

AMERICAN INDIAN CHRISTIAN MISSION

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Partners of AICM,

We are so grateful for your support of the work God is doing through AICM. School is going well, and we have had six students so far this year make the life changing decision to make Jesus Lord and Savior of their lives. AICM is committed to long term discipleship for these new believers.

Our outreach ministry to the families on the reservation is slow but going well. We have been helping with a women's meeting on Mondays and a men's meeting on Tuesdays. These meetings are geared toward building relationships and studying the bible together. We are also holding other bible studies weekly in different locations.

This summer we have three camps, and many Blue Bus community outreach events planned. These events will be focused on the hope and salvation found only in Jesus and how to overcome the difficult situations in their lives through the power of Jesus name.

We are hoping to open a fourth student dorm next school year, and we will be adding teachers to the school. Please help us raise awareness of the work AICM is doing and the needs of house parents and teachers next year.

If you have not been receiving our monthly email updates and would like to stay connected, please sign up by going to our website www.aicm.org and click on the "sign up" button at the bottom of the front page.

Please contact me with any questions.

Thank you so much,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff A. Cline".

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AICM Prayer Page 2024-2025

Please copy this page and use it as a guide to pray for the work God is doing through AICM

Pray for the leaders of AICM that God will guide us as we seek His will for AICM. Pray for protection for us and our families. Pray that we stay submitted to the Lord and that we would be sensitive to the direction God wants AICM to go. These are the board members' names, Alan, Roger, Ron, Robyn, Steve, Jeff, Billy, Barry, and Director Jeff.

Pray for the AICM staff for protection for them and their families. Pray that they will continue to grow in their faith each day. Pray that they balance their time between family and ministry. Pray for the renewing of their spirit and energy each day. Pray that God will work through them as they work and minister in the school, on the AICM campus, and on the reservation. These are the names of our staff members. Operations Zac, Business Manager Leizel, Admin Assistant Deanne, Principal Richard V, Outreach Aaron, House Parent Tricia, House Parent Mike, House Parent Emagene, Teacher Susan, Teacher Angela, Teacher Susan V, Teacher Nezbah, Teacher Barbara M, Teacher Joyce, Teacher Connie, Teacher Barbara J, Athletics Richard K, Maintenance Lien, Maintenance Milt, Cook Faith, Cook Lillian, Security Dennis, Team Ministry Tim and Diana, Volunteers Walt, Diane, Dawn, Nancy, and many more that come and go throughout the year.

Pray for our students for protection from harm. Pray that those that have not surrendered their life to Christ that God will remove any barrier that is stopping them, and that God will soften their hearts. Pray for the students that have surrendered their life to Christ that they will continue to grow in their faith. Pray that they will take advantage of the educational opportunities AICM is providing for them. These are the names of our students we have had over the last few years. Alexis, Kamaiwen, Damon, D'Andre, D'Aysia, Keanu, Kyrah, Skyler, Eusebois, Noah, Amarya, Emerald, Danielle, Danise, Marla, Anabah, Kandle, Kyliah, Marianna, Natteria, Ari, Autumn, Liam, Allan, Tammara, Darius, Julien, Sarah, Moriano, Blessing, Jaequan, Joycelyn, Gabrelena, Ashton, Ariel, Joshua, Lillian, Marie, Eliyah, Rochelle, Anesio, Vontrell, Zabdiel, Keturah, Maneka, Keithea, Natyre, Cortez, Elisha, Karlyle, Arrianna, Camille, Justin, Anthony, Elijah, Aiden, Cory, Jacy, Haylee, Melvin, Tremel, Christopher, Djimon, Ky'Lyn, Darryl, Terahji, Angel, Amili, Joaquin, Lanaya, Amirha, Draven, And Caleb.

Pray for our students' parents and their communities on the reservations to allow us to build relationships that would open opportunities to present the gospel message. Pray that the seeds that have already been planted over the years will grow into good fruit. Pray that they will understand and respond to what Jesus has done for them and submit their lives to Him.

