

December 2018

## Greetings from Arizona Reservation Ministries!



### In Context

There are verses in the Bible that are often quoted. The way they're used is fine...but as I look at the context of what is being said, there's usually more to the story. Philippians 4:13 is such verse. *"I can do all things through him who gives me strength."* This is so true! There are so many times when I have no clue how something is going to get done...but GOD always comes through. If you look at verses 10-12, these verses are about contentment in Christ. I just discovered another one. We love to remember *"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."* (Matthew, Chapter 11). What Jesus is really talking about is trusting Him. As long as we trust Him, then everything is easier...even "heavy" tasks. We are incredibly blessed! I am content...BUT, pray very often for those who are trying to keep their children warm underneath plywood and tarps less than ½ hour from me. Please pray that we always hear God's promptings to do what He is asking us to do. We need to trust Him. I was praying so hard through the night for some children that I knew were in a dangerous situation. At first light, I got a call from someone letting me know they had been moved before my prayers even started. As Christmas and all of the celebrations associated with it unfold, it is my prayer that you will find contentment-even if a tree doesn't go up and there are no gifts to give or receive. I'm also praying that you will be able to trust Jesus Christ in incredibly powerful ways as this year draws to a close. He's already seen 2019, and His love for each of us is the greatest gift.

### Travels and Travelers

Since our last news, we have been blessed with many guests who have traveled through the Reservation and pray with us. Hearing those prayers means so very much! Knowing that as a van filled with Christ-followers prayed, we were given access to the Throne Room of God and that HE heard those prayers and is answering them. This is our greatest source of encouragement! There are many who will travel to the Phoenix area during the next few months to escape the blizzards and ice storms back home. We are less than two hours from the Phoenix airport. The drive through the Reservation typically lasts two hours. You are invited! This trek takes less than a day for a very powerful way to bless us.

Linda and I were able to travel to Cincinnati for the International Conference on Missions. We went a day early in order to participate in their "PreCon" activities. The workshop about Spiritual Warfare that I was asked to facilitate for a group of both new and seasoned missionaries from literally across the planet was powerful. Hearing of the persecutions some are enduring in their mission fields, the challenges they are facing caused each of us to pray. In fact, I continue to pray for an older African man who leads a ministry and is working toward his succession. Rest assured, we are working on those plans as well...but need your prayers. Satan is incredibly busy on the San Carlos Apache Reservation as he is in Africa. In fact, demonic activity is on the rise. Again, thank you for your prayers

### Homes and Churches

We are praying that the home that was destroyed by fire and being completely renovated by ARM, will have its family within it by Christmas. Our 32<sup>nd</sup> home has the electrical, drywall and more done. Those who will live within are working to help us get it completed. This past year, the number of groups remained the same...but many joined us from nearby. Arizonan Short

Term Ministers come for two or three days. Those traveling further must purchase airline tickets, and so come for a longer period...typically a week. Because the number of days a group was with us was far less than normal, the funds they provide for construction was \$60,000.00 less than 2017. So, in addition to having less days of volunteers, the funds they provide was less as well. I'm once again reminded of the lesson just learned from Matthew, Chapter 11: Trust God. Please pray for the families awaiting homes. Please also pray for us as our hearts must rest in the fact that absolutely everything is in God's control.





## The Prayers of Children

I was blessed to have brunch this morning with a woman we've known for the sixteen years we've been in San Carlos. Years ago, her children attended the

Church Bus. She was such an encouragement today. She said that we need to keep going. She and her husband were alcoholics and addicts. Each time the Church Bus would roll into their neighborhood, they would run and hide. BUT, their children could see the Hope that only Jesus brings. While living in a home with more violence than food, these little ones knew that

Jesus was listening to their prayers. The father of this family is now studying for the ministry. Most of his children are following his footsteps! One son was shot and resuscitated this Fall. He's been in ICU at a valley hospital since October. He's listening to the Lord now. Please keep this family in prayer as they stand for Christ. Please pray for this young man as he heals and turns his life over to the One who

can make all the difference. Please pray for us as we serve Christ on the San Carlos Apache Reservation. We desperately need a Church Bus driver. We need others to work with our construction projects. *"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few."* (Matthew 9:37) Thank you!

