



RCA Global Mission

2021 Year in Review



Brad and Robin Kautz – Jicarilla Apache Reformed Church

Our mission partner is the Jicarilla Apache Reformed Church, where I serve as the pastor. We primarily do the things of congregational ministry, including worship, pastoral care, discipleship, and Christian service within the community.

Blessings of 2021

It was exciting to be able to resume gathered worship in late February after 11 months of online-only worship. Our church is on a reservation and as the year ended there remained some restrictions from the tribal government in-person activities, however, in-person worship attendance was roughly 75 percent of pre-pandemic attendance. We were also able to put on an in-person Vacation Bible School.

Challenges of 2021

The ongoing pandemic and the consequent local restrictions have limited many activities. We had in-person Vacation Bible School with restrictions and are currently unable to have other youth activities, such as Sunday school. There is still significant concern among the local population and government re: gatherings that could potentially spread the virus. Our congregation also lost four long-time members to death, and their absence, among the congregation and their families, has been very hard. The pandemic has also resulted in significant negative effects on pastoral care for residents living in hospitals and nursing homes.

Hopes for 2022

Depending on local restrictions from the pandemic, which we hope will be either eliminated or significantly reduced, we:

- 1) Hope to return to gathered worship without restrictions
- 2) Hope to resume a Sunday school for children
- 3) Hope to begin an active ministry to the local jail
- 4) Hope to host either our own, or in partnership with another local congregation, and outreach activity in our community.

How We Can Pray

Pray that we continue to serve the Lord faithfully in the ways that are presently available. We are also waiting on tribal approval of a new ministry to the jail in our community.

Additional Needs

We would benefit from additional financial support, as significant ministry expenses that were formerly carried by RCA Global Mission have been shifted to the church. We would appreciate the visit of a work team containing some people with expertise in plumbing and tile work.

If your church is interested in adding support or know someone who might be interested in supporting the ministry of Jicarilla Apache Reformed Church, please contact me at bradkautz@gmail.com or visit www.rca.org/jicarilla.

Thank You

The financial support of our partners enabled us to finish 2021 within our planned budget. Additionally, the one mission group that was able to come made it possible to host a vacation Bible school for the youth of our community. Thank you!