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A Blessed Christmas Indeed

I love the Christmas season because we make memories and carry on traditions as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. Like every church and community, we had many wonderful opportunities to enjoy sweet fellowship with the body of Christ as we experienced HIS presence.

Shea Morgan has been making your newsletters reader-friendly for years. Here is her account of their trip in early December.

December 13th - 15th a group from Indiana representing over 3 churches helped with the 4th Annual "Operation Reservation". Shoe boxes filled with fun toys and much needed other items were packed and hauled from Marengo, IN to be handed out to the children on the reservation. Hats, scarves, gloves, and coats were handed out to so many families. The Christmas dinner was a huge success with almost 200 plates made. We are thankful for a time to not only share love and material needs but also the love of Jesus planting seeds in the hearts of God's

people."

Each year we try to encourage the children the Sunday before Christmas to share the meaning of Christmas for their family and friends. Doing so is no easy task but is always worth it. Families are snapping pictures as though it were a true production. There is usually more than enough volunteers to be the donkey or the angels. The actual presentation is precious but getting to that point is something you must see to believe. It's hard to describe and discouraging at the moment but praising our Savior is always worth it.





Each Monday I meet with 6 to 10 ladies who spend the entire day sewing at the church. On December 23rd instead of sewing these ladies wanted to make cookies like we have done in the past. It was truly great fun watching these ladies be creative. They were so happy to walk away with trays filled to share with their families. Your giving allows us to provide the space, and the materials needed for the cookies these ladies made. A few of us shared our cookies with the local men and women who serve the reservation area police, firemen, and EMS. Their response to our kindness warmed our hearts!

Every Tuesday the church is open for men, they start coming at 11:30 and chill while a meal is prepared. There are a couple of Apache individuals that have taken on the task of cooking for the 25-40 men who come each week. My job is to do the grocery shopping. They have taken ownership in making the meal happen and we are so excited to see them step up to this position. At 1:00 a devotion is given, and the meal is served. These men are so attentive and appreciative; it is a joy to serve them.





Thanks to supporting churches we are able to share gifts with those who attend various ministry opportunities at White Mountain Apache Christian Church. Our home church, Jerome Christian Church provided batting and muslim to finish 10 full size quilts. These quilts had been lovingly pieced together by an amazing seamstress. In her passing JCC acquired these quilts and shipped the needed materials to us so that our Apache women could finish the work that had been started, what a blessing for everyone involved! It took one of our Apache friends less than two weeks to accomplish the task.

As you can see God is working all around us every day and provides countless ways for us to experience HIM! Thank you for your part in this journey of faith. May you experience God in amazing ways this 2025.

Our love to you all. Pete fin and Butterfly