## Daily Ministry

The photos within this publication have all been taken just since our last News was written in October (except our family photo.☺) Groups have joined us to help with construction, to pray and encourage! We were thrilled with the help from the teens who are part of our new Youth Group, and a few family members from the Tribe's Wellness Center, with this year's Fall Carnival! God continues to provide who we need, and when we



need them. God is faithful! We thank Him for providing you to join us in this adventure

through praying and more!

## Family News

As I read through our October News, not much has changed, except that

Baby Ronin turned over for the first time today. ☺ Jon and Linda are on a much-deserved break for a week, and we get to take care of their children with the help of others. I have one more big project to accomplish before Christmas...the sewing of flannel pajama pants.



We started that tradition when there were just four to sew for. This year, I'll have sixteen pair to create! This, in addition to the 800+ Christmas stockings we're working to stuff and distribute, along with fleece blankets and more. These continue to be exciting and filled days!

Jacque is enjoying her return to the snow country of Show Low and her precious family. Jon and Linda continue to serve through ARM, even as we pray for the Lord to provide more partners to join them. Justin has been riding along at a Fire Department in the Valley, awaiting their hiring process while preparing for his and Theresa's April wedding. Jenna continues to love her job in Oklahoma, and blesses us with visits as often as possible. Illness and health tests are part of several of our lives. Your prayers on our behalf are priceless! We've found that Jon and Linda's Andi was released from the cardiologist, and won't have to return for two years! She is super-excited to be able to play sports! I get to continue to travel approx. 500 miles round trip to be the sole care giver for my father who is in an assisted living home. I would absolutely love for someone living near Glendale, AZ to go and visit him! My mom and step-dad are doing well in their assisted living apartment. Please pray for him as he has just completed yet another round of radiation for cancer. We are incredibly blessed by a large and loving family and wonderful friends! We thank God for you!

*Love, Dale and Diana*





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4<sup>th</sup>: Please keep Jon and Linda in prayer as they return from their vacation.

5<sup>th</sup>: Please pray for our family as we remember the passing of my sister today; pray, especially for her two children who are now adults.

6<sup>th</sup>: Please pray for all of the plans unfolding today!

7<sup>th</sup>: Pray for us as we travel to the valley for last-minute Christmas Stocking stuffers and **then** hold the Youth Group Christmas Party.

8<sup>th</sup>: Pray for us today as we stuff 800+ stockings and nearly 3,000 envelopes! Thank God for the group from 1<sup>st</sup> Christian, Phoenix and a friend from years ago who will be helping us!

9<sup>th</sup>: Pray for our family as we host Edward's birthday party today.

10<sup>th</sup>: Pray for us as today is the first day of Stocking Week!

11<sup>th</sup>: Please pray for the families of Labumba. We're grateful for stories of deliverance, but many families are still struggling terribly.

12<sup>th</sup>: Please pray for two young girls who are expecting their first babies.

13<sup>th</sup>: Please pray for us as we host the ARM Team Christmas party tonight! ☺

14<sup>th</sup>: Pray for granddaughter, Morgan, as she shows off her talents at a tumbling program tonight. ☺

15<sup>th</sup>: Please pray for our family as we resume a tradition of Christmas Tree cutting in the nearby mountains today! ☺

16<sup>th</sup>: Please pray for the homeless of San Carlos, and those without heat in their homes.

17<sup>th</sup>: Pray for the Christmas Party in our home today for the residents and staff of the Tribe's Assisted Living facility, AND for the Tribe's Wellness Center's Share the Warmth event to have met many needs.

