



# Manos de Dios, Hands of God Ministries

## December 2015

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



**Blessings as we celebrate our Lord's birth!**

### Glory in the Highest!!

You are the first  
You go before  
You are the last  
Lord, You're the encore  
Your name's in lights for all to see  
The starry host declare Your glory

Glory in the highest  
Glory in the highest  
Glory in the highest



Apart from You there is no god  
Light of the world  
The Bright and Morning Star  
Your name will shine for all to see  
You are the One  
You are my glory

And no one else could ever compare  
To You, Lord  
All the earth together declares ...  
Glory in the highest ... to You, Lord

All the earth will sing Your praise  
The moon and stars, the sun and rain  
Every nation will proclaim  
That You are God and You will reign

Glory, glory hallelujah  
Glory, glory to You, Lord  
Glory, glory hallelujah



We join many of you in pausing from our busy schedules to be so grateful for the **GIFT of Jesus!** We wish you the blessings of this season...time with family, the joy of Christmas Eve worship services, and celebrating the miracle of God "putting on skin" to show us the way to the Father and how to live on this earth! We sing the song in the left panel with joyful voices!

In this newsletter we put together a collage of photos that tell stories of the special people in our lives this past month. Also, on our hearts are the many people we are covering in prayer. Please join us in lifting these needs and precious lives to our Lord. He is the One and Only that hears our prayers and will answer with wisdom and grace! We trust in His good plan....

**"The Lord of hosts has sworn: 'As I have planned, so shall it be, and as I have purposed, so shall it stand...'"**

**Isaiah 14:24**



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(above right) Riscilla plays JV and Varsity basketball for Desert Christian HS plus traveled to New York City with her host family (shown above). What a great experience including her first flight on an airplane!



(left) Dennis volunteered for "Clothe a Child" program and had the privilege of taking these great kids 'shopping' at Kmart for much needed winter clothing. (below) Hailey & Aiden, residents of the Hope House maternity home, go with Lucy to gingerbread house decorating party.



**Thearsa lays down a bunt**







**snow @ heart house**



**Naomi bats**



Drelyn with her host sisters, Sarah (striped top) and Shannah (lower right) in Christmas photo below.



(above) Lots of babies! Naomi, Lucy's co-worker at Living Hope Center in Whiteriver, shows off her granddaughter, Kinsley. Taydra, Naomi's daughter, volunteers as a receptionist at the center and brings her baby with her to work. Our Living Hope Center boutique is shown in the background.



## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR 2016 ...by Lucy

- That **Riscilla, Drelyn, Thearsa and Naomi** would grow in their faith and trust in Jesus for their futures. That they would ask God for HIS plan as they make choices.
- That Riscilla and Drelyn's **mom** and Thearsa and Naomi's **mom** would continue to encourage their daughters to attend Desert Christian Schools, gaining an excellent academic and spiritual education in addition to preparation for college.
- For **Jacy** on the Reservation...that she would turn away from sin and the world and back to walking with Jesus.
- That **Drelyn** will raise sufficient support to go on a short-term mission trip to Haiti in February.
- For **Nicole**: that she be strengthened for the time she is released from a rehab center and returns to Whiteriver. That she will resist the temptations she will be facing.
- For **babies** of drug addicted and alcoholic parents on the Rez.
- That many **clients** would choose to surrender their lives to the Lord and follow Him in their **life choices** including marriage, parenting, honesty and tithing.
- For God's will to be done in the **Tribal Council**. That they would invite businesses onto the Rez to provide jobs. That they would quickly make housing available (clean up existing homes) for the MANY families living in inadequate "emergency" trailers, hotel rooms or in overcrowded relatives' homes.
- That a **client** that has discovered God in a very real way and has been set free from guilt and anger...would be bold in **sharing Jesus** at her workplace and with her family.
- For the adjustment to and for a **new director** at the Whiteriver Living Hope Center: for patience and grace for all of us!

***Thank you for your prayers!***

### Praises!!

For generous provision for girls' tuition through AZ Tax Credit scholarships!

For donations for special needs for the girls: dental work, Christian counseling and visual therapy

For the many people who PRAY for us and for the people God has put in our lives.

For host families!!

For provision for Margarita and Alejandra in Mexico.

For our Heart House- warm and comfortable!

For Dad's good health enabling him to stay alone in Tucson for two weeks at a time...allowing us to work on the Reservation!

**Your Awesome Love and Grace, Jesus!**

***“You are my Miracle” ...Alejandra turns 15 years old! ..by Lucy***



Traditionally, in Hispanic families, when a young lady turns 15-years-old there is a large party to celebrate called a **Quinceañera**.

Margarita in Puerto Peñasco, Sonora, Mexico wanted to celebrate her daughter, Alejandra's 15th birthday in a special way. Alejandra has been disabled since the age of two from the negative affects of a vaccination. It is a miracle that Alejandra has lived to the age of 15 in her condition! Her mother has pureed her food to be given through a feeding tube for 13 years! They have traveled innumerable times to doctors' appointments, classes, therapy and church, often with Margarita carrying her ever-growing daughter.

A pastor offered to have a blessing ceremony at his church in Alejandra's honor. Margarita, a seamstress by trade, created a beautiful dress for

Alejandra for the occasion. She also made a cake, complete with matching cupcakes.

One of Margarita's friends wrote and sang a song for Alejandra at the ceremony. The title of the song is, “Mi Milagro, Eres Tu” (You are my Miracle). What a moving celebration of love! Love of God for this precious young lady. Love of this mother for her daughter. And love of Alejandra (in her own way) for her mother!

Margarita passes on her many thanks to Manos de Dios supporters that aid them financially and prayerfully! She is very appreciative and blessed!

We are blessed to know them and see unconditional love modeled in such a vivid way!



## December happenings....by Dennis



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Early December was somewhat quiet at the Heart House. It was very cold in the White Mountains and even had quite a bit of snow (see photo!) so a lot of time was

spent shoveling and then indoors! However, during that time I was able to go to Tucson for a week to help my father-in-law, John, and be with our girls.

While in Tucson I had the privilege of watching the girls play on their athletic teams. Riscilla is always a pleasure to watch on the basketball court! Naomi and Theresa are both on the Desert Christian Middle School softball team (Naomi's first year of playing softball). Watching them play as well as they did, I could not call them "rookies". They were great and I see a good future in softball for them if they choose to continue to play in the years to come. While I was driving Drelyn around to some of her activities, I was able to have quality time with her discussing many different subjects.

Then there are meals. The girls love to go out to eat (and so do I)! I was able to spend quality time with each of them over a meal. It is a blessing to be able to sit and listen to them and hear of their ups and downs and, at the same time, watch them grow. That is not just physical growth, but growth in their life skills, mannerisms, and their spiritual walk with Jesus. I can't tell you what a blessing it is for me to watch them grow and to be a part of their lives!

Personally, I am trying to work on a three-fold tract at the request of a missionary pastor from the San Carlos Reservation. He read the article I wrote entitled, "A Layman's Guide on Why to Believe in Jesus" and liked it. He asked if I could make a three-fold flyer out of some of the information from the article. He said that he thinks it would be helpful reading for the Apache people, giving much helpful information about believing in Jesus. His was a wonderful complement and suggestion. I am trying my best to consolidate and make the message effective. (Not so easy as the article is 28 pages long!)

***May God bless you and yours in 2016!***