



**Manos de Dios, Hands of God Ministries**  
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*Providing host families for Native students  
and advocating for LIFE*



**Another senior to graduate in May!**

Drelyn Baha is a senior at Desert Christian High School and looking at her options for college and her future. Along with Drelyn, we all have asked the question, "What is God's will for my life?" There are many verses in His Word that say, "And this is God's will for you..." Most of them are focused on who we are to BE rather than on what we are to DO.

- That you be SAVED (1 Timothy 2:1-4)
- That you be FILLED with the SPIRIT  
(Ephesians 5:17-18)
- That you be SANCTIFIED (1 Thess 4:3-8)
- That you be SUBMISSIVE (1 Peter 2:13-15)
- That you (be prepared to) SUFFER  
(Peter 3:17 and Philippians 1:29)
- That you be OBEDIENT (Col 1:9-10, 4:12)

So, as we help guide Drelyn and the other Apache girls we can focus on the *person* God desires us all to be. And as we live that life we will naturally go in a direction that would be within God's will. We will choose a direction that pleases Him and most importantly we will be a person that lives a life that brings Him glory. So, as Drelyn applies to colleges and thinks about areas of study, she also can focus on following Jesus' primary commandments of Loving God and Loving Others. She (and we) can trust that God will open and close doors and most importantly He will be with her every step!



***Drelyn, a senior at  
Desert Christian High School***

***"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths." Proverbs 3:5-6***



## ***Senior year, such a busy time!...by Lucy***



**Drelyn still loves Chaco even they don't live together any more! (Chaco makes a great "prop" for senior photos!)**



**Tina (last year's host mom for Riscilla) graciously offered to take Drelyn's senior pictures on Mt. Lemmon with the fall leaves as a back drop.**

Senior year! Drelyn is so busy: taking difficult senior-level classes; assistant production manager on the stage crew for Desert Christian's musical production; putting together her senior expo project; PLUS applying to colleges and for scholarships! Drelyn's top choice for college has "always been" ASU. Dennis, Drelyn and I visited the downtown campus last year and it is a great location with close proximity to business and government offices for internship opportunities. At this time, Drelyn is interested in studying journalism and with a possible minor in videography. The other schools she may be applying to are: Grand Canyon University (in Phoenix), Arizona Christian University (in Phoenix), University of Arizona (in Tucson), Northern Arizona University (in Flagstaff), Yavapai College (in Prescott, AZ) and Corbin (Christian) University in Salem, Oregon. Determining factors will be her grades, her score on the SAT test and the scholarships she is awarded.

Some of the schools she is considering are secular campuses and others are Christian schools. As we discussed with Riscilla, a secular school can offer wonderful Christian fellowship **IF** you make an effort to seek it out. With Drelyn's history of loving mission trips (two short-term trips to Haiti) and having a heart for people who are hurting, we trust that she will choose to continue to follow God wherever she goes to further her education.



**Lucy even got in on the 'senior photo' shoot!**

**Please join us in praying for: *God's favor for Drelyn in acceptance at colleges and for provision for the necessary expenses including tuition, dorm, meals, books and fees!* Thank you!**



**Naomi and Thearsa play sports, learn lots and enjoy a family visit!**



**Naomi grabs at an opponent's flag in a flag football game. Naomi and her host sister, Dayna, played on Desert Christian Middle School's co-ed flag football team which finished 2nd in their division!**

Naomi is thriving! She is playing on the school flag football team plus playing on a city softball team with her host sister, Dayna, and is coached by host dad, Eric. AND she received the best school report card ever this first quarter: All A's and B's. Way to go, Naomi! It shows what consistency and positive modeling can do in a middle school girl's life!

Thearsa played on the high school's JV volleyball team this fall season and is trying out for the JV basketball (she says, 'this is my sport!') team this week. High school classes are tough, but Thearsa is enjoying making new friends and seeing Drelyn daily in their homeroom class.

Thearsa and Naomi's older sister, Tiera, has moved to Tucson to attend Pima Community College. Their mom, Yosh, came to Tucson to see the girls play on



**Thearsa plays on the High School JV volleyball team**

their teams and to visit Tiera. Thearsa and Naomi are always so happy to be together with family! It is hard to live away from mom at ages 14 and 15! *Please pray that God would strengthen them to continue in the good education He is providing for them!*



**(left) Yosh (mom), Naomi, Thearsa and Tiera (big sister) enjoy a family reunion**

**(right) Naomi packs up her glove and balls after a softball game. Playing two sports is busy!**





## MODELING CHARACTER TO OUR CHILDREN ...by Dennis

Whether we like it or not, or even believe it, kids watch adults and notice how they act. Our modeling does have an impact on how they behave (and they may not even realize that they are copying us).

