



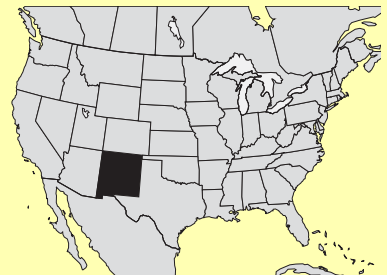
RCA Missionary Update

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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It was indeed another blessed Easter for us at the Jicarilla Apache Reformed Church. As is our custom, we got together with other community churches for a sunrise service on a hill behind our church. People gathered wearing their winter coats or bundled up in blankets. Some had been worried about the mud on the hillside, but it was well-frozen with the temperature at nineteen degrees (where is global warming when you need it?). We were graced with a beautiful sunrise in the east and a moonset in the west. It was Bill's turn to lead the service, and we sang some Easter songs and heard once again the old old story about Jesus conquering death for us.



Easter Sunrise Service

Another Easter custom is to then have breakfast in our gym, cooked by the men. Once again everyone had a time of good fellowship around the breakfast tables, and, as far as I know, nobody got food poisoning.

A highlight of the day was when, at a well-attended morning worship service, we received six new members, baptizing two of them plus four children. Among these were four generations of one family! An added joy was when Tilford Montoya, husband of our youth pastor, Ina, and an elder of the church, baptized his own infant son, Isaiah. It was certainly a worship service to remember.



Later this spring we hope to have two consecutive Sundays set aside as a time of recommitment to Jesus Christ and his church. We have had too many members become inactive during the past few years, and it seems some of us active members have been feeling spiritually blah. Please pray that the Lord bless this time, bringing us closer to him.

Bill is a delegate to General Synod this year, and Peg will be going to Holland, Michigan, too, in order to attend

the Missionary Conference that follows. We are excited that our daughter and grandchildren plan to join us for a few days. If any of you are going to be there, we look forward to seeing you.

The Lord be with you all,

Bill and Peg
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