



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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In one sentence, what is your ministry's primary goal?

In my continuing responsibilities as Coordinator of RCA Native Ministries, my goal is to help make current ministries even stronger and to establish new ministries that will bring the good news of Jesus Christ to Native American and Aboriginal peoples in the United States and Canada.

Over the past year, how have you seen God working in your ministry? Please share both the progress and the setbacks with respect to your ministry goals. Please include your joys, challenges, and/or disappointments.

2011 has certainly been a year of change. I retired from the pastorate at Jicarilla Apache Reformed Church at the end of October, and Peg and I moved from New Mexico to the Phoenix, Arizona, area. We have many good memories of our 17 years in Dulce. I hope I left the church there in a healthy condition as they are about to begin with an interim pastor a new chapter in their life. I am thankful to God for opening a new chapter in my life. I have been involved in Native American ministries all my life, and I am able to continue to do that on a quarter-time basis. Although there have been some recent negative trends in RCA Native ministry, there are amazing possibilities that lie before us. I hope to make a contribution to realizing these opportunities.

Share any physical or spiritual health issues that have impacted your ministry during this past year.

The Lord has once again granted Peg and me a year of good health in all respects.

Briefly discuss any goals, dreams, and/or changes you would anticipate in your ministry for the coming year.

I would like to visit current RCA Native ministry sites, especially those in Sioux Falls and at Calling Lake in Alberta. I also

wish to make preliminary steps to establish Native ministries in one or two urban settings. I continue to plan a journey for a racially diverse RCA group to visit sites of historical importance to Native Americans. I want to continue to expand the roles and voices of Native people in the broader life of the RCA, and to emphasize discipleship and leadership development among Native Americans and Aboriginal people.

Share any specific project related needs and other ways supporting churches might be able to assist you.

I do hope that the churches and individuals that supported us in Dulce, New Mexico, will continue to give prayer and financial support to the pastoral leadership there, as well as be open to sending work groups to that as well as other RCA Native ministry locations.

Please tell us about ongoing as well as special prayer needs you may have at this time.

Pray for Jicarilla Apache Reformed Church and Apache Reformed Church as they search, under the guidance of interim pastors, for permanent pastors to lead them forward. Pray also that we find ways to minister to the 75% of Native people who now live in urban areas.

In one sentence, please thank all those who pray and support you and your RCA ministry.

Peg and I owe you more than we can ever repay for your standing with us and praying for us as together we did important kingdom work for our Lord Jesus.