

Dear Friends.

Cibecue, Arizona

Nov. 2012

Howdy from Arizona! I hope that you're well. Here we are back in the chilly months, and chili sounds pretty good about now. It amazes me how quickly we return to Thanksgiving and wonderful Christmas. I'm still humming Christmas carols from last year. Haha. Things are shaping up for our "toy giving" program, and of course, the presentation of the gospel to young and old. We certainly invite your participation in purchasing gifts for the children of Cibecue. Checks should be earmarked "toys." I go shopping, looking for sales and bargains for you. Apaches families at the mission do the wrapping. (We could also use wrapping paper.) Somehow, through God's help, this happens every year!

backpacks

Our great friends at Wings of Faith flew in 40 beautiful "backpacks" to enable us to bless Apache children of different ages. We had a bit of a problem figuring out just when to give them out and where. We couldn't do it at the school because there are over a thousand kids there, so we decided to give them out on the night they celebrate Halloween. Isaac and I went to the Tire Shop in the middle of town and I brought some fireworks along, as well as a PA system and some candy. The kids came to us! It was great fun and gave us the opportunity to tell the kids that Jesus loves them in a very "explosive" way. They loved it. The backpacks were given "in the name of Jesus."

newsletters

Our letters to you may seem like a "form letter," at times, but I guarantee you that they are not. A great deal of time, thought, finance and energy goes into their production each month. Its purpose is to keep you, our friends and loved ones, updated and informed as to just what goes on at the mission here in Cibecue. Of course, there are other things that would take too much time and space to tell you about, and they might just serve to bore you. We also use these "newsy" letters to help you get involved in missionary endeavor, to enable you to become an integral "associate," through your prayers and in your giving on a regular monthly basis. Your funding the mission actually helps us to "be here" to lead the Apaches toward Christ. This, in turn, helps you to "lay up treasure" in Heaven. This is not meant to say that you're "buying your way to Heaven," of course not! But we are saved "unto good works," the Word declares. Good works express our faith in Christ, they actually "prove" that we are God's children. The Bible actually tells us to be "rich" in good works...and also to "maintain" good works...to be "zealous" of good works.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas

We are blessed to have dear and good friends such as you, and I want to let you know that Patty and I do greatly appreciate your continued support and love, through these many years. We are now working on our 30th year in Cibecue with the great Apache nation. Thank you for standing with us. And God bless you. We hope that you have the happiest of Thanksgivings, and the merriest of Christmases, celebrating Jesus, Lord and Saviour!

Included are photos of Apache children receiving free "backpacks."

Love and Blessings In Christ, Your Friend,

Pastor Wayne and Patty Stephens

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P.S. I almost failed to mention that Patty had surgery on her left foot last Friday. All went well and she is recuperating for 6 weeks and I'm her little "nurse." haha