

August, 2018

Greetings from Arizona Reservation Ministries!



HANDS as part of ARM

Jon, Linda and Kevin are often seen meeting; voices animated, phones out looking up a scripture or a crazy game! June 2nd was an over-night teen event that has unfolded into an incredibly exciting new (and prayed for often) part of this ministry! This past Wednesday and Thursday, the first meetings were held to bring a Youth Ministry under ARM. "Helping and Nurturing Discipled Students" already has many "God Stories!" One pastor parked near the Church Bus as we prepared to head home one afternoon. Dale had driven that day, and was leaning on the car door having a long conversation with this man. He hopped back on the bus grinning ear-to-ear. This Pastor had felt called to write a curriculum for Apache youth and wondered if we could use it. He also offered the use of their church building for the gathering place! On Wednesday, there were ten teens in attendance, Thursday, there were 14. Once they begin their weekly Friday meetings at the Reservation church, (so Bus can, Lord willing, resume in October), it will be exciting to see how many/who will attend! They will need Bibles! Many said they don't own one. If we could have a set of NKJ Bibles (what most churches use), that would help. It looks like we'll also need another 15-passenger van, soon, too! Please, please cover this all in prayer. The evil one has historically hammered those who have stepped into youth ministry on the Reservation. We are confident of God's leading and are excited to watch as His plans unfold!

Delays are not always a "bad thing."

I remain amazed at God's perfect timing and provision! In 2002, when this ministry began, we were living in Mesa for just 14 months. During that time, we attended a growing church, and I was blessed to attend a women's bible study there. Friendships were formed that have unfolded in amazing ways. One woman got on our mailing list back in 2002. Ten years later, she came for her first prayer journey...and has passionately partnered with us ever since! Because of a 10-year delay, ladies in the study now attend many different churches, but still keep in close contact. They even provide me with an almost-monthly Bible Study. ☺ One of these ladies spoke to her youth minister about ARM just this past spring. He brought his large family to participate in a prayer journey, and then brought two-vans filled with teens for Linda and me to lead on prayer journeys. A week later, these teens and youth minister returned to provide their voices in leading worship and energetic ARMS for our larger Vacation Bible School.

The Church Bus' visit to the Phoenix mechanics lasted far longer than we expected. That delay allowed time for us to recognize that renovations (paint, wiring, etc.) that time didn't allow with Monday-Thursday visits to the Reservation needed to be done. We also looked hard at the attendance lists, and realized those who reached 11-12 years old were being replaced by the 3-4 year olds...but deeply needed to remain connected. Jon, Linda and Kevin held their second Teen event June 2nd. As mentioned in our last News, that went even better than anticipated! The Church Bus rolled for three weeks, ending with Backpack Week July 13-16th. As the lessons unfolded, two memorable moments occurred: First, a church who had for a few years provided backpacks printed with their church logo contacted us months ago and asked if we'd rather have something else printed on them. We prayed, and then asked them to print Joshua 1:9 on them. (*"Be strong and brave. Do not be afraid. Do not lose hope. I am the LORD your God. I will be with you everywhere you go."*) Time passed and the lessons for those three weeks were planned. We wanted to communicate that although the Church Bus would not roll for a brief time, that **GOD would never leave them**. The verse will be a constant reminder for many little ones who carry those backpacks. The second was the enthusiastic faces of teens as our exciting plans begin! It is our desire (and clearly God's and these teens'!) that THEY will become leaders on the Church Bus after their Youth Group begins! I honestly cannot wait to watch as kids we've known since the diaper stage begin to lead the little ones! A slight delay is inevitable as the bus is renovated and these teens are mentored...but delays are not always a bad thing! ☺

♥ **Each person matters to God!**

As always, programs and plans must always take “second place” to the people the Lord is calling us to minister to; most of the time, they’re from San Carlos, but not always. Adults worshipped under a huge revival tent while Vacation Bible School was held in the nearby sanctuary at one Reservation church. We were blessed to worship with the adults and share prayer requests before the children were dismissed for their own lessons and fun. ♥ One evening, an introverted woman within our group felt compelled to ask for prayers for her father. Just weeks later, he accepted the Lord just prior to meeting Him face-to-face. ♥ A woman we’ve known all of these years has been perpetually homeless, for the most part, in Globe. We had been storing much of her worldly possessions. Just lately, she got to move into her own apartment! Justin and his fiancé donated furniture for her as she happily set up “home.” ♥ Our busy Backpack Shopping Day introduced us to a sister in need of prayer. The Manager had directed us to a “closed” lane so that our many purchases could be processed unhindered. A private conversation unfolded with our cashier, prompting and allowing a wonderful time of prayer with her. GOD moves...even in Walmart! ☺ ♥ Dale was asked to be the speaker one night at one of the Revivals. Several came forward after his message, moved by his powerful words about our Savior. ♥ Those teens who are now already part of ARM’s Youth Group have a lot of “history;” including rape and homelessness. Because we’ve been part of their lives for so many years, the tough questions being asked are confidently being answered. ♥ It was incredibly exciting to visit with two young daddies we’ve known for so long! They joined gangs as teens, became addicts and sold drugs for several years. They were in attendance at the Tent Revival, their children joining in our VBS! They also came over to participate in the Family Fun Day in their neighborhood, even helping sweep up broken glass, etc. Please, please pray for these dads, their girlfriends and children as they have no option but to live in a crowded home with several other family members who continue in the horrendous lifestyle they pray to escape. There’s hope! Please keep praying!



Over 1,000 backpacks distributed...THANK YOU!



Great Family News!

