

# Meet Our New Missionaries

Doug and Becky Darfus – Missionary Disciples – American Indian Field

One Sunday in 2004 while I was helping in the church nursery, Doug sat in the sanctuary listening to a work team report on their recent trip. The speaker told those listening “there would be no neon sign letting us know it is time to go on a mission trip”. God has already told us several times in the Bible to “go into all the world.” This message convicted Doug’s heart and when it was announced there would be a work team to Kenya the following summer, he immediately signed us up. Having an inflated fear of both flying and spiders, when I heard what he had done my immediate thought was “anywhere but Africa!” But it was at that moment I knew I had to choose between avoiding my fears or listening to God.

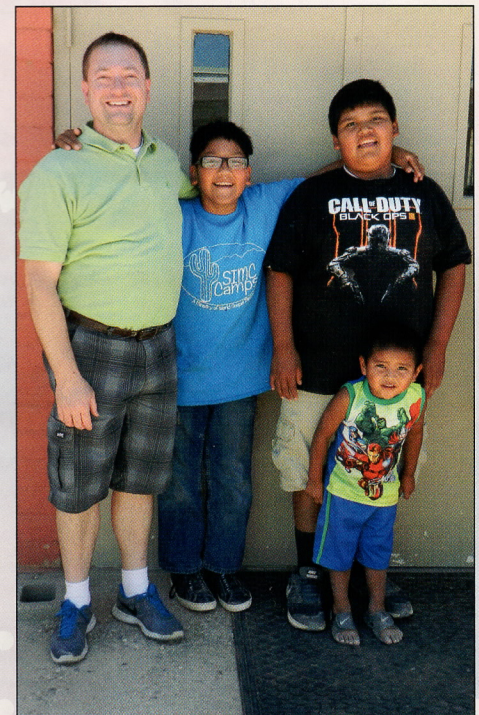
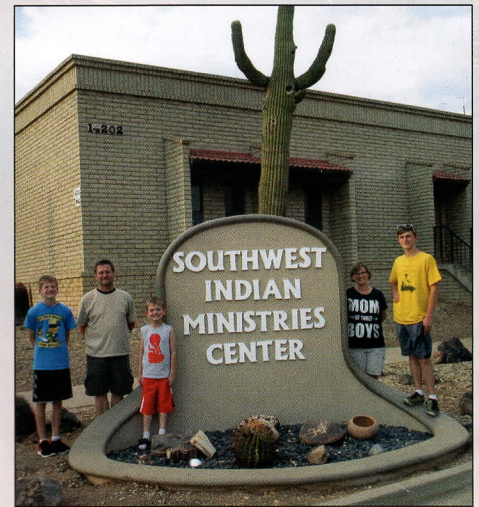
Looking back, we see God’s direction in our lives. The Kenya trip was an amazing experience. I made two trips to help with Hurricane Katrina cleanup and went on two World Gospel Mission (WGM) work teams with our oldest son. Doug wasn’t called again until 2015. Picking up the church bulletin, he noticed an announcement asking for men to be dorm leaders at a Native American summer camp in Arizona. He didn’t have any interest in going, but knew God was telling him to go. It was a quick turnaround to raise the money and he was \$400 short by the deadline. Doug had silently prayed to God to help with the money and had given the matter over to Him. That same day, a member of our Sunday school class approached him. She had received money she wasn’t expecting and felt she should give it to him. When he opened his hand to look, it was exactly \$400.

Doug served as a dorm leader for a week working with eight boys, a few of whom accepted Christ during that time. At the end of camp, he asked one of those boys where he would attend church when he got back to the reservation. The boy shared he didn’t have transportation and his parents wouldn’t take him to church. A seed was planted

in Doug’s heart. After being home for a few weeks, Doug began thinking about the boy and felt a tug on his heart to return. He asked if I would be open to a family mission trip to Arizona. We went for a month and had a wonderful time. We found ourselves feeling right at home. Upon our return, we met with our pastor about possibly becoming full-time missionaries. He suggested we use discernment by making plans to return for another summer. In the meantime, he said, we should pray, read scripture, and see if we have peace with our decision. After several months of living with a feeling of unsettledness, we knew summers-only trips were not enough. We needed to go back full-time. After another summer trip to Arizona, we went through the application process and were accepted by WGM as Missionary Disciples to the American Indian Field.

The Bible tells us all to GO and make disciples of all people. We would like for you to GO as well. You can GO by coming to Arizona on a work team and being a dorm leader. You can GO with us by praying for us and the Native children. You can GO by supporting us financially. We are looking for partners who would be open to giving \$75 a month in support of this ministry ([www.wgm.org/darfus](http://www.wgm.org/darfus)). We know some can give more and some less, but we appreciate any amount God places on your heart to help further His kingdom. We would also enjoy speaking at your church, Sunday school, or small group. God has designed us all wonderfully to work together to GO: those that GO physically, those that GO prayerfully, and those that GO financially.

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Top: The Darfus family Center: Boys from camp Bottom: Doug with boys from camp