



# GENE & BETHANIE STEVENSON



## OASIS SOUTHWEST DOVE MISSION INTERNATIONAL

**Gene, Bethanie and kiddos: Aria-14, Noah-11, and Lily-10, are transplants from South Central, PA, who are captivated by the canyons and cultures of Northern Arizona. Their mission is twofold; to live alongside and love the indigenous peoples of the desert southwest, and to craft a place of rest and recreation for those in ministry amidst the glory of God's creation.**

### ON MISSION IN THE DESERT SOUTHWEST



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The Apostle John writes, "We love, because God first loved us." God showed that love by coming as a 1st century Jewish man who spoke the heart language of the people around him, and this kind of incarnational living has been the blueprint for being good witnesses of Christ through the ages and around the world. And yet, for many Native Americans, Christianity is still seen as an

European religion that has little to do with or say to the indigenous tribes of North America. The Lord has opened the door for the Stevesons to learn the heart language of the Native peoples of the Desert Southwest and demonstrate His love to these chronically underserved and forgotten image-bearers. So far, this has taken the form of cross-cultural education, counseling and supervision, and a ministry of support for Native college students. Gene is currently writing his ThD dissertation on this topic as well.

*"After trekking into the inconceivable vastness of the Grand Canyon, placing our feet on the trails of the rocky, iron-oxide rich red rocks in Sedona, gasping at the greatness of the pine laden forests and snow capped San Francisco Peaks in Flagstaff I knew - this was the place. Our dream is to have a space for ministry leaders and their families to just be - to rest, to recreate, to connect with Christ through His marvelous creation." - Bethanie Stevenson*

Partner with us in creating this dream.  
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