

Manos de Dios, Hands of God Ministries
***Sharing the message of Jesus with indigenous people in
northern Arizona and Mexico***
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Our girls are growing up!

We arranged for a 'reunion' of the girls from our dorm during Christmas break. Jacy and Riscilla were home in Whiteriver from Desert Christian School. Drelyn was home from a boarding school, Nicole was on break from Canyon Day Jr. High on the rez, and Viscena was home from AICM. (Tia has moved to Phoenix with her family, so we were unable to connect with her.)

Each of the girls has matured, grown taller, and become even more beautiful! We picked the girls up on the rez and had lunch of hot wings, pepperoni pizza and Dr. Pepper. (We remembered their favorites!) We all laughed as we recalled the events of our nine months together in the dorm. Next we found a quiet place with a picnic table for some "God time" (It was 58 degrees and warm enough to sit outside in the sun!) We re-told the story of

***"For I know the
plans I have for
you..."Jeremiah 29:11***

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Our girls are growing up (continued from page 1)

Esther and I listened to a song based on this story by Christian singing artist Plumb, "A Beautiful History". The girls acknowledged (once again) that God can and DOES use difficult situations for good. We re-read one of our favorite passages, Jeremiah 29:1-14.

“For I know the plans I have for you,’ says the LORD. ‘They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days when you pray, I will listen. If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me. I will be found by you,’ says the LORD. ‘I will end your captivity and restore your fortunes. I will gather you out of the nations where I sent you and will bring you home again to your own land.’”

We each wrote down what we sensed God was telling us to do in light of these passages. We shared and then prayed for the friend to our left. Riscilla’s and Jacy’s prayers were strong and it was obvious they had been praying regularly and growing in their faith.

Before returning home to the rez we stopped for an ice cream cone. The younger girls asked Jacy and Riscilla many questions about what it was like to go to school and live in Tucson. Their interest was sparked by the maturity they saw in Jacy and Riscilla. Nicole was especially interested in all the details! We thanked God for this opportunity to re-connect with ‘our girls’, encourage them, and pray for them! God does have a plan for each of their lives and it is GOOD!

With eyes on Jesus, Lucy

“A Beautiful History” by Plumb

I have made mistakes and I have been
afraid I have felt alone
Then You called my name

Things were crashing loudly
Happening all around me
But Your still small voice
Was all that I could hear

I am here I’m holding you
You’ll make it through this
I am here, I am here

Whenever you run away
whenever you lose your faith
It’s just another stroke of
the pen on the page

A lonely ray of hope is all that you need
to see a beautiful history

Well I have been such a fool
when I have known the truth
I’ve wasted so much time
Doing what I want to do

I’ve been living solely for myself and
myself only but Your still small voice
is whispering

Whenever you run away
whenever you lose your faith
It’s just another stroke
of the pen on the page

A lonely ray of hope is all that you need
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***To hear and watch with clips from
movie “One Night with the King”
follow this link:***

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QEp8VLtGqb4>

Drelyn-9th grade



PLEASE PRAY!

These four beautiful, precious White Mountain Apache girls desire to leave the reservation to attend a **better** school while living in a **safe, loving, Christian home**. Host families are needed as well as scholarship and financial assistance to provide for their schooling for 2014/2015.

Interested in more information about being a host family? Contact us at

GetInvolved@ManosdeDios.org

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Nicole-7th grade



Naomi-5th grade



Thearsa-6th grade



Update on Jacy and Riscilla!

by Lucy



Jacy models an outfit purchased with a gift card given by a Manos de Dios supporter.

Jacy and Riscilla are thriving in Tucson and at Desert Christian School! One of the things their host parents, school staff, Dennis and I are most impressed with is their “good attitude”! They are trying hard in their classes (school is tough!) and competing as “good sports” on their athletic teams. They miss their families as most 13/14 year-olds would, but are adapting to life in Tucson.

Riscilla shares that her teachers are encouraging them to grow spiritually including praying for each other and for folks around the world through SKYPE calls. Yeah! Each of the members of her JV Basketball team wrote a devotion to go in a team devotional booklet. I can't wait to read that!

Jacy enjoys volunteering at their church nursery and is learning organizational skills from her host mom, a professional organizer!

Both girls state that they plan to attend Desert Christian High School next year. Praise God! Please continue to pray for them...

Pray that God would continue to strengthen them to stand strong and be totally sold out for Jesus! Also, that their families in Whiteriver be supportive of their choice to go to school in Tucson. Amen!



