

March 2019

Greetings from Arizona Reservation Ministries!



As I was considering what to share of the countless events that have occurred since our last News was

sent, there was no doubt about one of these that we would need to share. However, as we gathered for our ARM Team Meeting, it was abundantly clear that, once again, God had an even better addition to this story! Each February we are excited to transport a group of ladies to a Women's Conference in Phoenix. We mentioned this in our January news, and are deeply grateful for the prayers of many as this unfolded! As always, we had no idea exactly who would join us until we were heading out of Globe and down to the valley. Two older women were unable to attend at the last moment, allowing two younger women to literally throw things in bags as Linda and I headed from Globe to the Reservation to gather the ladies. This year I got to have these two and another young mom in my room. Linda, once again, had young ladies, but also the mother of one. These young ladies are part of the HANDS youth group of

ARM. One of these had voiced her desire to be baptized on this trek. Over six weeks prior to the event, I was making hotel reservations. All of those we had visited in the past were already booked. We had to go to a new hotel. In the Phoenix area, there is no need for an indoor pool. GOD provided an indoor pool...with a curfew of midnight! Hali packed a dress to wear over her swimsuit, because "you always wear a dress to a special occasion." Her best friend accompanied Linda into the water for this great event. Afterward, another teen was baptized! I had told her mom that she should be in the pool too, helping her daughter begin this new life. After Makenna was baptized, most of the 22 women with us were gathered to pray and witness such a grand event. We extended the invitation to them as well. Makenna's mom's response was, "What about me?" And so, Makenna and Linda baptized Joy. Several of the women stood to accept Christ during the Conference! A few made the practical connection of one of the lessons: "God doesn't fail anyone. He just keeps giving us the test until we pass." They walked to a restaurant and passed up quicker seats at the bar, and the temptations there, to wait for a table and not drink. WE thought these were amazing stories to share with you. (And, they most certainly are!) Later at our Team meeting, it was discovered that Hali's mom has been attending the church where Vincent and Vermaleen (our newest team members) serve. Hali came home enthusiastically proclaiming what she'd done, which then challenged her mom, and is impacting her whole family! God always sees a much wider picture than our small "screen-shot." We thank God for those who contributed toward this event! ARM's General Funds partners provided the balance we needed. His plans are perfect!



We have welcomed a few groups, already, this year. More are due to arrive soon! A group of families joined us this past week from Palm Valley Church in Goodyear/Buckeye AZ. What a blessing it was to have these adults and children join us! They worked to begin the foundation for the addition at the American Indian Church. That church has been in existence for decades. It is so exciting to watch as the Holy Spirit breathes new life into this body of believers! Lord willing, with the assistance of our team and visiting short-term ministry teams, they'll have Sunday School rooms and restrooms, sometime in 2019! We gathered with this church in worship and in laboring. Several from Palm Valley shared in worship and their testimonies, including two little boys.



I'm sure you can imagine the smiles and joy as even these little ones shared Christ with all! On Monday, this team added their ARMs to provide a Family Fun Day in the area where this church exists. As 2018 began, our team had felt compelled to pray for this area; an area we had rarely visited simply because of the vastness of the Reservation and the size of this small ministry. BUT, GOD is BIG and again, God's plans are perfect! Fliers were created for the American Indian Church to share with those who visited the Fun Day about the many opportunities offered by them. One young man showed up. Dressed in all red to represent his gang affiliation, we knew instantly who he was. For many years, (over a decade ago!) he had attended the Church Bus. In spite of a physical handicap, his basketball abilities were phenomenal. As I hugged this young man on Monday, he winced. He had been shot by the rival gang, hospitalized, and was recovering. We got to meet his super-cute son and daughter. His parents came as well, and shared quite a bit with Dale. Our plan is to provide alternate clothing for him, as he's relocated to his parents' new home, and says he was given "a wake-up call." We're also hoping to provide furnishings for them as they have nearly nothing. Tables, chairs, beds and a sofa will, Lord willing, be delivered from ARM soon! Vincent also talked to this family. "Grandpa" and "Grandma" were encouraged to return to church. "Grandpa" asked for a Bible. The Palm Valley group had brought Bibles for the Fun Day. I shared with Vincent that ARM would take care of this family's physical needs, and he and his church would handle their spiritual needs.



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Dale and I had the great privilege of visiting First Christian Church in Yuma this past month. This church has been a practical partner with us since our beginnings in 1991! Dale was able to preach at their Sunday morning services while I shared with their youth and children's ministries. We thoroughly enjoyed visiting with them, and were incredibly blessed that at three separate gatherings, they ended with us encircled by those in attendance, praying over us. Those conversations and prayers were healing to us, as we serve each day on a mission field that honestly is a spiritual warzone. We were also able to share a meal with a young man who had served with ARM for years on our construction team as one third of the "A Team." Macaiah has been in the Marines for several years now. We are so proud of him as he continues to keep his eyes on the Lord, and receive promotions through such a vital part of our country's critical defense.



We have very special events in the next few weeks within our family that we are asking you to pray for! Jon will be having his pace maker surgery on Thursday, March 28th at 10:30 a.m. in Mesa AZ. Please pray for the surgeons, for his wife, kids, and the rest of us to have peace as this unfolds. On April 13th, Dale will be performing the wedding of our son, Justin and new daughter-in-law, Theresa. Several of us will be in this wedding! Jenna will be joining in the celebrations as well!

