

October, 2018

Greetings from Arizona Reservation Ministries!



The delay in our News this time is again because "life" has been busy! Hearing that there are those who print the "Prayer" page of this news and then each day, pray for us is a tremendous answer to prayer. As mentioned before, only God knows what we will need you to pray for on a Tuesday three weeks from today...but oftentimes, as we look at that page as well, we're amazed and comforted by God's preparation and foresight. So often, we ask you to pray for us. "Us" means not only Dale and me, our kids, grandkids and parents, but the ARM team, AND the over 1,400 who are part of the San Carlos Apache Nation. I have been "talking" on Facebook with a mom of four who is homeless and needs shelter. Four young ladies have been, or are now, in facilities because they attempted suicide lately. One pastor's wife was hospitalized with severe diabetes problems. Another pastor's wife is, most likely, having a kidney removed soon. The needs are significantly larger than we can conquer. God is in control and His plans are perfect! Remembering to keep our eyes on Him is the only way we can keep from getting overwhelmed. Hudson Taylor found his secret to remaining strong on the mission field of China during the Boxer Rebellion by reading John, Chapter 15. Some days, I read that chapter aloud. In these days of overload with television, Facebook, Twitter and more...we're praying for you to calmly remain in the Vine, too.

We've been serving on the mission field for over 27 years now! Over sixteen of those years have been on the San Carlos Apache Reservation. I'm so grateful that God keeps introducing us to new friends! A community radio station, owned by the Tribe, was finally installed in San Carlos just a few years ago. Now, when we have special events, we take our flier to them and it is broadcast during their Public Service announcements. We held a Family Fun Day in a neighborhood we'd never had one in before, so we investigated which agency or person we would need to contact in order to gather there. The Recreation Department has an office in a community center we had held a carnival in over ten years ago. Not only were we given permission for this event, but are now encouraged to post our fliers on the board there as well! When backpacks were distributed, I took some directly to the San Carlos School District offices. Soon, I plan to meet with District Representatives again in order to assure that we provide what they would like for our 2019 Backpack Project. That way, we will be honoring them AND getting the word out to those of you who help with this huge project. I got to visit with a friend at the Wellness Center who coordinates the Fall Carnival (and much, much more.) She gave me the dates of upcoming events. Please pray, as I may be part of a one-day Women's Conference in December. We (Nina and I) will also need **your** help with a much larger event!



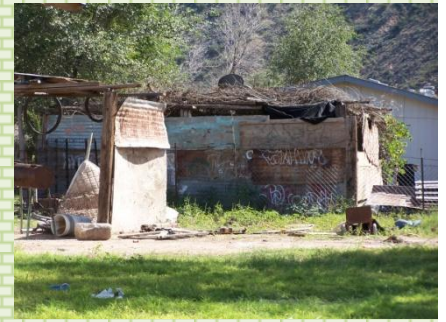
BLANKET AND COAT DRIVE

On December 18th, the Tribe's Wellness Center will hold their annual "Share the Warmth" event. They will be distributing gently used/new blankets, coats of all sizes, sweatshirts and more. On October 15th, the temperature lingered at 44 degrees here! MANY on the Reservation are homeless. Others may reside in a home, but not be able to afford electricity and heat. Please spread the word about this need!



Home on the Reservation

As visitors travel through the Reservation, they see homes that may look just like theirs. The great difference is, for some of these homes, over 20 people live within. Because they are family members, it is only natural that they would accommodate the needs of those they love. However, a friend of ours resides in such a home. When she purchases groceries at the beginning of the month for her sons, they are placed in the refrigerator and then consumed by others (who are leaders of a gang.) The month runs longer than the food funds and crying boys can get hurt by addicted uncles. A boy we had introduced to you years ago came each week to the Church Bus. One afternoon, he was clad in the gang colors of his uncles (living in his home). We told him the truth; that in order to be in a gang, you needed to be willing to kill, or be killed. For a few years after that, his clothing was free from those colors and bandanas. He was baptized by the Church Bus team, and enthusiastically encouraged others to choose Christ for the next few years. How can a growing boy continue to say "no" to uncles who are daily pressuring him to join? Please pray for this sweet young man who is now not only part of the gang for his own safety, but also addicted to drugs. Please also pray for his grandma and grandpa who live in this house as well. They continue to bless us by their smiles and strong faith in Jesus Christ.



Several families are being kicked out of a home because one of its residents was caught selling drugs. The monthly payment for a home from the Tribe is based upon that family's income. Just because they are members of the Tribe, does not qualify a member of the San Carlos Apache Nation to a free home. Two sisters, mothers of several children had this happen to them, immediately causing over ten children and their grandmother to become homeless. Sometimes, they use the restroom at the grocery store up the hill and have lived for the past few years under tarps. We thank God that some of them will be moving soon into a home the Tribe built! Please pray for these children. Please pray for this grandma. Please also pray for these two mothers to find their way from addiction and into healthy relationships with their families.



As this is written, I'm required to again remember the promises of John Chapter 15 so that I can relax. ☺ In less than a month, Linda and I will be heading to Cincinnati for the International Conference on Missions. I get to facilitate a workshop for missionaries about Spiritual Warfare. Linda and I will also get to present a workshop entitled, "Do You Have a Reservation?" Publications need updating and printed, packing lists and display items need created and more. If in the Cincy area, we would LOVE to see you! Our booth at the Convention Center is #274.



Most of the Lawrence family!



