



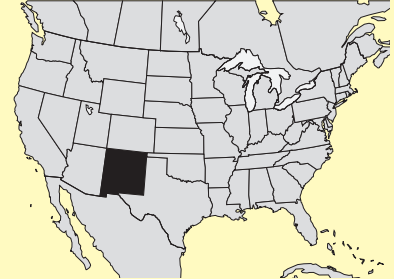
RCA Missionary Update

from the De Boers

Jicarilla Apache Reformed Church is located on an Indian reservation in Dulce, New Mexico. Bill and Peg DeBoer have been ministering on the reservation since 1994, and they have a long history of working with Native Americans. Bill's work in Dulce includes community involvement, especially with alcohol and drug abuse programs. Peg's primary responsibilities are in the Sunday school, youth group, and women's ministries. The couple also provides emergency care for foster children.

New Mexico facts:

- Population: 1,819,000
- Size: 121,600 square miles



MINISTRY

Pastoral

LOCATION

Dulce, New Mexico

PARTNER

Jicarilla Apache Reformed Church

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Dear friends,

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Sunday, October 12, was "Barbara Day" at church. "Two Barbaras' Day" actually. Barbara Gonzales and Barbara Velarde were installed as Commissioned Leaders in our congregation. This was the culmination of three years of study under the guidance of Rocky Mountain Classis. It was a bonus that five people representing classis drove the 350 miles from Denver to participate in the special worship service.

Barbara Gonzales has the ministry of caring, which includes visitation, helping people prepare for death, and assisting survivors of those who have passed away. Barbara Velarde is our prayer leader, and her special interest is the persecuted church. She keeps us informed of prayer concerns, regularly gives us tips for our personal prayer lives, and helps plan our



Barbara Gonzales and Barbara Velarde.

worship services that center on special days of prayer.

The day really turned out to be "God's Day," as we thanked the Lord for giving these two commissioned leaders to us.



The two Barbaras with the classis representatives.

Our joy was greatly tempered when we received the news that one of our church members living in Albuquerque had been brutally murdered by her husband, and that this had been done in front of their four

small children. The grandmother of the children, also a member of our church family, has brought them back to Dulce and will have custody of them. Pray for them and for all of us as we minister to them in these tragic circumstances.

Peg and I wish to thank all of you for your faithful support of our ministry, which we know can be difficult in

times of economic uncertainty. May the Lord continue to bless you abundantly.

With Christian love and gratitude,

Bill and Peg
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