Pray that God will continue to provide all we need to evangelize and equip Native Americans for Christ.

We are so grateful for all those that are praying for us and supporting the work God has called AICM to do.

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Ministry information

Some people do not consider the indigenous tribes in the USA as an unreached people group. What we have found while working with the White Mountain Apache people is that most of them would consider themselves Christian but have little understanding of what that means. They do not understand what they are saved from or have a relationship with Jesus. There is much mixing traditional religion and other religions. AICM is taking the true gospel message of hope in Jesus who forgives those who repent of their sin and turn to Him for salvation. We are encouraging them to live godly lives according to scripture by studying the Bible with them and living life with them. We are praying with them for the Holy Spirit to heal and transform them to be like Christ.

Reservation Information

The Navajo Reservation is 16 million acres in size and there are more than 400,000 tribal members.
The Hopi Reservation is 1.5 million acres in size and there are more than 18,000 tribal members.
The Fort Apache Reservation is 1.6 million acres in size and there are close to 14,000 tribal members.

White Mountain Apache Tribe Statistical Information

31% of the population are ages 0-14
53.1% of children under 12 years old live in poverty
The unemployment rate on the Fort Apache Reservation is 69.8%
There is one medical agency, and the number one procedure is detoxification services for substance abuse.
The number one cause of death ages 15-19 is intentional self-harm by hanging, strangulation.
The number one cause of death ages 20-64 is alcoholic liver disease.

White Mountain Apache Educational Information

In Whiteriver Unified District, 18% of elementary students tested at or above the proficient level for reading, and 28% tested at or above that level for math. Also, 7% of middle school students tested at or above the proficient level for reading, and 8% tested at or above that level for math. And 8% of high school students tested at or above the proficient level for reading, and 3% tested at or above that level for math. 23.6% of White Mountain Apache have less than a 9th grade education and only 34.4% graduate from high school.

White Mountain Traditional Religious belief

The White Mountain Apache still practices Shamanism, and it is Animistic in nature. Traditional Apache religion is based on the belief in the supernatural and the power of nature. Nature explained everything in life for the Apache people. We do our best to present the gospel message in a way that does not dishonor the people that still hold true to traditional religion but as an opposing belief that requires full submission to Jesus for the forgiveness of sin. Our goal is to be clear and uncompromising when evangelizing and allow the Holy Spirit to work in the lives convicting of sin and conforming to the likeness of Jesus. We strive to treat the Native American religious culture like Paul and the apostles treated different cultures throughout the book of Acts.

How You Can Help

1. Pray for us each day, sign up online to receive our prayer updates to stay informed of our prayer needs.
2. Apply to help by being a volunteer or for full-time employment.
3. Become a sponsor of one of our students through our Child Sponsorship Program.
4. Present the mission and work of AICM to your church for monthly or yearly support.
5. Send a team to help with the school, summer camps, projects, and reservation ministry.
6. Give to the mission to help with the general operational expenses.

AICM is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) Christian organization that is supported by donations. AICM operates under a predetermined yearly budget practicing biblical financial stewardship. AICM's property and operations are currently free from debt.

American Indian Christian Mission

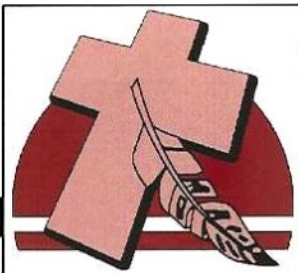
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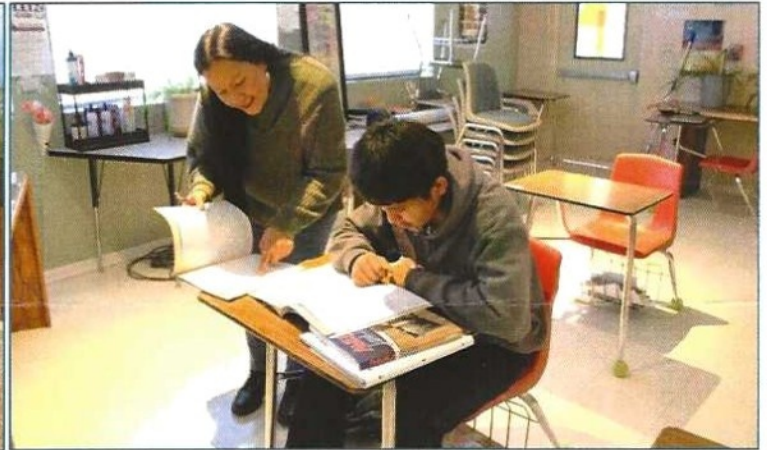
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A letter from the AICM Board,