18<sup>th</sup>: Please pray as I revisit the dermatologist, and for our nearly-granddaughter, Anissa, (Justin's fiancé's daughter) as she performs this evening on her clarinet. ☺

19<sup>th</sup>: Join us in thanking God for grandson, Edward, who turns seven today!

20<sup>th</sup>: Please pray as I make the trek to take Dad to the doctor, and then head to Jasmine's choir and band concert while Dale heads to Show Low for Jacque's daughter, Megan's choir concert this evening! ☺

21<sup>st</sup>: Please pray for peace over the San Carlos Apache Reservation. The media's fairy-tale portrayal of the holidays can lead to deadly depression.

22<sup>nd</sup>: Please pray for us to have wisdom as we serve Christ today and always.

23<sup>rd</sup>: Please pray for team member, Kevin, as he is home in Indiana for a few weeks with family. Pray for his contentment. We're praying for the perfect bride. ☺

24<sup>th</sup>: Please pray for Justin. He is working 48 hours right now-and may be forced to work tomorrow as well, because the fire department he is currently serving with in Globe is short-handed.

25<sup>th</sup>: We are so blessed! Jesus Christ changed eternity for all of us! ☺

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

26<sup>th</sup>: Please pray for the elected officials of the Tribe, State and Federal governments.

27<sup>th</sup>: Please keep my mom and dad in prayer.

28<sup>th</sup>: Please pray for the Apache churches to have all of their physical, emotional and spiritual needs met.

29<sup>th</sup>: Please continue to pray for the pastors of San Carlos! Pray for their health, marriages, finances and especially, integrity and spiritual strength: Fernando & Angie, Web & Elaine, Vincent & Vermaleen, David, Chris & Sarah, Raymus, Erick & Mary, , Franklin, Sherrie, Chuck, Leroy, Virgileene, Luther & Christine, John, Ronald, Ed & Lavonne, etc.

30<sup>th</sup>: Please keep the teens of San Carlos in prayer; especially those in the ARM Youth Group: 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, Gary. **Please** pray often for these teens!

31<sup>st</sup>: Please keep the children of parents who are intoxicated and high in your prayers! Pray for their safety, shelter and food.

## January 2019

1<sup>st</sup>: Pray for us to faithfully, consistently follow our Lord as a New Year begins!

2<sup>nd</sup>: Please pray for the groups who are planning to join us in 2019...and for the Lord to provide and filter many to come.

3<sup>rd</sup>: Please pray for ARM's finances, and those of each ARM Team member.

4<sup>th</sup>: We thank God for those who partner with us! Please pray for them.

5<sup>th</sup>: Please pray for the Lord to send a Church Bus driver very soon.

6<sup>th</sup>: Pray for us to have wisdom each moment of every day.

7<sup>th</sup>: Pray for the marriages of Apache Christians.

8<sup>th</sup>: Pray for our great need of a second 15-passenger van.

9<sup>th</sup>: Please pray for the residents of the Tribe's Shelter Care: Luther, Leland, Frank, Shirlee and Sarah.

10<sup>th</sup>: Pray often for the elderly of San Carlos! Elder abuse is prevalent.

11: We thank God for our son, Jon! He celebrates his 36<sup>th</sup> birthday today.

12<sup>th</sup>: We thank God for the team from LifePoint Church who are joining us today. Pray for safety and much accomplished on the construction project they'll be working on.

13<sup>th</sup>: Pray for our daughter, Jenna to stay physically, emotionally and spiritually safe. Multiple kidney stones are common.

14<sup>th</sup>: Pray for Jessica. She is a former intern who was in a terrible accident and has been undergoing medical care for a very long time.

15<sup>th</sup>: Pray for Micah, Tyron, Uriyan, Angel, Chastity, Vincent, Hayley, Francesca, Monique, Nicole, Antonette, and Blue.

16<sup>th</sup>: Pray for each of us to remain committed to Christ and daily time with Him.

17<sup>th</sup>: Please keep Dale and me in prayer as we head to First Christian, Yuma, to share about ARM with them.

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#### **ARM:**

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