As always, we thank God for you!

Love, Dale and Diana

March, 2019

20th: Please pray for the ladies who made decisions for Christ at last month's women's conference.

21st: Pray for those who are contemplating suicide!

22nd: Pray for ARM's youth group meeting once again tonight; for the teens and leaders: Jon, Linda, Kevin, Telena, Toni, Aubrie, Averie, Destiny, Jaselyn, Jayselle, Makenna, Jaylee, Kaylynn, Chastity, Brandon, Vicente, Cassie, Mickayla, Jody, Jasmine, Kennie, Kendralyn, Lil-T (Turtle), Berlicia, Rojelia, Juliet, Sweet, Lollie, Tori, Greg, Lola, Sweet, Hali, Iverson, Kandace, Leah, Quentina, Rainy, Rhianna, Rosemary, Rylee, Taylor and more!

23rd: Pray for the family mentioned within this News who attended the recent Family Fun Day; especially the young man who wants a life apart from the gangs.

24th: Please pray for the group that is serving with us this week from Forum Christian Church of Columbia MO.

25th: Please pray for all of the tasks planned this week; in addition to Jon's surgery scheduled for the 28th.

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

27th: Pray for the Fun Day planned for today in Hallelujah Square. Pray for the young dads mentioned within previous News to attend and again challenged to follow Christ.

28th: Please pray for the surgeons. Pray for Jon and for all of us as he undergoes surgery for a heart pacemaker this morning. Pray for the group and team remaining at home who are working.

29th: We thank God for Linda (our daughter-in-law...Jon's wife.) Today is her birthday! Pray for it to be a GOOD day.

30th: Please pray for the pastors and their wives of San Carlos. One that you have prayed for in past News suddenly died of a heart attack after speaking at a funeral this past month. Especially pray for Web's widow, Elaine and family. Others are: Fernando & Angie, Vincent & Vermaleen, David, Chris & Sarah, Raymus, Erick & Mary, Franklin, Sherrie, Chuck, Leroy & Virgileene, Luther & Christine, John, Daniel, Ronald, Ed & Lavonne, Jonathan, etc. Pray for their physical and financial needs to be met, for their marriages to remain strong, their children to choose Christ, and their messages to always be scripturally sound.

31st: Please pray for the homeless! Rain and snow continues to fall on this area. Pray for miraculous provisions of shelter.

April

1st: Please pray for the group arriving today from a mission field in Santa Ana, CA to work with us!

2nd: Pray for Pros and Roxy and the home we have been building for them to be completed soon.

3rd: Pray for new financial partners for ARM, Dale and me, Jon and Linda, Kevin, and for Native team members to be hired soon!

4th: Please keep the residents of the Assisted Living Facility of San Carlos in prayer. Pray for it to be safe for all, and for the elders who currently reside in desperately dangerous homes to find refuge soon within its walls.

Prayer Calendar for The Dale Lawrence Family and Arizona Reservation Ministries

5th: Pray for Faye, our "other (Apache) daughter" who is celebrating her birthday today.

6th: Join us in thanking God for our soon-to-be daughter-in-law, Theresa,

who celebrates her birthday today.

7th: Please pray for the Holy Spirit to compel many to seek Him in churches today! *"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."* Jeremiah 29:13

8th: Join us in praying for God's continued leading as we gather for our team meeting this morning.

9th: Please pray for my father and step-dad to accept Christ, even as they slip deeper into the symptoms of dementia.

10th: Please pray for HUD and the investigation into mismanagement and the results with this Reservation.

11th: Pray for Vincent and Vermaleen as they celebrate their anniversary today. ☺

12th: Pray for our family as we get to gather and celebrate!

13th: Please pray for Justin and Theresa's wedding day to be filled with precious memories for them. ☺ Pray for Dale as he performs the ceremony.

14th: Pray for the special event planned with our family this morning!

15th: Pray for the group of short-term missionaries that were scheduled to arrive last night from Nevada.

16th: Please pray for all of the projects currently underway. Pray for the finances as well as the laborers to complete them.

17th: Please pray for me as I return to the dermatologist today. Pray for wisdom; I have a history of melanoma.

18th: Please pray for our team as we continue to serve: Pray for us physically, emotionally, spiritually, financially, etc.

19th: Please keep a family of four in prayer as they desperately want to make a life away from meth and the gangs, but resources make this near-impossible.

20th: Please keep Terry, Barbara, Thea, Luther, Nina, Amanda, Kaylee, Inez, Nadine, and the others who represent Christ while serving through Tribal agencies in your prayers.

21st: Praise God for the GREAT victory we celebrate today! Please pray for those who are following *false gods* who require them to work for salvation in the place of the great grace God has provided!

22nd: Please pray for our daughter, Jacque, and family. We're so grateful for them!

23rd: Continue to pray for our daughter, Jenna. Our prayer is that Dale and I will be able to visit her in Oklahoma in May!

24th: We thank God for Kevin! He's celebrating his 2nd anniversary with ARM today! He's also waiting for surgery to repair a hiatal hernia.

25th: Please keep Kevin, Jon and Linda in prayer as they plan an overnight event for the teens this weekend!

26th: Pray for the Lord to bring lots of teens to learn about HIM at the Lock-in planned for this weekend.

27th: Please, please pray for the funds so that we can purchase a **new van** so that **lots** of teens can join us this weekend.

28th: Pray for the church that may be joining us from Colorado this week.

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