Smoke Signals January 2025

I am writing to you as Chairman of the Board of Directors of AICM. I serve with seven other board members who have a genuine heart for the Native American children and their families that are ministered to, both on our campus and on the reservation. I know many of you have visited the mission and have visited the nearby Ft. Apache Indian Reservation. You have seen first-hand the darkness that exists among the White Mountain Apache Tribe. I would say without hesitation that AICM is a light in that darkness. We provide a refuge for those who are open to hearing about the love that Jesus has for them, the peace and joy that only He provides, and for the salvation that He makes available to all who accept Him as their Lord and Savior.

Our Executive Director Jeff Cline and Operations Director Zac Cooper lead a staff of fully committed Christians that serve as teachers, dorm parents, maintenance staff, cafeteria staff, ministry staff, administrative staff, and many volunteers. I believe that the staff we currently have is as effective as any we have had here in reaching the Native Americans for Christ. I see them at work when I bring a team from my home church or when I attend the Annual Meeting. I hear the many stories of lives being changed and hope that is gained. You are also made aware of these successes through our regular newsletters and prayer updates.

We are thankful for the blessings that God provides us through your continued prayer and monetary support. Without your partnership, our work would not get done. We strive to be good stewards with everything that is provided. Please continue to pray along with us for our staff to be continually lifted up by the Holy Spirit and protected from Satan's attacks, for our students and their families to be impacted by the redeeming message of Christ that is presented to them, and for our operational needs to be met. I can be emailed at alanpaige2015@gmail.com if you want to discuss anything with the board.

For Him,

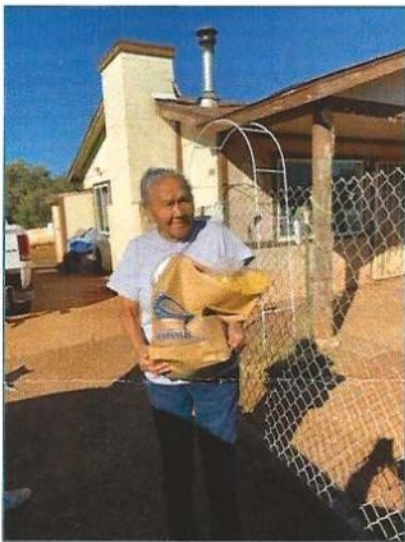
Alan Beauregard, AICM Board Chairman

Reservation Outreach

The past four months have truly flown by. Now that I have gotten somewhat of a lay of the land, I have been focused on building relationships on the reservation. Building trust is a big part of developing relationships with the people we serve, and I do that in several ways.

We are given hundreds of pounds of food from Wings of Faith, literally hundreds of pizzas monthly from Little Caesars, and countless sandwiches and baked goods from the local Starbucks. I do not open the back of the van or set a table on the roadside with a "FREE" sign; instead, I have been packaging the food and taking it to the families' homes. I have established a friendship with the grandmother of one of our students. She has helped me in bringing food to homes in her community. Doing so allows us to share the gospel, pray with them, and love them.

On Fridays I typically ride the bus to take the students home to meet their parents and/or guardians. We meet them at the reservation community center in Whiteriver. This allows me to visit with the family about how things are at home and how we can pray for them. We give them Little Caesars, and I get to pray with them also. This time has also allowed me to evangelize the people who used to hang out at the community center. I say, "used to" because the reservation has cracked down on people loitering in front of the center.



