

News from Joel & Marissa Bidderman

Missionaries with Apache Youth Ministries

Dear friends & family,

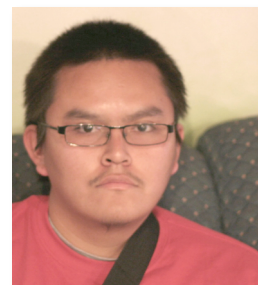
Well, another year is starting, and we have seemingly “re-balanced” our schedule after the holiday season. What that looks like, however, is not necessarily a well-executed weekly schedule, but a schedule that is merely less confusing in its chaos, ☺ as we follow the Lord’s lead in answering situations and needs as they occur. Entering into 2011 has been a celebration of the Lord’s faithfulness as well as a slightly intimidating frontier where we know where we are (and why we are here) yet we don’t know exactly what lies ahead. As we enter into this year we are fully devoted to our station with Apache Youth Ministries, and on top of that schedule, we fit part-time jobs into our schedules to make ministry a reality (paying bills). Really, when we say that it is your support that makes what we do possible, we are serious! The less time we spend in part-time work, the more time we can spend in the work we came here to do. Thank you so much for your partnership!

Here are some highlights of recent relationships:



We were able to be a part of aiding a couple of our graduates to intern at the International House of Prayer in Atlanta, GA. They were changed dramatically by the experience, and one of them (Marquez Kane) just joined their staff until July because he couldn’t get enough of it! Joel had an opportunity to be a large part of his journey. In many relationships it is sometimes hard to see the fruit of what God is doing in the situation, but in situations such as this, it is humbling and awe inspiring to see how God works in the hearts of the young adults to bring forth fruit (fruit that will last).

Another relationship that has been fun to be a part of is our friendship with Jerold. Jerold didn’t finish high school (which is not too odd of an occurrence on the reservation) and is now working towards his GED. It’s been tough, but he’s trying to hang in there and work hard. A friend of ours is an instructor/coordinator for the GED program at the local community college, and that has given us a relational tie with connecting Jerold to the college. Please pray for Jerold as he continues to go after his GED, and that we would be able to be an encouraging, grace-filled part of his journey.



Please be praying with us in the months to come:

- Marissa is due to have our baby (girl) in April! Please pray for health, wisdom for the doctors, and for God to provide as we prepare our home and hearts for the arrival.
- We are in the process of support-raising for this year. Finances are shifting around with changes in our support and our estimated budget changes for this year (especially in light of our April Bidderman arrival). Please pray with us for our provision and ‘daily bread.’
- Please pray with us for Marquez at IHOP-Atlanta and for Jerold who we mentioned is working toward his GED.

Thank you, again, for being on our team,

Joel & Marissa Bidderman
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