

Who we are

We went to High School together but actually met ten years later, after we connected through a mutual friend. Ashley was a single mom of two boys at the time, Gabriel and Isaac, four and one. After we started dating, Mike took on the role of 'Papa', and we became a family. We were engaged the next year and married in 2015.

It was that same year that we started discussing our faith and began going to a local Christian church, Knott Avenue Christian Church (KACC), in Anaheim, CA. After a year and a half of seeking the Lord and regularly attending Sunday services, we were baptized in the ocean in Huntington Beach, CA. Our daughter Amelia was born the following year and then our son Jeremiah, who made us a family of six.

Ashley, who has her bachelor's degree in psychology, worked several years in various accounting and administrative roles before she was offered a staff position at KACC as a ministry associate. She became assistant to the Executive Pastor, Life Groups Director, and Outreach Pastor. Her favorite part of the job was communicating with the local and global missionaries receiving updates, prayer requests, and coordinating mission trips for the church.

In 2022 and 2023, Ashley, Mike and our son, Gabriel, went on two short-term mission trips with KACC to the San Carlos Indian Reservation in Arizona. We served alongside In the Gap Ministries (ITG) to build and deliver beds to Apache families on the reservation and built a shed for a family in need. We were greatly impacted by our experiences while serving on these trips. Upon returning home to California, the Lord put it on our hearts to move to Arizona. We began praying about joining ITG's ministry in sharing the Gospel with the Apache. We packed up our home and relocated our family to Mesa, Arizona in the summer of 2023.

Prior to our move, Mike served as a Deacon at KACC and was an active member on the Security team. He is very passionate about being the 'hands and feet of Jesus'. Mike has been in the security and access control industry for almost ten years, currently working to support our family and ministry. Our prayer is to one day be fully supported so we can do full-time ministry with ITG.

Together we have completed Dynamic Church Planting International's House Church Planting training course as well as an evangelism class taught by our Outreach Pastor in CA. We have studied Dr. Robert E. Coleman's book, The Master Plan of Evangelism and will continue to pursue additional evangelism training.



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The Need

The San Carlos Apache Reservation was established in 1871 and is the 3rd largest reservation in Arizona, encompassing 1.8 million acres of land in Eastern Arizona with a population of just over 10,300. (2016)

- San Carlos is one of the poorest Native American communities in the United States.
- 61% of the San Carlos Apache Tribe did not graduate from High School.
- The average life expectancy for a male Apache is 54 years.
- In San Carlos Apache Reservation, the violent crime rate is ten times the national average.

Visit our website inthegapministries.com for more details.

Currently there are few Christian churches and even fewer mission organizations working with and sharing with this unreached people group here in our own backyard. We want to help change that. We believe the answer to hopelessness and despair is found in Christ.



ITG believes that the Gospel is experienced through intergenerational relationships. Through the pursuit of intentional relationships with people on the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation, there is a chance to create honest moments of seeing and experiencing God's grace. Sacrificial love requires authentic connection, mistakes and all, with Christ at the center.

What we do

In the Gap serves by:

- Running a workshop to teach construction, building, wood working and welding skills to Apache people.
- Build Beds through the workshop and donating them to families in need
- Leading Bible Studies, including mentoring and discipleship groups.
- Spend time in the local community with families providing activities, crafts, snacks, basketballs, bible verses/stories/trivia, conversations and growing deeper relationships.
- Work alongside teams joining us from around the world in providing VBS, community /kids' programs, various repair work for our Apache brothers and sisters, and working alongside our Apache friends.

How to Help

PRAYER – send us an e-mail at InTheGapMinistriesAZ@gmail.com and say “sign me up for your prayer e-mails” or sign up at inthegapministries.com.

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