

Smoke Signal

A New Year

We are now more than half way through the school year and our students are doing well. We are expecting several Ministry Teams to come out to the mission during spring break and the summer of 2018. If your church or group is interested in coming on a mission trip, we still have a couple of openings available. Our greatest need is for a Ministry Team to do a Summer Enrichment Camp on our campus for the older elementary kids (5th & 6th graders) from the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. We currently have teams that are scheduled to do camps for the other grade levels. If your church is interested in helping, please contact Angela Solliday: (928) 537-5912 or email—missionteams@aicm.org.

Other needs for 2018 includes: installing metal roofs on some buildings on our campus, finishing renovations on the Cibecue Christian Church (a church AICM helped get started last year; they need additional funds to finish the work) and work on the Canyon Day Community Center/Job Assistance Center that is near Whiteriver. Please let us know if you would like to help financially or bring out a Ministry Team to help with one of these projects. We also have a need for a **principal for our school** starting the first of July 2018. You can get more information about this position from our website: www.aicm.org (click "About US" & then "Employment"), or contact Leslie Solliday: (928) 537-5912 executivedirector@aicm.org.

Looking Beyond 2018

In 2019 the American Indian Christian Mission will be celebrating 50 years of operation. We are inviting anyone who would like come to join us on our campus for a big celebration program on Saturday, July 13th 2019. Also in August of 2019 we would like to open our campus to High School students. They would stay in our dorms while they attended the High School in Show Low. This will allow our 8th grade students to have the option of staying with us rather than going back to the reservation. They may not want to go back to the reservation because of the problems they have to deal with such as bullying, alcoholism, and poor education systems. Also some do not have a good place to live (family issues, little food, crowded conditions, or other problems). In order to offer this to our students, we need additional Dorm Parents. We can not afford to hire them (at least not with our current income/donations) so we are asking for long term volunteers. We would provide room and board. Please let us know if you are interested or know someone who might be. In 2022 or 2023 we plan to offer High School classes on our campus. It will take many years to raise the funds needed to open a High School and get the needed accreditation, raise support to hire teachers and/or get volunteer teachers.

In God’s Service, Leslie Solliday



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Cibecue Christian Church: Robert & Jody Williams

Hello all. We have been holding services for one year as of the 8th of January. When we started we had no electricity or working plumbing. We started with 14 in attendance and have had as many as 30 with a steady 20-25 most Sundays. We kicked off this year with a once a month Friday night family night (board games and/or a movie) and had 30 + in attendance with many first time visitors. Jody and I intend to offer additional Bible studies and events. While much work was accomplished on the building in 2017, thanks to the generosity of AICM, several churches, and many individuals. The list provided below shows that there is still much work that needs to be done. If you feel compelled to help in any way with any amount it will be greatly appreciated. Leslie Solliday and I are requesting that all donations made from this point forward be made payable to Cibecue Christian Church and mailed to Box 80129 Cibecue, AZ. 85911. If you should have any questions please contact me, all of my contact information is included below:



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Building Renovation Needs:

18 sheets 5/8 drywall to finish kitchen and the ceiling in the sanctuary	\$240.00
7-52 inch ceiling fans (4 sanctuary, 1 office, 1 children's church, 1 youth room)	\$630.00
2 four foot led light fixtures for kitchen	\$218.00
520 sq. feet tile for entry foyer and two bathrooms including mortar and grout	\$1,430.00
Paint interior semi gloss for walls, flat ceiling white, and primer	\$1,030.00
Dry wall mud for taping, repairs and texturing walls and ceilings	\$210.00
3 interior doors including handles and hardware	\$390.00
1 interior double door (between foyer and sanctuary) including handles and hardware	\$675.00
200 sq. feet tile for office includes mortar and grout	\$550.00
Kitchen cabinets	\$4,696.00
Counter tops	\$780.00
4 led light fixtures for foyer and nursery	\$240.00
7 sliding windows various sizes (estimated average \$160.00 per)	\$1,120.00

We will still need flooring for the kitchen, sanctuary and youth room.