Dale and I are proud grandparents of Wade and Jacque’s son, Ronin Dutch Williams, born Saturday, July 21st. Arriving at 5 lbs. 2 oz. and 18 ½ inches tall...he has already captured the hearts of all of us!

The date for Justin and Theresa’s wedding is set! We can’t wait until April to celebrate with them! Humbled by the request, Dale will be officiating at this momentous event.

Auntie Jenna was in Arizona long enough to hold her new nephew. We love those moments when we get to visit with her!

We thank God for each of you! Thank you for your continued prayers!

Love, Dale and Diana



August, 2018

5th: Please pray for the group arriving today from Jacksonville Chapel, NJ

6th: Please pray for the Vacation Bible School planned for this week in Labumba!

7th: Pray often, please, for the Youth Group beginning through ARM.

8th: Pray for James and Olga, who have recently moved from Texas to serve alongside us!

9th: Pray for the team, as they serve and I, Lord willing, get to take a short break nearby in the mountains. ☺

10th: Pray for Dale and me to have wisdom as others apply to join the ARM team.

11th: Join us in praising God for 27 years on the mission field today!

12th: We are thrilled to celebrate our 40th wedding anniversary today. ☺

13th: Please join us in thanking God for our Jenna, who turns 28 today!

14th: Please pray for Jacque, Wade and family as they adjust to life with a precious newborn.

15th: We thank God for our granddaughter, Andi, who turns 10 today!

16th: Please continue to pray for Dale's health. We all thank God that he is celebrating his birthday today.

17th: Please pray for me as I share with ladies from Desert Christian Fellowship at their Women's Conference the next two days.

18th: Pray for the birthday celebration for both Andi and Jasmine today!

19th: Please continue to pray for Kevin as he serves in many ways through this ministry.

20th: Please pray for our team meeting today. Pray also for the Lord to continue to lead and provide for us.

21st: Pray for the students of San Carlos; for a peaceful learning environment, for the uniforms they're supposed to wear this year, etc.

22nd: Pray for the families of several neighborhoods who have gone without water several times the past few months!

23rd: We thank God for our granddaughter, Jasmine, who turns 12 today!

24th: Please continue to pray for our grandsons, Isaac (in the Marines) and Joseph (a Senior this year.)

25th: Pray for our other grandkids: Morgan, Edward, Megan, Tyler and Anissa.

26th: Please remember to pray often for the pastors and their families of San Carlos: Fernando & Angie, David, Leroy & Virgileene, Vincent & Vermaleen, Erick & Mary, Raymus, Sherrie, Ronald, Chris & Sarah, etc.

27th: Please keep the various Tribal agencies in prayer: political situations create hardships and financial budget cuts are adding new challenges.

28th: Please pray for the health care of our San Carlos siblings! Pray for proper and timely diagnosis and treatment.

Prayer Calendar for The Dale Lawrence Family and Arizona Reservation Ministries

29th: Pray for the Tribal government representatives to be people of integrity and to work well together.

30th: Please continue to pray for Arizona State and Federal representatives to begin to grasp the real issues faced by those on Reservations in the US.

31st: Please pray for the teens that are beginning to feel part of a special group just for them (HANDS).

September

1st: Please pray for the special Family Fun Day planned for today; especially pray for cooler weather and God-led conversations.

2nd: Pray for the group that are here from First Christian, Yuma AZ

3rd: Please pray for the Key family to be moved into the home we've been renovating after their house fire.

4th: Please keep Justin, Theresa and Anissa in prayer as they look for a home in the Queen Creek area and as Justin applies for a position at a Fire Department in that area.

5th: Please pray for McKenna, Jaylee, Kaylynn, Christopher, Chastity, Brandon, Vicente, Cassie, Mikayla, Jody, Jasmine, Kennie, Kendralyn, Jarvison, Berlicia, Rojelia and the others already part of ARM's Youth group; and for the many others who, Lord willing, will be part of it by today.

6th: Pray for Jon & Linda and family as they faithfully serve through ARM...please keep Jon's heart health in prayer!

7th: Please pray for Dale and me as we go on a long-awaited trip to celebrate our anniversary (and rest.☺)

8th: Please pray for my Mom as she and her husband have now moved into an assisted living facility.

9th: Please pray for ARM as Dale and I are away for a short break.

10th: Pray for the staff and residents of the Tribe's assisted living facility; more staff and more residents, and the few who have yet to choose Jesus.

11th: Please pray for the mamas who are out drinking...safety and quick deliverance.

12th: Please pray for the daddies! Pray for mentors and a "way of escape." (1 Corinthians 10:13)

13th: Please pray for the tasks necessary to have the Church Bus ready to roll to be completed. (Funds and laborers)

14th: Pray for Pros and Roxy as they await the completion of their home. (ARM's 32nd)

15th: Please pray for Jenna as God faithfully leads and provides for her, too.

16th: Pray for ARM's Board of Directors; for wisdom.

17th: Please pray for the Team Meeting scheduled today to be a time of refreshing and prayer.

18th: Please join us in praising God for Jon and Linda's 14th wedding anniversary today!

19th: Pray for the neighborhood of Hallelujah Square today. Gang activity has escalated there.

20th: Please pray for the young man Dale and I met with who wants to be delivered from incredible darkness.

21st: Please pray for the spiritual safety of all God's servants on the San Carlos Apache Reservation.

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We have received word that \$200.00 per month of the \$800.00 each month we have lost by partners who have gone to be with the Lord is already provided. \$140.00 of the cost for software requested in our recent news has arrived. THANK YOU!



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Dale and Diana:

Note cards & postage stamps
Retaining wall assistance
Nearly-new/new Laptop computer

ARM:

*flat-screen monitors
Gift cards for snacks and meals for Youth Group events
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