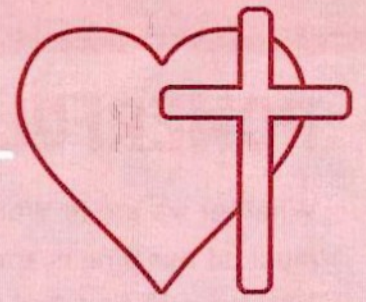


FEBRUARY *newsletter*



THY WILL MINISTRIES

SHARING MEALS AND LOVE

The month of January is often a difficult one for many of us. The colder, gloomy days fill us with a sense of gloom as well. The chill in the air discourages us from being as physically active as we are on warmer days. This January, our time has been spent coming alongside friends to comfort them as they say their goodbyes to loved ones who have left this world. Although Pete is often the one sharing God's Word through a message, our presence, a smile, a touch, or food items donated fill their faces with a sense of hope. Like any other pastor, we try to make ourselves available for the birthdays and celebrations of our Native friends. This alone keeps us busy because birthdays and graduations are celebrations of life that attract a lot of attention. In addition, our Native friends gather one year after their loved one's passing to hold a memorial dinner. During these events, family members gather to share a meal and reminisce about life and memories shared.



BLOOMING

We continue to rejoice as we witness our Apache congregation mature, share their faith, and serve our LORD in many ways. That is the goal, for them to engage and reap the benefits of life lived with and for God!



POWERFUL PRAYERS

Whether we are in Whiteriver, on the road, or at home, much of our time is spent helping those that God brings into our path find God as their source for hope, healing, and salvation. It might be praying with an elderly friend who is going into surgery, and he doesn't even understand why. It is often listening to a child who is witnessing violence in their home, unlike anything that we have ever experienced. Too often, it is women in a terribly physically abusive relationship who find it difficult to leave because they're hoping to make a change in their partner, yet fearing for their life. Then there are the phone calls, and prayers for those who are making the right choices, who are trying desperately to follow God faithfully, and the spiritual battles they are facing are fierce. All these situations can be emotionally draining and spiritually exhausting. However, if we fill ourselves with the Word of God and time alone with HIM, HE supplies all our needs as we share our HOPE in HIM!

If you ever doubt how powerful the prayers you pray on our behalf are, STOP DOUBTING! GOD hears your prayers, and we experience HIS goodness because of them. So, we THANK YOU!



GRATITUDE

When we travel, we occasionally get to visit some of you, and it is wonderful to reminisce and catch up with old and new friends. On the other hand, your giving has always allowed us to serve our LORD full-time without additional jobs or fundraising. For that reason, we are eternally grateful!

All our love,

Pete and Kim

