

Manos de Dios, Hands of God Ministries

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

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**"Great is
the LORD
and most
worthy of
praise;
His
greatness
no one can
fathom."**

Psalm 145: 3

Our "Hands of God" ministry home in the White Mountains of Arizona!

"Thank you, Lord, for leading us to this home in Show Low!" We are so excited to now have a "missions headquarters" close to the White Mountain Apache Reservation. We envision having kids come stay with us on weekends and in the summer. We can get to the reservation areas where we minister and volunteer in about 40 minutes. Our home church student ministry is already making plans to hold children's retreats here! There is plenty of room in the front yard for tents and our back yard borders the National Forest!

We are starting the much-needed remodeling and clean-up work and hope to have the home ready to live in comfortably by summer. Funds from Dennis' IRA were used to purchase this ***fixer-upper*** house. What better use of our retirement funds??

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Two host families needed for 2014/2015 school year!



Drelyn is artistic and a good student. She has a fun sense of humor and loves all animals. She has been enrolled in boarding schools and is now ready to come to Tucson and attend Desert Christian High School. Her sister, Riscilla, has attended Desert this year and has shared with Drelyn the benefits of moving to Tucson.

This host family needs to be open to the Native American culture that Drelyn brings with her. Patience will be needed as all adjust to life together. Here's an example from something I learned as her dorm parent. When I asked Drelyn to do something, I left her alone. Then, she would do whatever it was and usually do it very well. (If I stayed to watch her do it, she delayed doing whatever it was!)

Drelyn is a wonderful young lady and God has a plan to use her in a powerful way for His Kingdom!

Thearsa likes basketball, swimming & reading. She loves her family very much. She struggles some academically, specifically in math and spelling. She may need some extra help in her class work. She has attended American Indian Christian Mission School for the past two years. Thearsa has experienced some depression in the past. She will need a patient, understanding family.

Her mother, Yosh, would love to move to Tucson some day. She would like her daughters, Thearsa and Naomi to come to Desert Christian School this next school year to be in a high-quality Christian school and a safe community. *Naomi and Thearsa need to be in the same host family home.*



Naomi is a fun-loving, pleasant young lady. She enjoys activities and crafts. She likes to read her Bible and pray. She also has a heart for lost people in the world.

Naomi has attended American Indian Christian Mission School for the past two years. She and her mom agree that it is time for her to move to Tucson to benefit from the high-quality education at Desert Christian School. She will certainly grow and bloom in this environment. *Thearsa and Naomi need to be in the same host family home.*

Please contact us if you or someone you know is interested!

A host parent's perspective... by Sharon Harn

My husband, Dan, volunteered at AICM for a weekend last March. When he came home, he asked if I would be interested in hosting 1 or 2 girls from the Apache reservation. I was surprised and also very excited. We briefly met Jacy in June, and then for a week in July. When we met her, we knew she would fit into our home. She moved here in August to start school at Desert Christian Middle School.

It was an adjustment for all of us, especially Jacy. It took a lot of courage and faith in God to move here. Everything was brand new to her; this home, host parents, school, friends, community, activities within her school and outside her school, and even the type of food. For Dan and me, we haven't had kids live with us before, so getting used to a 13-year-old and her activities was different, but good. Plus, we have never been involved with a middle school, school athletics programs, and figuring out homework schedules. Over the months, Dan and I have been having a wonderful experience with Jacy living with us. She adapts well to new situations, she can make new friends easily, and she has a strong determination. We are all learning each others' likes and dislikes, personalities, and strengths and weaknesses. Plus, we've really enjoyed getting to know Lucy, Dennis, Rena, Miranda (the other host family), and Riscilla, along with some of Jacy's family. Dennis and Lucy have gone above and beyond what I expected. They try to attend as many sports events as they can, they do things with the girls from time to time, plus they are always there for questions, comments or just helping us put some of the pieces of the puzzle together. We can all see God at work in this situation. He put Jacy in our lives, and we are so thankful for this experience!




