

## Brian & Nikki Kirby Ministry Update May 2010

*Its all children but the service includes worship, preaching, announcements, and prayer. The kids take care of the church and enjoy praising the Lord together.*

We are blessed to have the opportunity to partner with Pastor Tim Gonzales(Pima) and his wife Kelly(Yaqui) so they can equip the 45 Pima youth God has brought to their church and reach the local Gila River community with the gospel of Christ.

This is a unique church in that the congregation is all children from the ages of 4 to 13 years old.

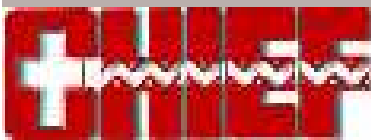
What else is unique is how God is using this young couple and their flock to reach others with the gospel of Christ. A few weeks ago some of the older kids approached Tim and told him they wanted to tell neighbors about Jesus. On each of the next two weeks the older kids went door-to-door going to 160 houses telling people about Jesus and handing out tracts. As a result of their evangelism, 10 more children are now attending the church and know about Jesus.



Tim and Kelly also reach out to the parents and adults. They coordinated an Easter outreach and Mother's Day outreach at the park. On each of these outreach events there were children and adults. On Mother's Day, the church provided Christian parenting books, Bibles, tracts and quilts for the mothers.

The logistics of getting the kids to and from church is challenging. The children's parents either can't or are unwilling to bring the kids to church. Tim and Laura-Lee (missionary from World Gospel Mission) have to use two mini vans to bring them back and forth. Each van takes two 6 mile rides to get the kids and take them back home. There are ser-

vices on Friday nights and Sundays.



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Tim and Kelly are both attending South Mountain Community College majoring in counseling. They hope to transfer to either Southwestern or Grand Canyon in the near future.

As many of you know, our role is to come along side Native pastors and provide encouragement, disciple, and provide behind the scenes support. We partner with the Native pastors but they lead the church as we serve where they direct us.



Hot Dogs, Beans and Chips. Yummy

How God can use you to come along side this church:

- Attorney to help create a 501(c)3 which will provide opportunities for support.
- 45 NCV Bibles for use at the church for Bible studies. Contact us before purchasing.
- 45 NCV or NLT Bibles for the kids to take home. It would be a blessing to allow children to pick out their own personal Bibles so please contact us before purchase.
- People to help teach and/or drive on Fridays and Sundays.
- People to cook meal's on Fridays and Sundays. A complete meal is served to the children. For some of them it maybe their only meal that day.
- Electrician and materials for the church & home. There are serious electrical issues.
- School Supplies, Children's Clothes and Shoes
- Another Trampoline
- 75 chairs for the sanctuary to replace pews and 10 rectangle plastic tables.
- Electric oven for the house. They currently cook on camp stove with propane.
- Small dining room table 4 chairs, Microwave
- Bed and mattress (currently sleeping on old mattress on floor)
- Doors for the church & someone who can install them
- Screen doors for home and church
- Work on church and home. Carpentry, paint, drywall, electrical, plumbing etc.
- Landscape clean-up
- Car or mechanic to help with their Chrysler mini-van
- Trash clean-up small bobcat and/or 10 adults to help pick up trash in lot next
- Need \$170 for rental of a dumpster for clean-up project.
- Part-time jobs for Tim and/or Kelly. Like most pastors on reservations they are bi-vocational.

Contact us if you would like more information on these ministry opportunities or to serve in any of the above areas. Please pray for this congregation that God would use them to reach their parents and others in this community.