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the ages.”

Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)

Reservation Outreach: Hayden Anderson

AICM's outreach efforts to reach White Mountain Apache Tribal members for Christ comes in various forms. Through AICM's bus ministry and camp programs many children have heard the gospel and several have accepted Jesus. I have been working mostly with adults on the Reservation, helping with both spiritual and physical needs. It has been a blessing to be part of the AICM team working on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. I have been working in collaboration with an AICM volunteer, and the senior pastor of the White Mountain Apache Christian Church (WMACC). Thanks to our team effort, one of our projects has been very successful in spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ and developing friendship beyond expectations. Our team noticed that playing horseshoes is very popular on the reservation especially among middle and older age people. We set out to encourage, support, and show the love of Christ to this group of people. The team realized that there were many horseshoe pitchers' gathering places throughout the reservation. These places provide excellent locations for horseshoe pitching competitions, and they are places where people socialize and drink alcoholic beverages. Our team decided to select a horseshoe pit that had the worst reputation on the reservation, called the Wiener Roast Arena, to work with the people there. It became a place for good competition, where sober horseshoe pitchers' and spectators have fun and learn about Jesus. Many genuinely listen to the gospel being preached to them before the competition starts. To date, we have sponsored 36 horseshoe tournaments within three years (first year 8 tournaments, second 13, and third 15). The average participating pitchers per tournament are around 32 and we have had up to 42 pitchers. There are many prominent people and others living outside the boundary of the reservation that come over during these tournaments, including former Tribal Chairman, former Tribal Councilmen, current school board members, church pastors, traditional medicine men, Arizona State Horseshoe Champions, and so forth. A great number of community people know that AICM & WMACC sponsor these tournaments. There was a time when I was one of the guys drinking at the old Wiener Roast, and it has been my mission to make this a better place and to tell people how Christ changed my life. This project will set a standard of successful approaches for other projects to be welcomed onto the reservation..

I have to mention one other project that has great potential for helping Apaches, and that is the Canyon Day Community Center. It will be a location for community events and will provide vocational training & job placement (unemployment is a big problem on the Reservation.). We had hoped to get it started last year, but fundraising came short; however, we still hope to do this project once we get the funds.

We will continue with our efforts to bring a spark of togetherness, belonging, and seeing a brighter future for the reservation. Please keep me and those I work with in yours prayers as we continue to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Titus 2:6-8 (NIV)

*Similarly, encourage
the young men to be
self-controlled.*

*In everything, set them
an example by doing
what is good.*

*In your teaching show
integrity,
seriousness and
soundness of speech
that cannot be
condemned, so that
those who oppose you
may be ashamed
because they have
nothing bad to say
about us.*

Blue Bus Ministry: James & Leslee Holloway

Matthew 9:37-38 (NIV)

*“Then he said to his
disciples,*

“The harvest is

plentiful, but the

laborers are few;

therefore pray

earnestly to the Lord

of the harvest to send

out laborers into His

harvest.”



2017 was a great year for the Blue Bus. We enjoyed each team that came to AICM. It was a pleasure to watch as these teams became the hands and feet of Jesus. Our hearts broke for several of the kids on the Reservation. We were blessed to be able to meet their needs and share God's Word with so many kids. Because of your generosity, AICM staff was able to take a bus load of blankets, pillows, hats, scarves, toys, and toiletry items to the reservation. We got to bless over 100 kids and adults. It was a blessing to watch as the kids and adults were so excited to see the bus and receive the items that were generously given. Thank you again for your prayers and support. We would love to do this again soon.

2018 is here and we are so excited about what God has for the Blue Bus this year. We can't wait to see new and returning teams. We want to reach more students through Christ.



