

# Profile in Mission

## MINISTRY

Pastoral

## LOCATION

Dulce, New Mexico

## PARTNER

Jicarilla Apache Reformed Church

### What Need Is God Showing Us?

“There is a great opportunity to reach people in this community with the gospel,” says RCA missionary Bill De Boer, “and there is a great need for people to be reached by the gospel. There is much brokenness in Dulce.”

### What Is God Telling Us to Do?

There is a great need for leadership in the church at many levels. Leaders are needed for ministries to young people, men, single mothers, alcoholics, and victims of domestic violence. Leaders are also needed to coordinate worship and teach Sunday school. The church needs to identify, encourage, and equip leaders for these tasks.



PEG AND BILL DE BOER



Bill leads a celebration of baptism at Jicarilla Apache Reformed Church

### How Are We Doing What God Is Asking?

Bill and Peg De Boer have been working with Jicarilla Apache Reformed Church since 1994. The De Boers provide pastoral leadership for the church. Bill's work also includes community involvement with alcohol and drug abuse programs. Peg's primary responsibilities in the church are in the Sunday school and women's ministries. She also works as a teacher aide in the local elementary school.

### Who Is Our Partner?

Jicarilla Apache Reformed Church is located on a reservation in the extreme north-central part of New Mexico in the town of Dulce. It is one of three reservation churches through which RCA ministry takes place with Native Americans.

### Up Close and Personal

Bill and Peg De Boer have been working in ministry with indigenous people for more than thirty years. Before they lived in Dulce, they served as missionaries in Chiapas, Mexico, for ten years, working with the Ch'ol Indians. The De Boers also served as dorm supervisors, teachers, and course writers at Cook College and Theological School in Tempe, Arizona, a school dedicated to Christian leadership development for Native Americans. Bill enjoys bird-watching and fishing, and Peg likes to read, walk, and do needlework. They have two adult children.

