



# Manos de Dios, Hands of God Ministries

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



### ***Student ministry team comes to the White Mountains...by Dennis***

TUCSON CALVARY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (CCF) MISSION TEAM SERVES WITH APACHE BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Eleven members from the student ministry group at CCF turned a weekend into a time to reflect and learn about Jesus as our ***Servant Savior*** plus do a service project at the Living Hope Women's Center (LHWC) on the White Mountain Apache Indian Reservation in Whiteriver, Arizona. The Women's Center is the only crisis pregnancy resource center on an Indian Reservation in the United States and is a valuable asset to the community.

Lucy and I are volunteers at the LHWC on the rez and joined with the director, Naomi, to coordinate the work project that included painting the exterior of the building. In addition to painting the building the volunteers painted the name of the center on the side of the building that can be seen from the road. Some of the young ladies also worked inside sorting baby clothes and donated items to display in the Baby Boutique.

Working side by side with Native American volunteers, we were able to share conversation and the love of our Lord Jesus. There was also a great time of fellowship between the groups at lunch, and Sean was a big hit with the kids as he sat on the floor and made figures out of aluminum foil for them.

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***Volunteers paint***

***Living Hope Women's Center in Whiteriver***



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## CCF Student Ministry trip (continued) ....by Dennis

We have mentioned that small steps are being made between the Apaches and the whites and this weekend was an example that all of us are drawing closer to Jesus. We all fellowshiped with each other more and there were many Apache volunteers. We have been told by our Apache friends that usually many Apaches do not volunteer because when they do something, they expect something in return. But these Apaches volunteered as service to the Lord and expected nothing in return but the pleasure of serving and helping others! I would say that is growth in their walk with Jesus and one that some of us could emulate.

## A FULL HOUSE! ....by Dennis

The CCF student team that came to volunteer at the LHWC stayed at our Heart House for the weekend! There were eleven people that would be staying in our small, two-bedroom home and that would be a challenge. Our close friends, Trampas and Laura, heard about what we were doing and offered to bring their 27-foot travel trailer over to park in our driveway. We took them up on the offer and it was a blessing! Four female team members slept in the RV, two girls slept in our second bedroom, and the five males slept on the floor in the family room. We showered and used the bathroom in shifts and our septic system handled the crowd without problems: a major success story!

Activities at our house included fellowship, eating, teaching and praise music around our campfire ring Friday and Saturday nights, and a prayer walk before our worship service on Sunday morning. Even though the house was full of people and we kept bumping into each other, we had a wonderful time laughing, crying, bonding, and sharing our stories with each other and the Lord.

The team leaders, Katy and Peter, and myself carried out the theme of "being a servant" with teachings Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday morning. It was a wonderful weekend and we are so grateful to this team for coming to bless the LHWC and us!

*Peace and blessings to all!*



**Painting volunteers Kyra and Daniel live in Whiteriver. They also take parenting classes at the LHWC.**



**(above) Worship and teaching around the fire ring each evening at the Heart House.  
(below) The CCF team with Dennis, Lucy and Chaco on the Heart House front porch.**





## No time for idle hands (or minds) with these girls!...by Dennis



(above) Riscilla & Jacy play on Desert Christian High School's volleyball teams. (below) Riscilla, Jacy & Drelyn attend a U of A football game with host dad, Ron

One saying is that "idle hands make room for the devil." Well, then our girls keep Satan at bay because their hands are far from idle. In addition to school and homework they have lots of activities to keep them busy. Riscilla plays junior varsity volleyball, Jacy plays freshman and junior varsity volleyball (and they plan on playing basketball in the winter quarter). Theresa plays flag football (on a coed team), and Naomi just joined a city league soccer team and she is on the school tournament chess team. Naomi and Theresa also are practicing and playing their keyboards (brought from their home in Whiteriver). On top of all that, they are getting good grades in all their classes! Drelyn is also getting good grades and plans to try out for basketball in the winter quarter. She recently moved from her temporary host family to her permanent home and is getting settled in.

This goes to show that if young people have the right attitude, positive encouragement, go to a school that is interested in educating the students, live in a healthy, positive and safe environment, have guidance and direction from caring adults, they can succeed and overcome adversity. Way to go Jacy, Riscilla, Drelyn, Naomi and Theresa!



*Lucy and I, their families in Whiteriver, and their host parents could not be more proud of our girls!!*



**Riscilla plays volleyball**



**Thearsa plays co-ed flag football**



## God's answer to prayer...Host parents!



(above) Host moms Tina, Judy (Drelyn's new host mom! Praise, you, Lord!) and Sharon with Lucy.



Jacy & Riscilla with their host parents, Ron and Tina

(to right) Naomi & Thearsa with their host parents Sharon & Dan in Mexico on weekend mission trip.



