



RCA Global Mission

2020 Year in Review



Brad and Robin Kautz – Jicarilla Apache Reformed Church

Our congregation hasn't been able to meet since March 2020 because of the tribe's public health rules. Before that, we had been having regular Sunday services, Sunday school, Community Prayer meetings, quarterly gatherings with other churches in our area, and more. One of our goals for 2020 was to restart a middle school/high school youth group either on our own or with another church here.

Blessings of 2020

Without being able to meet in person, we got creative! Our VBS church partner in the Denver area asked what they could do to support the ministry here since they weren't allowed to come to the reservation due to COVID-19. Together, we provided a "VBS-to-go" bag containing lessons, crafts, snacks, and devotional books. This was so well received that we ran out (of almost 100 packets) in two hours! We created and distributed Family Advent Packets to-go as well.

We also had over 500 masks donated by churches across the nation, which we distributed to the community here. We held some masks back for the most vulnerable members of the community and have been supplying them with masks as well as our usual meals, water, coats, etc. throughout the year.

Challenges of 2020

Obviously, COVID-19 has been our biggest challenge. The tribe has had very strict no-gathering rules in place since mid-March 2020. We completely support the tribe in their caution, given the history of diseases and indigenous populations in North America. Pastor Brad has been posting a worship service on YouTube each week. With the internet being spotty on the reservation, it's impossible to live-stream anything. Pastor Brad has also been available at the church on Sunday mornings for prayer, communion, or other ministry needs.

Hopes for 2021

We are looking forward with great anticipation to gathering for worship, holding Sunday school, starting a Youth Group, and gathering with the other local churches for prayer and worship. We pray that mission groups will be allowed on the reservation to plan and hold VBS, complete maintenance projects, and participate in the local culture.



VBS to-go packets

How We Can Pray

Please pray that COVID-19 is controlled. The tribe has lost more than a dozen members (out of 3,500), mostly elders who hold tribal wisdom, to COVID-19. Pastor Brad did more funeral services in 2020 than in any other year in his tenure here.

Thank You

Our supporting churches have enabled us to remain in service here. Our congregation has been faithful in their giving, but at lower levels without in-person services. The relationships we have with supporting churches encourage us in this challenging time; we treasure your prayer support.

Serving together,

Brad and Robin Kautz