We are grateful for our prayer warriors. We have a few requests for prayers. Please pray for our health and the health of AICM staff (several were sick in January). Also, pray for good health for all of our teams. We ask for safety as we travel back and forth to the Reservation. Also, please pray that the kids will hear the message of Christ and that their hearts will be open to hear the Gospel. We thank you again for your support and prayers.

Girls Dorm: Jeff & Jeanne Curtis

We are coming to the close of our 5th month here in the girls dorm. We have had many ups and downs, but more ups than downs. We have learned that we cannot do this without Christ being the center. It has taken us a while to adjust, not only to the altitude, but to this way of life. We currently have 9 girls, ranging from 9-12 years old. Our lives are full of precious moments of building relationships and earning the right to be able to speak into these young ladies lives. Keeping up with them is exhausting and invigorating all at the same time. We are truly blessed to be able to pour our lives out for Christ here in this time and this place. Thank you again for all your love, support and prayers. We pray that Christ is glorified through every aspect of our ministry here in Arizona.

Boys Dorm: Thomas Brown

As we begin the second semester at AICM, I am pleased to say that most of the boys have made a marked improvement in their school work, and a couple of the older boys have 'A' averages! In the four years that I have been at AICM, this is hands-down the best year for the boys academically. Dorm-Life is pretty much the usual combination of school-work, outside play, chores, evening relaxation, and activities. During evening devotions each boy is responsible for that night's devotion by introducing a biblically related word to the group. Each boy then expresses in their own words what that word means to them in their own lives. I am truly blessed to witness these boys taking devotions seriously, as well as remembering those in need of prayer each time we pray out loud in the dorm.

AICM School News: Alex Garrett

We are now into the second semester and things have been very busy at the AICM boarding school. We have had a few field trips so far and are looking forward to a few more. The students have enjoyed hiking and playing frisbee golf while learning about nature, going to the Show Low museum to learn more about our local history, and swimming in the Show Low pool to burn off some energy and have fun. Our students are all showing steady improvement in all subjects. Unfortunately, many of them were behind by the time we got them, as is the case every year, but our teachers are working tirelessly to meet the students where they are and catch them back up to grade level. Please pray for us as we try to work with these children who often come from difficult backgrounds. Pray for encouragement for our teachers and the dorm staff as they do their jobs. Most of all, pray for these kids, that they can benefit from their time here and, most importantly, come to know the love of Jesus.



Kitchen News: Margaret Whittlesey

We have had a good start to the new year. We have tried to start feeding the kids more nutritious and colorful meals. We are going to have some changes like more pasta and a lot more whole wheat products.

Our children like to help us serve lunch.

We are looking forward to our ministry teams helping us (they usually help us clean and help with food and serving).

We have delivered food boxes to families on the Ft. Apache Reservation for seven years; however, we have recently stopped because it has been too much of a strain on AICM in regards to the logistics (transportation, manpower, etc). We had asked for help from Tribal members, mostly because we wanted them to be involved in helping themselves, but their involvement was inconsistent. There is a new couple working on the Reservation who is willing to take over the Food Boxes. New Blood—New Energy! Because they spend a lot of time on the Reservation, they may have better success in getting people from the Reservation involved.



Deut. 11:18-20 (NIV)

“Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.

Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land the Lord swore to give your ancestors, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth. “

Maintenance Matters: Scott Alkire

Hello, Everyone! It is almost that time of the year again when we fix things up and start new projects. I would like to start off by saying thank you to all the teams that came to help this past year, and those that kept us in your prayers. A lot of projects were finished because of your blessings.

I have a compilation of projects that I have broken down by areas. Example: Dorms, Chapel, and Housing. If any one would like to help with money or with labor, please let me know. I look forward to seeing old and new faces this year.



Workshop project in Vehicle Barn

Tools needed: Weed eaters (preferably with metal cutters), snow blower, 60-80 gallon air compressor, DeWalt 18v batteries, electric driers, wheel barrows—heavy duty, roll away tool box, bush-hog tractor.