## Our prayer for host parents

**"So we keep on praying for you, asking our God to enable you to live a life worthy of His call. May He give you the power to accomplish all the good things your faith prompts you to do. Then the name of our Lord Jesus will be honored because of the way you live, and you will be honored along with Him. This is all made possible because of the grace of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ."** 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 (NLT)

**Amen!**



## Volunteering at the Living Hope Women's Center ...by Lucy

A pregnant young lady comes in for a prenatal class and to exchange Boutique Bucks for diapers for her soon-to-arrive baby. A couple watches a DVD teaching on parenting to help them with the challenges they are facing with their 3- and 8-year-old children. They request prayer that they would continue to stay sober. A grandmother comes in with the grand-daughter she is raising to pick out some much-needed winter children's clothes. She 'purchases' them with the Boutique Bucks she has earned taking classes at the LHWC. A 19 year-old single mom of a 7 month old girl comes in for a parenting class. We talk about God's plan for marriage, sex, and children. She joins me in praying for a renewed commitment to purity and asks God for His strength.

These are samples of the wonderful interactions I have each Wednesday and Thursday while volunteering at the Living Hope Women's Center in Whiteriver. There are many opportunities to pray, speak God's Word and Truth, and encourage precious Apache people! I am in awe that God has opened the door for us to come along side this ministry. We pray that God's Holy Spirit will break strongholds AND reveal His love, grace and power to many people that have been lost in darkness.



***Dennis & Lucy with Naomi, director of the Whiteriver LHWC, on painting day.***

## Giving God Your Worst

I am taking a Lay Counseling class in Show Low from the founder of the Living Hope Women's Centers, Dinah Monahan. She is helping us learn how to walk along side women who have experienced abuse, shame, wounding and/or abortion. The premise of the healing is that God wants our entire heart, including the 'worst' part (unforgiveness, anger, etc.)! When we are willing to surrender all of our heart and hurts to God He can then give us back a changed heart! We are all learning to identify the lies that the enemy tells us. And then replace them with the

Truth: Jesus and His Word! It is a powerful class and we are all receiving healing as we go through the training to help others! Praise God for providing this wonderful class!

Dinah has written a booklet with the same title as this column. To order a copy call Heritage House '76 at 800-858-3040 or go to [HH76.com](http://HH76.com) (also provides other Christian resources).

*"And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart."  
Ezekiel 36:26*

***The Living Hope Women's Center on the White Mountain Apache Reservation offers:***

***free pregnancy tests***

***prenatal counseling and classes***

***parenting classes***

***post-abortion counseling***

***prayer and encouragement***

***a client-only thrift store providing diapers, baby items and clothes***

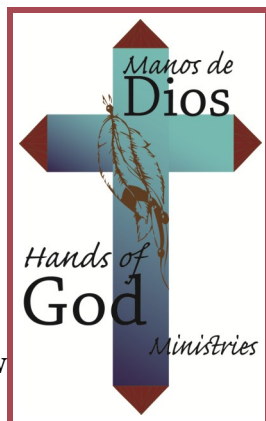


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Scripture tells us to continue to grow  
in the knowledge of God (Colossians 1:10)  
and I try to do that by studying. To me, it is even more important to study and know the true Word of God  
now more than ever before.

Because of the inundation and low cost of technology, anyone can deliver their thoughts and agenda to untold  
amounts of people around the world without proof of its accuracy. The area I am interested in is Biblical  
truths. As scripture states over and over again, in the end times there will be many false teachers and  
preachers telling us lies and we must be on our guard and test everything (Matthew 24:24-25, 1 John 4:1)  
before we believe it.

With that said, lately I have started studying what is behind the new terminology of the words "visible church"  
and "invisible church". I am also looking into what is behind the increase of music (extremely loud – using  
flashing lights – smoke machines – videos in the background, etc.) being used to "draw more people to the  
church" and "to worship at a higher level" and whether that is Biblical. Plus I am studying what it means to be

a true Christ follower and the responsibilities that come  
with the acceptance of Christ as our Savior.

My study references come from scripture, articles from  
The Berean Call website ([www.thebereancall.org](http://www.thebereancall.org)) ,  
Got Questions website ([www.GotQuestions.org](http://www.GotQuestions.org))  
and the book *In Step with God* by Charles Stanley,  
along with other appropriate articles.

I find studying and digging into scripture challenges  
me, and sometimes I even have to change my under-  
standing of scripture. To do that I have to admit I was  
incorrect in my understanding and I am only able to do  
that by having faith, being obedient, and by receiving  
unmerited grace from our Lord.

***In His Service, Dennis***

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and/or Drelyn Baha. Thank you!***