



## Update from Native American Ministries August 2021

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### Jicarilla Apache Reformed Church

It has been a quiet summer in Dulce. The Jicarilla Apache Nation has been gradually reducing restrictions on the reservation. Many outdoor activities are taking place, while there continue to be restrictions on things scheduled to happen indoors. At the writing of this update, it has not yet been decided if schools will have in-person learning, online learning, or some sort of hybrid model. Our congregation has been worshipping regularly, with attendance at 60-75 percent pre-pandemic numbers. We also have a regular adult Sunday school class. In late July, we hosted a mission group that came to help hold a VBS program. The group had been here several times in the past, which had the advantage of both knowing how things work on the reservation and, even better, knowing many of the children who attended. We had to restrict participation and kept the entire program outdoors, but we were very excited to have face-to-face contact with friends of the ministry!

### Mescalero Reformed Church

God has been good to us. Our worship services have had good attendance. We are still searching for a new pastor. Our Women's Bible study, Men's Bible study, and Women's Gathering have been successful. Our VBS was a success with over 100 students daily. Mrs. Clara Rice, Mrs. Miranda Bell, others from our church, and a few students from Michigan all work tirelessly to accomplish a great task. It was amazing to see their work. We give God thanks and all was done for his glory!

You can watch a video of Angel B Enjady (to the right) demonstrating the signing for our theme song for the week here:



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