Girls Dorm: New tile in bathroom (\$28.00 per box); LED Lights (\$450.00); shelves, dishwasher, lockable storage cabinet, double steel doors with push bar; new windows.

Boys Dorm : Paint living room (\$72.00); paint ceiling (\$420.00); paint seeping areas (\$216.00); fix tile floor; LED lights (\$450.00); repair and stain back deck (\$332.00)

Bethany Dorm: Kitchenette completion—cabinets, counter top, trim, sink, stove; shower room needs new shower fixtures & shower valves (\$300.00); shower walls need repair; guttering, down spouts, gutter end with drops and hangers (\$100.00)

Recreation/Art Room building: Metal roof; tile in bathroom; ceiling painted (\$70.00); exterior paint (\$230.00); trim Paint (\$40.00); wall paint

Zion Dorm: Roof; ceiling paint (\$140.00); repair floor; exterior paint (\$340.00); trim paint (\$40.00)

Emmaus Dorm: Metal Roof (waiting estimate); shower stalls replaced; deck repaired and stained (\$340.00); exterior paint (\$460.00); trim paint (\$40.00)

Supply Needs: Trash bags = 55 gal drum liners (\$14.00 per box); 42 gal 3mil bags (\$25.00 per box); 13 gal tall kitchen (\$13.00 per box); Simple Green—1 gal (\$10.00 per gallon); Clorox disinfecting wipes (\$8.00 each); The Works 2 pk (\$3.50 per set); Lysol spray, AAA batteries; AA batteries; D batteries; Liquid Drano.

Please let me know if a ministry team would like take on one of these project.

Child Sponsorship Program: Cindie Alkire

Christmas was a success!! Thanks to all of our wonderful sponsors and everyone who helped with the Christmas party. I cannot believe how everyone came together to give our students a Christmas that they may never have had without your support. Each student was able to have a meal/dessert, stockings, and gifts from many. We are thankful that our boys dorm parent, Thomas Brown, was there to record everything for us. He posted the video that he made on our website (www.aicm.org). It will be on the website until through March.

SO . . . A great big thank you from Me to YOU!!!

It has been a crazy and slow road over the last month due to illnesses, students moving, and school starting back up. So, I do apologize for the lack of communication with our sponsors. I am working on Thank You's from our students, to all who were involved. We are going through lots of envelopes and stamps, which I consider a great thing!!

I am looking forward to the next few months of spending time with our students and getting ready for our summer camps and teams!!

Finances: Angela Solliday

We are in in midst of our tight financial season. We are currently behind on monetary donations in the sum of a little over \$40,000 (compared to 2016-2017 Fiscal Year). Not having the funding only limits what we can do on the Reservation, in the classrooms, and with repairs and general maintenance needed on the mission base.

During the winter month, our operations cost rise due to the cold weather and the cost of propane, gasoline, and electrical cost keeping heaters running. If you know of anyone who is not already supporting AICM, please share information about the mission's needs with them. I want to thank all of donors for your donations and prayers

Needs

(for a complete list—see our website: www.aicm.org)

Maintenance: Industrial Size Driers, Metal handled rakes, Painting supplies

Kitchen: Dish Towels, Disposable pans, Paper Towels, Aprons

School: Copy Paper

Dorms: Liquid hand soap, Hand lotion, Paper Products, Hygiene supplies, Lice kits

Office: Copy Paper, Stamps, Self-seal envelopes

Blue Bus: Bubbles, Scooters, Windex, Lysol, Hand Sanitizer, Baby Wipes, Nail Polish Remover

Luke 18:16-17 NIV

“But Jesus called the children to him and said, ‘Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.’”

Upcoming events:

Annual Meeting—July 21, 2018

*“Do you not know? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He will not grow tired or weary and increases the power of the weak.
Even youths grow tired and weary and young men stumble and fall;
But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.
They will sore on wings like eagles;
They will run and not grow weary,
They will walk and not be faint.” Isaiah 40:28-31 (NIV)*

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