

THY WILL MINISTRIES SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Thank you!

Often, we end the newsletter with our thanks and appreciation for what YOU provide for us. We cannot express in words how grateful we are. We are certain that when a need arises, YOU are more than ready to fill that need. YOU have proven that over and over. We have always been able to minister full-time without the need for an additional job or fundraising travel. For those reasons and more, we say, "THANK YOU!"



Friends and visitors

We welcome visitors year-round, and some take advantage of that by visiting during off seasons. However, the majority of our visitors come during the summer months. These visitors' help is in the day-to-day ministry. That means sharing devotional thoughts with men and women, and learning about cultural differences. For Pete and I, connecting different cultures is our priority. God has given us relational skills, and we see continually how much we can all learn from each other. We have different ways of accomplishing tasks. We have differing views on how to respond to life and how to react to those changes in life. We have different goals, different ways of setting goals, and the way we view those goals doesn't make one side right and the other wrong, just different. It is rewarding to witness the way GOD connects our different cultures in a way that leaves both locals, visitors, and staff, blessed by the experience.

Generally, there is always a little clean-up or repair of grounds and facilities necessary and mission teams help provide the manpower and the funds for those needs. For teams who have come repeatedly, a VBS, nightly revival, teen outing, family night, or women's conference are ways they desire to serve. There is usually a meal involved as we gather. There is something about meeting around the table that draws people together. Helping make an Apache meal is usually one of the favorite memories our visitors make.



These are the eyes of those who won our hearts 27 years ago, and they are still winning the hearts of those who visit today. Another favorite of the mission teams is the bus ministry. Pete is a kid magnet. The love he shares with every kid is inspiring. It is hard not to fall for those brown eyed, brown hair, brown skinned kids. Most of these kids cling to visitors, longing for affection and attention. We do have those that long for attention but try your patience as well.

Our Apache friends love building relationships. It is so gratifying to watch the friends who support us and the friends we minister to develop lasting relationships, ones that extend beyond the short-term visit. For us, the best part of the summer is the sweet fellowship we share with those who visit. We can try to put into words and add photos that describe what a mission trip is like. But WE CAN'T! You have to come and experience it to understand how amazing our GOD is and what a joy it is to be a part of what HE is DOING!



Our love to you all, Pete and Kim