To establish relationships with the churches on the reservation, my wife Trish and I have been attending Sunday services and community events at different churches on the reservation. Last October, I met a gentleman who asked if I was their new pastor. I explained who I was and why I was there. He told me he needed more than church services could provide. Long story short, we have been studying the Bible every week since. I have seen a lot of growth in him, and I am excited to see where God is leading him.

I am attending a men's lunch/study at the White Mountain Apache Christian Church on Tuesdays. I have established enough trust with the leaders to be able to give the message several times. I have also established friendships with several Apache men. Hearing their testimonies has been a blessing for me. We so often overlook how God

works in so many different ways.

Please continue to pray for the Reservation. The need for Jesus and the hope he brings is needed more than I can explain. Please pray that I am receptive to the needs of those whom God places before me and that I am obedient to following the Holy Spirit's prompting when He does so. Also, please give praise for all the good and wonderful things He has done and is doing on the Reservation. There is a lot of darkness, and it is easy for us to see only that, and we lose sight of the Truth; we need to remember John 1:5 "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

Aaron Gorsuch, AICM Director of Outreach

What's Happening in the Library?

Changes have been happening in the library. Since many Native American students have no exposure to reading prior to entering school, the library is an important resource to develop a love of reading. Many of our students are more than two years behind grade level and they don't like reading because it is such a struggle. They have been encouraged to find out what genre they are interested in and then helped to find a book at their level. This has begun to foster an interest in reading.



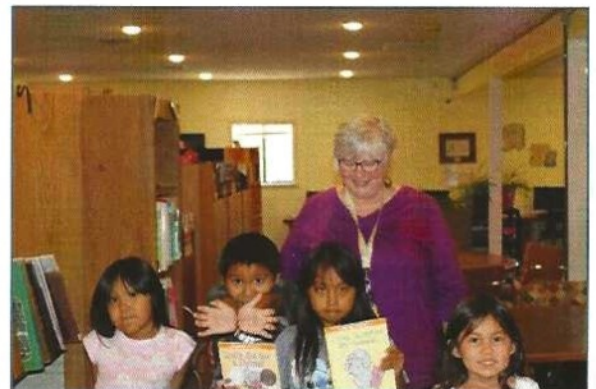
This school year has found a variety of changes to the library to encourage students to read. There are close to 10,000 books in the library and for students it can be overwhelming where to start to find something to read. The first project was to separate the children's fiction books from adult books and to label the books with reading levels. Students can then find books that they are able to read and it's not so overwhelming. The picture books were put in baskets so the elementary students could find them easier. Then chapter book series were put together and shelf labels were added to identify

the series.

Then, onto the non-fiction books. They too were separated and reading levels assigned. Using the Dewey Decimal classification, visual labels are currently being placed to teach children where to find categories they might be interested in. Monthly, books are highlighted by being placed on a special stand to draw students into checking them out. The elementary students come to a weekly library class where books are read aloud, and they create projects around those books. They are then placed around the library to represent that book.

In the beginning of the school year, they never looked at the chapter books or the non-fiction books because they didn't know where to begin. Now they are coming down and looking for specific subject books. Miss Florabel had most of them entered and now they are cataloged on the computer by subject, and we can find what they want. It has been especially exciting to see the middle and high school students spending more time in the library! The other day, three students came down and were reading the Bible together at the reading table. Several of the middle school boys have asked for specific subjects in fiction books that they wanted to read.

Future plans are to continue to make the library more inviting and comfortable. We have put up posters and also created a coloring area where students can come for a few minutes if they are having a hard day or experiencing stress. We hope to be able to get some bean bag chairs to provide a relaxing place to come and read. Reading is such a fundamental skill for our students to acquire and our prayers are that the library can be a conduit to them becoming lifelong readers.



Susan Van Nostrand, AICM Librarian

