



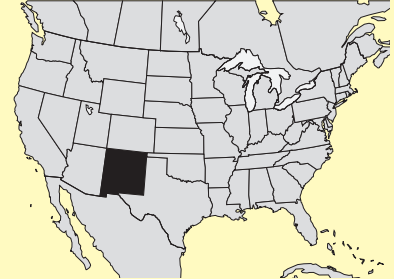
# RCA Missionary Update

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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What is it that makes summers go by so quickly? Maybe it has something to do with school in Dulce starting so early (August 12!). We *know* it has a lot to do with a busy schedule.

Although we had only one work group this summer—from Gibbsville, Wisconsin—it numbered over forty people, and did they get a lot done: putting a new roof on the gym and over the stage, painting the exterior of the gym and classrooms, shoring up a basement wall of the



Wisconsin work group playing with some children.

parsonage, salvaging useful items from the duplex prior to its being razed, and a host of other odds and ends. We depend on work groups to do the projects here that are beyond our skills, resources, and manpower to accomplish, so we are grateful to the Wisconsin group.

Not all of our busyness this summer was work related. We did enjoy having our grandchildren with us for a week in Holland, Michigan, when Bill was a delegate to General Synod. We both enjoyed the Missionary Conference that followed, as well as a reunion of many of our Chiapas, Mexico, missionary colleagues.

We also had an opportunity to visit our son and daughter-in-law in

Spokane, Washington. We threw our tent and dog in the car and camped our way up there, camped with John and Beth while



John, Beth and Peg at our campsite in Idaho.

we were there, and camped our way back along the Oregon and northern California coast.

We have a few prayer requests to share with you. Pray for the community of Dulce as we seem to be in a valley once again. Two small children died in the past three weeks, both directly due to the alcoholism of adults. There are also a large number of strained marriage relationships, including several in our church family.

Please pray also for Bill's mother, who recently had a heart attack and has been moved to a higher level of care

where she is living in Grand Rapids. (She celebrated her 90th birthday on August 16!) Peg's sister is still in the hospital—almost three months now—and is in need of prayer as well.

How great it is to have a God who is with us on the peaks and in the valleys!

With Christian love,

*Bill and Peg*  
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