Anissa, Andi & Cocoa

Our Family News

We are so thankful to those who prayed for us as many birthdays and anniversaries were celebrated since August. Each celebration was a great blessing! We thank God for the moments He allows us to spend with our family! Jacque and Wade's Baby Ronin is growing quickly! Dale and I are intentionally inviting one or two of our grandkids on a trek so that we can get to know each other more easily than when our crowd gathers. Jon has a monitor beneath his skin, recording MANY heart events. The doctor is considering a pace maker for him. Justin has been applying at fire departments in the Phoenix area. Please pray for God's leading as he continues to commute to Globe to work until something else becomes available. Jenna plans a visit to see us the end of the month. Dale and Jon work together on construction sites, which both enjoy, but their health issues cause challenges. We thank God for each of you! Thank you for your continued prayers!

Love, Dale and Diana

October, 2018

22nd: Pray for our team meeting today; for the LORD to guide us.

23rd: Please pray for the parade ARM will join in as we fight the epidemic of drug use today.

24th: Please pray for the opportunity for ARM team members to attend a training held by a Tribal agency today regarding Domestic Violence, etc.

25th: We thank God for Anissa! Justin's fiancé's daughter and our newest granddaughter celebrates her 11th birthday today!

26th: Pray often, please, for the Youth Group meeting each Friday evening. It is quite clear that Satan doesn't like it.

27th: Pray for us today, as a group from LifePoint Church (San Tan Valley AZ) arrives to work on Roxy and Pros' home and pray through the reservation. Pray as well for the group of ladies from several Mesa churches that plan to visit and pray as well.

28th: Please pray for the staff needs of ARM. We would love to hire Natives, but need funding to do so.

29th: Please pray for Kevin as he continues to faithfully serve through ARM while living in an RV. Pray for contentment and for all of his needs to be met.

30th: Pray for the Fall Carnival this evening that we get to help with. Pray for the Wellness Center as their tasks for this huge event are many!

31st: Please pray for safety for all of those who are out and about tonight. Pray for Jon and Linda as they take their family to Show Low to visit Jacque and Wade, and their visiting Auntie Jenna.

November

1st: Pray for the group arriving today from First Christian, Yuma: safety and great progress on our construction projects.

2nd: Pray for Dale and Jon as they work with this group; for good health and wisdom.

3rd: Please pray for Aubrie, Averie, Destiny, Jaselyn, Jayselle, McKenna, Jaylee, Kaylynn, Chastity, Brandon, Vicente, Cassie, Mikayla, Jody, Jasmine, Kennie, Kendralyn, Jarvison, Berlicia, Rojelia, Telena, Juliet, Lola, Sweet, Lollie, Toni, Tori and the others already part of ARM's Youth group and for the many others who, Lord willing, will be part of it soon. *Please pray often for these teens!

4th: Please pray for the spiritual battle that is intensifying in San Carlos; for strong prayer warriors.

5th: Please remember to pray often for the pastors and their families of San Carlos: Fernando & Angie, Web & Elaine, John, David, Leroy & Virgileene, Vincent & Vermaleen, Erick & Mary, Raymus, Sherrie, Ronald, Chris & Sarah, Luther & Christine, Ed & Lavonne, etc.

6th: This is a day requiring MUCH prayer as we all (including our San Carlos brothers and sisters) vote today!

7th: Pray for the ones the Lord would want to hold Tribal Council positions to have been elected yesterday. Pray for them to seek Jesus for guidance and wisdom.

Prayer Calendar for The Dale Lawrence Family and Arizona Reservation Ministries

8th: 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.

9th: Pray for me to have wisdom as opportunities arise to share with the above-mentioned representatives on behalf of our Native siblings.

10th: Please pray for the group from 1st Christian, Yuma, arriving to serve with us this weekend.

11th: Pray for all of the events held on the Reservation to honor veterans of San Carlos this weekend.

12th: Please pray for all of the tasks required before Linda and I head to ICOM on Wednesday morning.

13th: Please pray for the residents of the Tribe's assisted living facility; Luther, Leland, Tommy, Naki, Shirlee and Sarah. Pray for other elders within the Tribe who need a safe place to live, but family need their Social Security check.

14th: We thank God for our daughter, Jacque and all the Lord has done to care for her! She celebrates her birthday today!

15th: Pray for the workshop this morning about Spiritual Warfare to go well.

16th: Once again, I get to celebrate my birthday at ICOM. ☺ Pray for our workshop today at 2:00.

17th: Please pray for Justin as he applies at various fire departments; for the Lord to clearly guide him.

18th: Please pray for Dale and Jon as they have been without their wives (at ICOM) since the 13th. ☺

19th: Please continue to pray for Jenna as she lives in OK and visits as often as possible.

20th: Pray for the two construction projects now underway to be completed soon.

21st: Please pray for the Lord to send a Church Bus Driver soon.

22nd: We have so much to be thankful for! We thank God for YOU!

23rd: Please pray for my parents as their lives have significantly changed, and for me to have wisdom regarding how to help them.

24th: Pray for Terry, Nina, Amanda, Kaylee, Chopper, Barbara, Thea, Joyce and the others who represent Jesus Christ within Tribal agencies.

25th: Please pray for our huge Christmas stockings and fleece blankets projects that are underway! Pray for miraculous provision and for CHRIST to be the main focus.

26th: Please pray for friends who are now working on their GEDs/High School Diplomas after years of raising babies.

27th: Please pray for the Tribe's Housing Authority to have wise leadership and new funding to help with this critical need.

28th: Please pray for ARM's finances; for bills paid and projects to be fully-funded.

29th: Please pray for the finances and physical needs of each ARM team member.

30th: Please pray for Jon and Linda as they get a brief break before Christmas tasks unfold, as well as Dale and me, and others who will be caring for their kiddos.

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*Flat-screen monitors
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Youth Group events
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