



Greetings from
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Missionaries to the
Native Americans of
Arizona



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Dear Pastor Robertson and Friends,

First of all, we are sorry our summer letter is so late! Since our last update, before our VBS in June, so much has happened. The Lord has really been working in the hearts of many in San Carlos! He continues to bless because of the faithfulness of you folks. Though the "process" may be slow and come through great trial of faith, your prayers are being answered! Thank you for the constant prayer, encouragement and support for the LORD'S work here among the Apache people and for us!

Our June Vacation Bible School went so well. We had a great team (from a supporting church in Tucson) come up to help our great folks and us. We had an average of 50 kids each night, and, by the end of the week, 5 kids and 1 teenage visitor trusted Christ as their Savior. Three other kids and one teen were helped in gaining assurance of their salvation. On the last night, over 120 (counting kids, their families and our workers) were in attendance for the program and family picnic! "To God be the glory, great things He hath done!" It was truly a blessed week!

All prayers continued to be answered throughout the following weeks, even through much "tragedy" in San Carlos. Since last December, there have been an average of 3-4 funerals each week. The week between VBS and our Teen Week, two young men were killed in a car accident and another teen committed suicide. Many hearts are grieving. We pray that, through these times, many would return to the LORD, coming to know Him as Savior and/or returning to walk with Him. That happened during our Teen Week (July 9-14) for sure. All our Teens re-committed their lives to the Lord and one teen girl (visitor) trusted Christ as Savior. Praise the Lord! We were so thankful, too, for the Mission Team who came from one of our supporting churches in Virginia to help us. They not only ministered to our teens, but also to our Church family and to us. They, like the VBS Mission Team, helped in many, many ways while they were here and did it all with great attitudes of love and selflessness! We thank God for them and all our folks who served together so beautifully for God's Glory! Thank you again for all the prayers that went up for all of us during these weeks. Your prayers continue to be much needed. The week following our teen week, there were 8 funerals in San Carlos. Six of those people were in their 40's or younger (2 pedestrian deaths and one suicide included).

This next week, a Missions Team from a North Carolina supporting church will be here to help us for a couple of days with repairs and work around the church/church property. We also are excited about having a special Teen Night on one of those two nights.

We just received word today of the death of another dear friend in Canada. This friend was the first man to trust Christ as his Savior under our ministry in Saskatchewan (over 20 years ago). Your faithful prayers then and now are still being answered! Someday you will meet this dear man and he, too, will thank you for your prayers and for sending someone to tell him about Jesus!

Until then, please pray for more laborers to go to the American and Canadian Native Tribes with the Gospel. Many have "written off" the native peoples, but thank God, many have not! These Peoples are in great need of the Gospel because Satan has held them in such darkness for so long. Thank you for loving them and us so faithfully. Thank you, too, for your support of \$75.00 for each of the months of April, May, and June. May the LORD bless you all for that faithfulness with grace upon grace, blessing upon blessing!

Together With You for His Glory,
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