Riscilla and Jacy prepare an "Apache-style" breakfast for Dan and Sharon; homemade tortillas, potatoes, eggs, and spam!

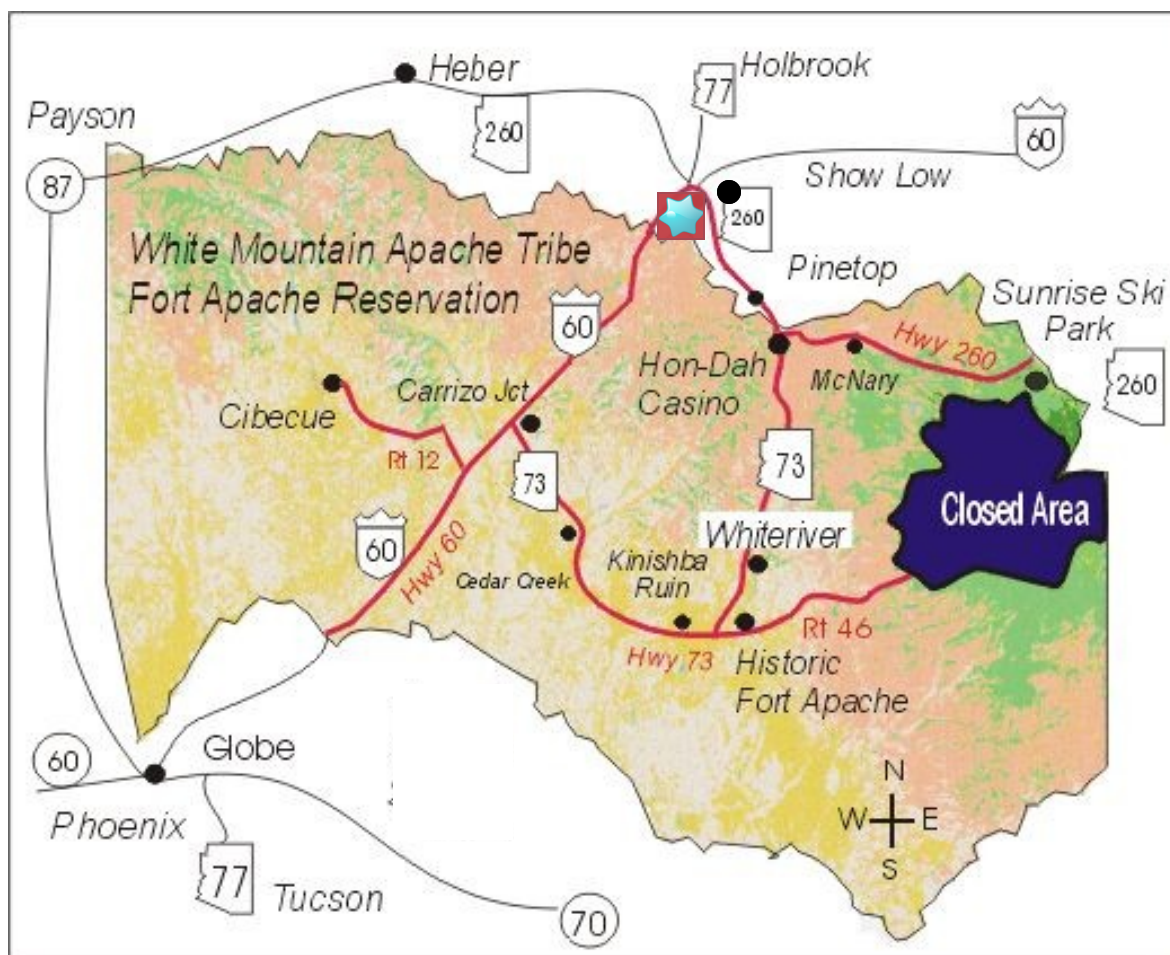
The girls and their host families share a lot of time together.


