



Herwaldt Family

*Serving with Regeneration Reservation
Ministering with Native Americans*

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Dear Praying Friends,

In I Timothy 1:12-17, the Apostle Paul reflects on his personal testimony of how God saved him and called him into the ministry. Twice he uses the phrase "*I obtained mercy.*" Paul had a past that was full of unbelief, blasphemy, stubbornness, and even bloody persecution of believers. And yet Paul obtained mercy. The Bible is full of people who obtained mercy despite their past, such as the thief on the cross. Much of our ministry is giving hope to those who have given up on God or don't believe that God can forgive them or use them because of their past. It is a joy to share passages like I Timothy 1:12-17 with those who believe they are past hope and call them to come to Christ and receive mercy. Please pray with us for receptive hearts as we share the hope of Christ wherever the Lord gives opportunity!

We are so grateful for the open doors at both the Bylas and San Carlos Older Adult centers. At each service, we are able to sing songs as a family, share a gospel-centered message, and ensure that each person has a gospel tract to take home with them. We have made many connections and have had many good conversations with people who are hurting. In February, one of the clients committed suicide. The following day, I had the opportunity to preach a message from John 11 to those who were gathered at the Bylas OAC. It was a unique opportunity to plead with the ones that were there to consider the brevity of life and the necessity of knowing Christ personally. Just this past week in San Carlos, an older gentleman, RB (we actually took an Apache language class together), informed me that he has given up on God and doesn't go to church or read his Bible anymore. He told me that his church is "when you come here." We are so grateful for these open doors to share Christ with people who would otherwise not attend a church or Bible study. Please pray with us for eternal fruit through these opportunities!

Praises

We enjoyed hosting our field director, Dr. Canedy, and his wife, Nancy, in March for a weekend of wonderful fellowship and ministry! We are grateful for their friendship and encouragement. We were also blessed to host Dr. Bud Steadman in February. He is now traveling as the Missions Mentor for our mission board.

We received some reinforcements for a few weeks in February when Jim and Norma Lewis came to help. They have been a great blessing over the years. Jim was able to catch us up on a lot of outdoor projects while Norma assembled a large portion of the outreach bags for the Gathering of Nations.

A new tract, "Anchor for the Soul" is now available on our website and is being distributed in print. This is the 13th tract that our ministry has produced. We are grateful to all those who have helped with the costs for these tracts!

Prayer Requests

Continued progress on the Apache New Testament recording project.

Open doors and receptive hearts at the Gathering of Nations outreach (April 25-27).

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We are also thankful for the continued open doors at the San Carlos Detention Center. In addition to meeting with roughly 10 men for recovery class twice a week, the Lord has provided opportunities to meet with specific inmates one-on-one. Follow-up with the men once they are released is also a key priority. Pray for ones like AR and MB who continue to ask for study materials and home visits even though they have been out of jail for several months. Recently BW called to say "thank you" for our investment in him. Most of the inmates don't even try to connect with us once they are out, but those few who reach out and say "thank you" are a real encouragement! Please pray with us that God would save souls and transform lives through the detention center ministry!

Over the past several months, we have added large portions of our Native language audio Bible content to YouTube. Currently, 18 New Testament books are recorded in Western Apache and are all now available on YouTube. We have audio Bible content from over 20 other Native languages already on the Today's Native website; much of this content is now available on YouTube. Our desire is to make God's Word available in ways that are easy to access and easy to share with others. The Lord has already been affirming the power of the Word of God in a Native person's own heart language. God already promises us in the Bible that His Word will not return void. Please pray with us that God will accomplish great things through His Word in each Native community!

On the home front, we have been staying healthy for the most part. The kids are continuing to do well in school and we are thankful for those that invest in their lives through music lessons and Taekwondo. Adam joined our pastor, Scott Murphy, for outreach at one of the local churches on the reservation last week. It brought great joy to our hearts that Adam could observe and be a part of this opportunity. We also celebrated two birthdays recently; Micah is now 7, and Janie just turned 11. Please pray with us for our kids to continue to have tender hearts toward the Lord and a love for ministry!

Thank you for partnering with our family through prayer. We rejoice that you are a part of our team!

With grateful hearts,
Phil, Bethany, Adam, Janie and Micah
2 Corinthians 4:18



We enjoyed a wonderful visit from Dr. Bud Steadman! He is now a Missions Mentor for BWM.



Yes, we get snow in Arizona! The kids got to go sledding with their cousins from Michigan!



Adam was able to join Pastor Scott Murphy for children's outreach at a local church in San Carlos.

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