



# Manos de Dios, Hands of God Ministries

*Sharing the message of Jesus with indigenous people in northern Arizona and Mexico*

## January 2013 Newsletter



***“One thing” girls keep us busy!*** We are beginning our second semester as dorm parents to 6 (Tia returned to our dorm this month) Apache students at American Indian Christian Mission (AICM) School! We are praising God for this opportunity to live with these girls five days a week . We are seeing growth: physical,

emotional, relational and most importantly, spiritual! Each day we seek to model and mentor living a life surrendered to Jesus. Our morning devotions, evening “God times” and spontaneous conversations allow us to disciple these 10– to 13 year old girls. We are very aware that every day is a precious opportunity and pray that their lives will be forever impacted by this time at AICM.

***...Dennis & Lucy***



**Our middle school girls:  
Jacy, Drelyn and Riscilla**

***“For God is at work in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases Him”***

**Philippians  
2:13**



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## **Still sending blessings to Mexico... by Dennis**

Even though we have not been to Mexico in a while, we still love and support our brothers and sisters there. In 2012 we were able to donate 100's of blankets and sheets, dozens of commercial skilletes, extra large pots, cutting boards, water pitchers and miscellaneous kitchen supplies. Limited amounts of clothing were also donated to specific people in need. Brand new soccer balls and uniforms that were donated were also a big hit with the children.

And to start off 2013 we were given a 2003 Mazda Protégé that was in excellent condition. We had been trying to raise money to purchase a vehicle for our friend (in Mexico) Margarita and her handicapped daughter, Alejandra, but we were only able to raise about \$300.00. We guess it was the Lord telling us, "be patient, I have something better for you." This 2003 Mazda is a perfect fit for Margarita and she became the blessed owner of it on January 4, 2013. She is thrilled not to have to rely on friends to give her rides or deal with impatient taxi drivers! What she says is most exciting is to be able to go to a women's Bible Study for the first time! She is also driving to our fellow missionaries' Christian Community Center for English classes. Praise God for His perfect provision!

Long time friends of Margarita heard about the car going down to Mexico and helped to stock it with food and gifts!

Along with Margarita and Alejandra, we also continue to financially support a church and the Men's and Women's Rehab Centers in Puerto Peñasco, Mexico. Two Manos de Dios supporters designate part of their monthly donations for these purposes. God is so good and His provision is perfect!



**Blankets going to Mexico**



**Debbie and Terry donated this car to Manos de Dios. They are thrilled to learn it is going to bless Margarita and Alejandra!**



**Margarita and Alejandra with their 'new' vehicle!**

***"Let them praise the LORD for His great love  
and for the wonderful things He has done for them." Psalm 107:31***



## Kid's Recreation Room at AICM to open soon ...by Dennis

I was blessed when I was given permission to remodel a room (formerly used for arts and crafts) here at AICM. We are changing it into a recreation room for our kids where they can play, have fun, fellowship, play music, and just get out of their dorm for a while.

With the help of a few volunteers we were able to move all the arts and crafts supplies into another room all in one day! Next was to vacuum and put a new coat of paint on the walls (which I did this weekend). Now to start moving in furniture, games, and supplies!

So far, we have a smaller scale pool table, ping pong table, an electric keyboard (still in need of speakers), a TV, refrigerator, microwave, and table and chairs (for board games). We have prayed for and received financial support to purchase an air hockey game and foosball table plus other games/supplies as needed! The kids will be thrilled! We plan to dedicate the room Monday after our Chapel services. We will share the guidelines for the room use at this time, also. Adult supervision in the room will be required at all times. Respect and care of all equipment will be expected and instilled. We are teaching and modeling being a people of excellence! We serve an excellent God!

We have also received a donation of a laptop to be used to play games and for after school tutoring. We will keep you posted on our progress!



*New AICM Rec Room. New game tables to be added shortly, thanks to generous donors!*

AICM Rec Room Theme Verse:

*“And the streets of  
the city will be filled  
with boys and girls  
at play.”*

*Zechariah 8:5*

## Mini student council at AICM? ...by Dennis



*AICM students playing in gym...  
simply give them a cardboard box! Future student  
council representatives??*

I thought of another use for the new recreation room. Why not form a student council and have the council meet there? I asked Angie Solliday, the AICM School Principal, if there was a possibility that one student could be appointed from each dorm to represent them at a student council meeting. The students could be kept up to date with information concerning them and have an avenue to voice their concerns and ask questions. Angie thought it was a great idea and we are starting the process and laying down the ground rules.