Jacy plays first base for Desert Christian's Middle School softball team.



Riscilla plays basketball for Desert Christian High school's JV team.

"God planned that those He had chosen would become like His Son. In that way, Christ will be the first and most honored among many brothers. And those God has planned for, He has also appointed to be saved. Those He has appointed, He has made right with Himself. To those He has made right with Himself, He has given His glory." Romans 8:29-31

Meet Sarah!

Sarah Steinmeyer is living on the White Mountain Apache Reservation with an Apache family. She has such a heart for youth that she is starting a ministry called

Radical Reclaim.



Sarah says that “reclaim” means taking back what’s been lost and this world has lost a lot! And any change that would happen and bring the kind of healing only God can bring would be pretty “radical”!

Manos de Dios has invited Sarah to come under our not-for-profit until her Radical Reclaim ministry can obtain its 501c3 status. Read on for Sarah’s calling and see panel to the right for an encouragement written for single women entitled “Wait”.

Here are Sarah’s own words. “...Healing is what God ultimately laid on my heart. Although my vision seems big, I know my starting point. It is what I’ve already been doing while here on the reservation. I have been tutoring and helping teenagers with life skills and I thoroughly enjoy it! I was recently called a ‘life coach’ by one of my friends.

I believe education is part of healing and that it is the door that’s opened to me at this point. I believe God wants me to help these kids academically as well as with life skills such as money management, driver’s education, job/job applications, college/college applications. These and other skills help us to be well-rounded and many of these young people don’t know basics. And this is just to start.

I want to help these young people figure out how God designed them and what He wants them to do with their life. And often times people need a little help with this.

I would love your prayers as I work out the details of what He’s called me to do here and as I network with others who share His heart and mission in ultimately pointing them to Jesus.”

**Blessings,
Sarah Steinmeyer
Radical Reclaim**

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.”

Proverbs 22:6

Wait

There are some days that I just wish it was possible to literally, physically crawl into my Savior’s lap and feel Him hold me. To have Him watch the door and any man who is a false suitor or who would distract me would be stopped at this door and that He would send them away.

I picture me in His lap in a big overstuffed chair in front of a fire. There are two chairs across from us. Jesus sits in one and the Holy Spirit in the other. There’s a knock at the door and He tells Jesus to answer it. Jesus comes and tells the Father who it is and the Father leaves the Holy Spirit to sit with me while He and Jesus walk back to the door and send the man away.

They continue doing this. It seems to go on forever. They have not let anyone enter yet. It is late now and they come back in the room where the Holy Spirit is still waiting with me.

They tell me the one they have for me has not yet come. They tell me They have heard my prayers. But, the ones who have come are not Their best for me. They tell me they want me to have their best. A partner in life and ministry. A man who will lead spiritually. Someone who balances me. Someone who will challenge me to be the person They created me to be. Someone who will love me for the person They created me to be and who will see how special They have made me. They tell me They are still working in his heart and preparing him for me. They are still preparing me for him.

They tell me to keep waiting. They tell me to keep praying for him and the kind of husband and father They have called him to be. They tell me to keep praying about the kind of wife and mother They have called me to be. Then the Father sits back down and I crawl back into His lap and rest my head on His chest. Across from us Jesus and the Holy Spirit sit. He surrounds me.

Somehow, as I am sitting in the Father’s lap, I am actually in the middle of the Trinity. I feel safe here. Protected. Calm and Sure. And, I wait.

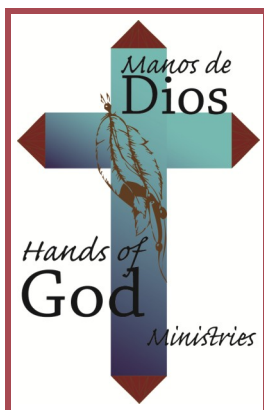
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Update on another one of God's hands and feet ministries:

Foster Connect AZ is a foster and adoptive care ministry in the White Mountains.

Laura and Trampas Johnston are excited to announce that the first Foster Connect AZ meeting will be held in February! These will be supportive, group-style meetings where families can fellowship, share needs, and pray together. They will do a family activity and child care is provided. A Christ-centered lesson to count towards required training hours for foster parents will also be incorporated.

The Johnstons are sending out a monthly newsletter. If you would like to be added to their email distribution list contact them at:

fosterconnectaz@gmail.com



*Joshua 24:15 "...But as for me and my house, we will
serve the LORD."*