Secretariat/Ministerial Report



ARIZONA CONFERENCE GROWTH REPORT

MEMBERSHIP TOTAL: 20,498

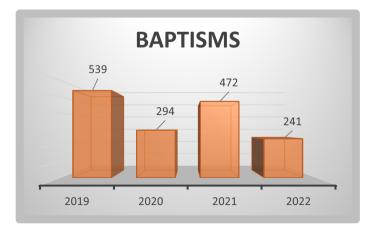
BAPTISMS YTD: 241

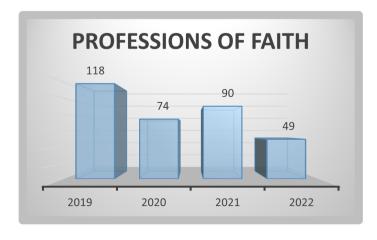
PROFESSION OF FAITH YTD: 49











Native American Ministries

The Native American community is spreading the Word with a 3' x 10' banner that is being carried approximately 250 miles across the Navajo Nation by participants in the "Metal Man Rez Run" which started July 24 in Chinle through Sept 8 in Waterlow, NM. The 27' tall inflatable statue will be erected at strategic points along the route of the Rez Run with church members distributing advertising handbills to passerby.

On the first day of the race, all participants wore Metal Man tee shirts and they spent several hours at Chinle's weekly flea market with EDGAR (Every Dynasty God Almighty Revealed), the inflatable "metal man" of Daniel 2. Let's continue to pray for the efforts of the Navajo Nation. May God bless their efforts.



Chinle members walking the first 22 miles



Pastor Dale Wolcott and his wife, Nancy



Cottonwood Church

The first week of July several families from the Cottonwood community experienced being part of God's family when the Cottonwood church transformed into a jungle as Jamii Kingdom came to town.

The Cottonwood Church also rejoiced and celebrated Aidan Jenkins baptism by welcoming him into the local church family on July 2. Praise God!





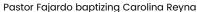


Pastor Vince Woolsey baptizing Aidan Jenkins

Summer Camp Ministries

God gave the staff and children many joys and laughter this summer. However, the greatest joy of the entire summer was on Thursday, July 21 when Pastor Eliasib Fajardo had the privilege of baptizing two young women from the staff team, Emma Carrillo and Carolina Reyna, who passionately decided to publicly accept Jesus as the Savior of their lives. There is no doubt that the summer camp program goes far beyond fun activities and gathering with friends The summer camp program at Camp Yavapines is about ministering hearts and winning souls for Jesus.







Carolina, Emma and pastor Fajardo

Page All Nations Church

The Seeds for Life Community Garden at the Page All Nations Church has been a creative evangelism approach that centers around connection and education. Pastor Crosby and his wife, Nancy, are always finding new ways to connect with the community through an attractive garden greenhouse. The idea of a gardening class for children ages 2 to 6 was born after individuals in the community expressed their desire to have activities for families with younger children.

Starting on April 22, the Learn and Grow gardening class began under the shaded pavilion at the All Nations Church. Every Tuesday afternoon during the following 8 weeks, anywhere from 6 to 9 toddlers with one of their parents gathered for some outdoor education and fun. Each class began with a short lesson about a garden topic, followed by hands-on activities in the garden, crafts and ended with an up-beat goodbye song with motions that the children learned by heart.

The children learned about tools, seeds, soil, and how to take care of different fruits and vegetables in the garden as well as plants.

During the classes, the children were able to enjoy baby chicks in their little cages and cautiously look at the beehive where bees swarmed in and out, pollinating plants in the garden. After nine weeks, the little group left with many with happy memories from their time in the Learn and Grow program. The All Nations Church looks forward to building on these relationships and new connections in their community. Their pray is that the seeds of truth will blossom in the hearts of these children as they continue to learn and grow.







Tucson South Spanish Church

When we think of evangelism, the first thing that comes to mind is a series of Bible meetings where we invite our friends and friends from the community. However, a great task of evangelism is carried out every year during the summer time.

The Tucson South Spanish church only has two children in regular attendance each Sabbath, and attendance of members has dropped to about 12 people on a regular basis due to COVID. However, during their VBS "Jasper Canyon", where more than 70 children, more than 30 teenagers and about 20 adults attended each day.

An extraordinary testimony is from a 5-year-old boy we will call "Alex". He lives in the apartments across the street from the church and when he saw the colorful advertisement he told his grandparents that surely this was an invitation for children. The grandparents read the invitation from VBS and agreed to take him on the condition that he invite the rest of his friends from the apartments where they lived, and this is exactly what "Alex" did. He brought more than 10 friends. Praise God!

The church thanks God because he is good, he has allowed a religious awakening in the Tucson South Church to see so many children and young people, to the point that continuous comments are made about what they are going to do to continue ministering to the children and young people of the community.







Pastor Jose Chan Bonnabel and his wife, Yndra

West Valley Spanish Church

The West Valley Spanish church held their Vacation Bible School from July 31-August 4. They had great attendance, approximately 25 children every day. The majority of the children were children of visiting friends. The church prays that theses families continue to attend church services and they thank God for a successful VBS.

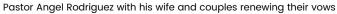




Glendale Spanish Church

The Glendale Spanish church conducted a Family Life Week. Every night they had very good attendance and 14 couples decided to renew their wedding vows on Saturday, July 30. Two of the 14 couples were civilly married but hadn't been married in the church and were happy that they were able to do this on this day. One of the two couples, José and Lucila, attended the program every night and are now studying the Bible in preparation for baptism.







Multilingual Ministries

On July 8-July 23, 2022, Pastor Villamor Meriales and Dr. Vic Arreola, Pacific Union Conference Vice-President for Asian/Pacific Ministries, went to the Philippines to conduct two evangelistic crusades and one leadership seminar. They visited the Southern and Northern Luzon Missions where they had a total of 276 baptisms! Amen!

This Mission Trip was very challenging because of COVID-19, but they prayed and everything was done successfully. No calamity took place to hinder their nightly meetings. It was a joy for these two pastors to spend their vacation doing missionary work. Thank God for all those who extended their financial support to materialize their goals this year bringing many people to the feet of Jesus.



Pastor Meriales doing an appeal for baptism









WELCOME

Clearview Church Tucson Desert Valley Church Yuma and Gila Mountain Church

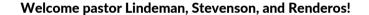
The Arizona Conference is thrilled to welcome three of our new pastors.

Pastor Bill Lindeman is the new pastor for the Clearview Church, coming to Arizona from Texas.

Pastor Mike Stevenson, pastor for the Tucson Desert Valley church, moves to Arizona from California.

Pastor Samuel Renderos, associate pastor at the Yuma and Gila Mountain church, came here from Virginia.

They are a great addition to the pastoral team and we are certain that God will bless all these churches with their talents.





Pastor Bill Lindeman



Pastor Mike Stevenson



Pastor Samuel Renderos