Host family criteria

Here is a partial list of characteristics that are necessary for host families.

- **Active Christ-follower**
- **Open to cultural differences**
- **Financially secure**
- **Active in local church**
- **Have a strong, stable marriage and family**
- **Able to set and follow through with reasonable guidelines for student**
- **Available and willing to assist with organizing and completing homework**
- **Willing to communicate with Dennis & Lucy and the student's family**

 New Missions home named “Heart House”....it is because of the Father’s heart (His great love)!



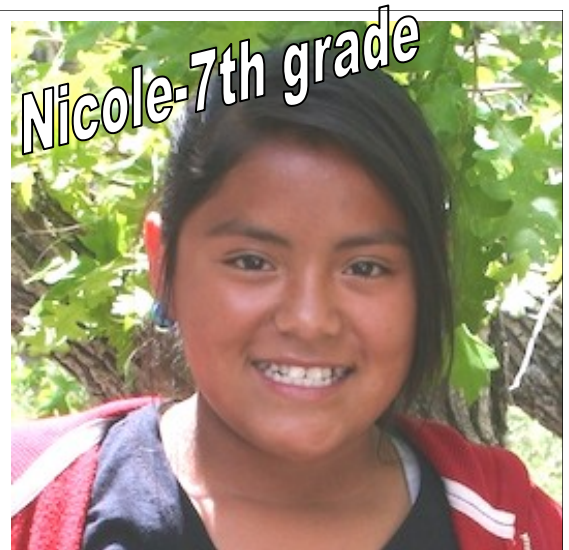
 See star on map for location of our “Heart House” Hands of God ministry headquarters. It is located just south of Show Low, very near the Reservation. We can easily take Hwy 60 to Carrizo Jct. and then Hwy 73 to Whiteriver.



- *the kitchen
- *wild horses grazing in our front yard
- *sunrise from the front porch
- * National Forest behind the house

Please join us in praying...

- For a host family for Drelyn.
- For a family that will host Thearsa and Naomi.
- For Nicole; that God would show where He has planned for her to go to school next year .
- For Margarita and Alejandra in Mexico. Alejandra has been very sick and had surgery in Hermosillo.
- That we will know God's plan and vision for use of the "Heart House".
- That God would lead us as we plan youth activities and disciple-making for this summer .



"Father, we love You and praise Your Name! We thank You for Your blessings, mercy and love. We surrender ourselves totally to You. Use us for Your Kingdom plans. Embolden us to share Your love and Good News with those around us, especially the White Mountain Apache people. Fill us with Your love, compassion and understanding. Open doors for us to build relationships that allow Your love to move and be displayed. Send more workers into the harvest!"

Please bless those who support us financially and with tangible donations, plus those who pray for us! In Jesus' Name! Amen!"



Riscilla models one of the outfits purchased with her Macy's Gift Card provided by a Manos de Dios supporter as a Christmas blessing.



Jacy and Riscilla pose with Wilbur the Wildcat at a U of A baseball game.



*Riscilla and Jacy helped
Lucy celebrate her 56th
birthday!*

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Needs list

for the "Heart House" ministry home

- Washer and gas dryer
- Dining room table and chairs
- Patio furniture
- Mountain bikes –adult and youth sizes
- Dresser and night stand
- Bunk beds
- Gas lawn mower
- Financial donations

Tax deductible receipts available for all
donations! Contact Dennis @ 520-245-2039 or
Dennis@ManosdeDios.org for pick up.

Thank you for partnering with us!

Dennis and Lucy

**"My goal is that they may
be encouraged in heart
and united in love, so that
they may have the full
riches of complete
understanding, in order
that they may know the
mystery of God, namely,
Christ, in whom are
hidden all the treasures of
wisdom and knowledge."**

Colossians 2:2-3