



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's not like retirement can really sneak up on a person in normal circumstances—but it can still be a shock when it arrives. That time has now arrived for me. You may already be aware of the plans that Peg and I have for the future, but I do want to make sure you know what is happening. On November 7 of this year I turn sixty-five and will retire from the pastorate. We are planning to move from Dulce to the Phoenix area, where I hope to continue part time as Coordinator for RCA Native American/Aboriginal (Canada) Ministries.



The youth group invited Bill and Peg to a surprise good-bye pizza party.

Even though your support has been for our ministry in Dulce, we also recognize that your commitment and concern has gone beyond us to the people of the Jicarilla Apache Reformed Church. Many of you have developed a personal and congregational relationship with our church by coming here with work groups, and the people here cherish that relationship. With this in mind, I urge you to continue your support of the ministry here, and hope that you will eventually transfer that support to the new pastor.

Peg and I want you to know how grateful we are for the many years you have shared with us in ministry. As I think about the places we have lived and the people we have met along the way, from Chiapas, Mexico, to Dulce, New Mexico, we want you to know how much we have valued your partnership with us on this exciting journey. Together we have touched lives with the gospel of Jesus Christ and have been used by him to help build his church. Through all this, the Lord has been faithful, and so have you. Thank you for your regular prayer and financial support along the way.

So, once more I give you thanks — in the languages with which we have worked as RCA missionaries:

Muchas gracias (Spanish)

Wocolix la' wala (Ch'ol)

Iheedn (Jicarilla Apache)

Thank you so much in the name of Christ
(English, I think)

Your co-partners in Christ,

Bill and Peg De Boer