeting this Monday.

8th: Please pray for the ARM team to find healthy balance and "Sabbaths."

9th: Please pray for this team meeting as we grow closer together.

10th: Please pray for Faye and her family. Growing kiddos require lots of wisdom and groceries!

11th: Please pray for the community of Hallelujah Square. There are several burned homes here; many families needing safe homes.

12th: Please pray for the Day family as they continue to balance ministry and family life.

13th: Please keep Kevin in prayer. His wedding was God-prevented and he continues to faithfully serve with us. Today is his birthday! ☺

14th: Please pray for the special family celebration this afternoon.

15th: Please join us in praising God for the arrival of a group from Haddon Heights, NJ today! Pray for safety and God-led events!

16th: This is Backpack Week! As this is written, there's so much we need, so much to do! Please pray for it to be ready and a great tool to reach kids for Christ.

17th: Please keep praying for the Tribe's Social Services and other critical agencies whose budgets come from federal funds and are being cut.

18th: Please keep the families in prayer who have no running water, air-conditioning, etc. this summer.

19th: Please pray for Lynell's little son...pray for healing from his seizures. Today is his birthday!

20th: Please keep the schools of San Carlos in prayer. They will begin again in just a few weeks. PLEASE pray for the staff to learn how to redirect erupting violence into peace!

21st: Please keep the mamas of San Carlos in prayer. Many are considering riding along on the school buses, watching their kids at recesses, etc. Pray for wisdom.

22nd: Please pray for the construction underway and the families awaiting their homes.

23rd: Please pray for Lynell as she celebrates her birthday today.

24th: Please keep Jenna in prayer as she resides in "tornado alley." Pray as well for safety as she returns for a brief visit to AZ soon!

25th: Please keep my mother and two fathers in prayer. My step-dad is battling Parkinson's and my dad is now my medical responsibility and two hours away.

26th: Pray for the teens who attended the "lock-in" to remember the lessons learned and for Jon, Linda and Kevin to have the opportunity to mentor them regularly.

27th: Today is Brenda's son, Cameron's birthday. Please pray for complete healing of his pre-teen body.

28th: Please pray for wisdom as we attempt to accommodate donors who provide electronically.

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Our wall update:

MUCH progress has unfolded on the lower side as well as the back of our property...the vast majority of the work completed by Dale. The final push is this "upper" wall that needs taken down and the new, solid one, built. Please pray for laborers, etc. Thanks so much for praying us through this!

Needs Lists

Dale and Diana:

Postage stamps
Retaining wall assistance
Laptop computer

ARM:

*flat-screen monitors
8 ½ x 11" copy paper
Diapers & Wipes
***School Supplies for our Backpack Project**

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