Last week Naomi's flag football team (Desert Christian Middle School) was in the championship tournament and while we watched the game I noticed a lot of adult character-modeling being displayed. And it was not pretty! As I listened and observed, it also convicted me of how I was in the same situation many years ago (when I was immature.) I was not a good role model either.

There were loud, rude comments directed to the referees when people thought they made a bad call (always against their team) and parents yelling out instructions to the players on how to do better, try harder, be more aggressive and on and on. I don't know how the coaches were able to talk to the players because of all the loud comments from the dozens of armchair coaches in the bleachers.

The other school was not a Christian-based school so I hope and pray that the Christian fans were more respectful and modeled better than their opponents. Even a little disrespect goes a long way and is not excusable.

So my point is this: as Christian fans, parents, school supporters and everyone involved with our students and young people in general, we have a responsibility. Christ calls us to be HUMBLE, PATIENT, KIND TO EVERYONE, PEACEABLE, and DO EVERYTHING WITHOUT ARGUING AND COMPLAINING to name a few characteristics we should be modeling.

Finally, when we are at a sporting event (or anywhere for that matter) we need to make sure we are modeling the Christ-approved character we are called to show. We need to make sure our children are not embarrassed by our actions or use the excuse, "I learned to be aggressive from watching the adults."

*They deserve better and we are the ones to model correctly!*



**Naomi (middle back row) and Dayna's (on right of trophy) co-ed flag football team took 2nd place in their region!**

***"Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world"*** Philippians 2:14-16 (ESV)

## ***Catching up with friends in the White Mountains...by Lucy***



**Naomi (age 45!), client advocate at Living Hope Center in Whiteriver, with 11-month-old son, Willard Jr.**

I know we are to be in Tucson for this season, but I MISS the friends and ministry in the White Mountains. It was so good to go up north for a week and re-connect with some of those people.

A day spent at Living Hope Center (a pregnancy help center) in Whiteriver is always special. Naomi is still the chief client advocate, seeing clients for pregnancy tests, parenting classes and crisis intervention. She prayerfully balances this responsibility with parenting her 11-month-old baby plus caring for her husband, older children and grandchildren. Naomi is an inspiration to me and it is privilege to meet with her for prayer and encouragement!



**Elesta and Lucy meet to share, read the Word and pray!**

Elesta was my client at Living Hope and we have become close friends. We text often and I make a special point to see her each time we travel up north. Her high school age daughter joins us and they share about the challenges of not just living, but thriving on the Rez. Elesta is a woman who has experienced much distress in her life yet is living a life (at work, at home, at church) of surrender to Jesus. Love her heart!

Sarah is a fellow missionary to the White Mountain Apache people. She teaches at the middle school on the Rez and has a 20 year-old single mom and her two little boys living with her. She is pouring into this young lady and her sons, teaching life skills and Godly principles. She has sacrificed so much to be used by God to be His hands and feet. Even though Sarah is my daughter's age, we have a special friendship and I enjoyed a day with her and the two boys.



**Sarah, Brently (age one) and Tyler (age two-not in picture) enjoy a rare 'lunch out' as we spend a day together.**

**What a joy to pray together and seek God for His next steps in the lives of these godly women.**

***“Thank you, Lord for these special friendships! Please bless them and reveal Your awesome love to them. In Jesus’ name!”***



## ***Send more workers into the harvest, please Lord!***

Being a sidewalk advocate outside Tucson's only remaining abortion clinic is tough. But, it is so vital and crucial in the lives of clients making this life-altering decision! Our desire at Pro-Love is to have sidewalk advocates scheduled for every hour the clinic is open. **WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!** Recently we had the opportunity to share about the Pro-Love Tucson ministry and ask folks to prayerfully consider joining us. We were blessed to have a display table at the Hands of Hope (local pregnancy help center) annual Gala fundraising event to spread the word and recruit. Then, the last weekend in October, Calvary Tucson showed a video announcement and provided a table in the foyer at all five weekend services to let the congregation know about the opportunities to volunteer with and pray for Pro-Love Tucson and our activities on the sidewalk.

***Please join us in praying***  
**Luke 10:2\***, asking God to answer our earnest prayers for more volunteers to speak **LIFE, HOPE AND TRUTH** to those considering terminating the life of their unborn child.

# **Thank you!**

***...by Lucy***

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**Lucy and Chaco, the best-ever missionary dog!**

**Chaco turns 8-years-old this month.**

***\*"And He <Jesus> said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." Luke 10:2***