Lucy and I are trying to help the students learn responsibility, take ownership, develop leadership skills and mature - not only in their walk with the

Lord but also in ways that will help them when they are introduced to the outside world. We pray that these ideas and opportunities will help them improve their lives.

# one thing girls' dorm update

...By Lucy



**Nicole washes Riscilla's feet**

How can we describe life in a girls' dorm? We find ourselves serving as Mom and Dad, counselor, spiritual leader, cook, comforter, companion, disciplinarian, and activity planner. **We focus on Jesus throughout the day.** The girls wake up to Christian worship music. We have a 15-minute devotion time every morning before school. Every Monday evening the entire school attends a Chapel time. In the dorm we have a "God time" two nights a week. Sometimes they journal as they listen to God about a passage of scripture. They PRAY (Praise, Repent, Ask, Yield). Last week, after reading about Jesus washing the disciples' feet, we washed each others' feet.

At bedtime we have been reading through the fairy tale Princess Lost by Celestia Tracy. This beautifully illustrated book is used by the ministry Mending the Soul ([www.MendingtheSoul.org](http://www.MendingtheSoul.org)). The author presents a princess who is born into a perfectly magical kingdom and then experiences the damaging effects of early childhood abuse and sexual exploitation, eventually finding her way back home to her Papa King. The girls' emotional highs and lows, coarse talk, lying and secretive behavior all signal abuse and/or neglect. I hope and pray that we can have some dialog that will encourage healing. We pray for our girls constantly! Please join us in praying for them, too. They are: **Riscilla (13), Jacy (13), Drelyn (11), Viscena (10), Tia (10) and Nicole (10).** Thank you!



**Dennis swims with girls.**

**Drelyn and Chaco snuggle on our dorm couch.**



## SWIMMING!

The girls love swimming at the Show Low city pool. We use this outing as a reward for good behavior in the dorm and in school. The funds for this activity come from Manos de Dios.







**The quilts were finished in time to be given as Christmas gifts. They are beautiful and the girls felt such a sense of accomplishment!**  
*(shown here are Lucy, Jacy, Drelyn, Dennis & Riscilla)*

### **Sharing Jesus' love with women in jail....by Lucy**

**I go into the Apache jail in Whiteriver as many Mondays as possible with one or two women from White Mountain Apache Christian Church. When I have the opportunity to share, I love to use the “discovering God” method of teaching. We read a story from the Bible three times through. The women are asked to re-tell the story. Then questions are asked. What does this story tell us about God? What does this story tell us about people? After hearing this story, what do you sense God is telling you to do differently in your life? Many of the women commit to make changes in their lives. All ask for prayer. We have the privilege of praying with and for them. I always sense Jesus' love for these ladies so much! I pray they feel His love, too, and are strengthened to resist the temptations they face when released!**



### ***A trip to the Show Low Museum!***

The AICM elementary students' field trip taught us much about Show Low history, including the part the Apache people played in the founding fathers' lives. Of special interest was a display about the fires that have ravaged this White Mountain area. Viscena's (shown at right looking at display) grandmother's sister is a firefighter and leader of the famous “Apache 8” women's firefighters team. The scale model train display was amazing and fascinated the kids!! (see photo on left)





**Lucy and Dennis relax at Tucson home over 3-day weekend break from AICM responsibilities. Chaco enjoys the break, too!**

*Thank you for your prayers, encouragement and support!*

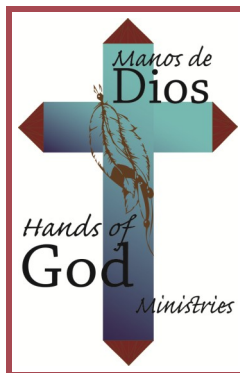
*Lucy and Dennis*

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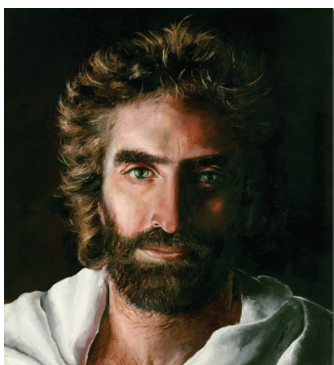
**"For God is at work in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases Him!" Philippians 2:13**

**"S" STAND against the devil's schemes (Eph 6:11)**

**"T" TALK with Jesus**

**"O" OBEY His Word (John 14:15)**

**"P" PRAISE Him for His power to change things!**



*"Prince of Peace" by Akiane, age 8*

***Ask Jesus to help you! "...let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think."***

*Romans 12:2*



*Think butterfly!*

***"Stop" card***

**We are giving this card out to the students (and staff) to help remind them to STOP when they are tempted to react in anger, disrespect or silence.**