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MAKE YOUR LIFE A MISSION, NOT AN INTERMISSION!

You've heard it said, "If you don't know where you're going, any road will do."

How about you and I? Does that apply? Do we think and act with a certain sense of direction each day? Or, just "muddle-through?"

Jesus, our Lord, said in John 20:21 "...as the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." I believe the Lord gives us His life in the power of the Holy Spirit in order that we can share that special brand of life with others. We are blessed to be a blessing!

God is in the business of "sending." That word in its various forms is mentioned over 225 times in the Bible. It's from where we get the whole concept of "mission." Mission-sending is where God starts His work in people's lives. No missionary endeavor ever succeeds unless God is in it from the very start. Each mission enterprise is born in the heart of an individual with vision and a sense of "call," laid on one's heart because God spoke, out of nothing to bring a sense of something. God delights in giving us a sense of purpose and direction.

Whenever we close in on our sense of mission, four observations have been helpful to me. I'll share them with you.

First, we can't afford to disrespect or disregard it. God starts with a plan for us. He wants to finish it, too. Any of our excuses ring hollow. When we ignore God's purpose for us, we do so at our loss.

Second, responding to God's call always involves a sense of self denial. God's ways are higher than our ways. Our little plans get in the way of God's big plans. Our busyness gets in the way of God's business.

Third, God always provides for and protects those who make their life a willing mission. Even in the very "Job's-life-experiences" we go through, God's presence is never far away. He never calls us where He can't provide for us.

Finally, to make our life a mission and not just an intermission, we have to daily say "Yes." God never forces the issue. We get what we give. As with Isaiah, sensing God's call upon his life, let us offer up his same surrender, "*Here I am Lord, send me, send me.*" (Isaiah 6:8)

On Mission With You,

Glen Allen,
Executive Director, Faithworks



Alaska

NORTH TO ALASKA—MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

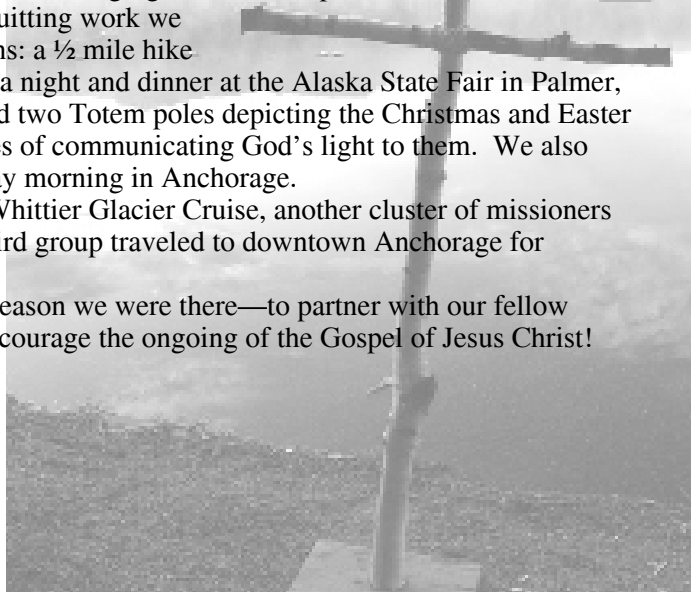
Eighteen missionaries served to strengthen the Christian camping ministry at Birchwood Camp, 23 miles inland from Anchorage, from August 22-30. Six different churches were represented in the makeup of a productive team for the grounds and building fix-up tasks we were given by the camp management. Also, several team members assisted in the food service area when over 50 sixth graders showed up for a 2-day camp at Birchwood.

It's always amazing to watch how God's talent and ministry gifts to team members help us accomplish our goals. One team of four men and women worked off a scaffold installing plywood soffit beneath the overhang of the new large log structure designed to be a meeting center for the Anchorage area churches, schools and other groups. Over half the team joined together to sand smooth and clear-coat seal the interior of the bark-beetle salvaged logs, harvested from a nearby forest. Three of our talented men displayed real focus and determination while installing the custom vinyl-framed, double paned thermal windows in the log wall openings. Then there were those volunteering to trim and haul the "Alaska bush" back from the entrance road to the camp so the snowplow would not be hampered in this long upcoming winter season. There was firewood cutting, window washing, painting, wood trim installation around windows and 20-foot-high ceiling beams, kitchen pantry re-arranging and faucet repair!

Because the Alaska summer days are so very long, after quitting work we utilized the 18 hour daylight for some delightful team excursions: a ½ mile hike to Thunderbird Falls along a fern and mushroom-covered trail; a night and dinner at the Alaska State Fair in Palmer, and a very inspiring visit with Rev. David Fison who has carved two Totem poles depicting the Christmas and Easter story that he has shared with the Tsimshian Indian tribe in hopes of communicating God's light to them. We also worshipped at Anchor Park United Methodist Church on Sunday morning in Anchorage.

We also had a free day during which one group took the Whittier Glacier Cruise, another cluster of missionaries went to Denali National Park for a wildlife photo tour, and a third group traveled to downtown Anchorage for shopping and museum visiting.

While enjoying all the outings we never lost focus of the reason we were there—to partner with our fellow Christians in our stunningly beautiful 50th state to lift up and encourage the ongoing of the Gospel of Jesus Christ!



UPDATE ON THE TIMBERLINE DISASTER RELIEF

After the devastating fire and then flooding on the Schultz Pass in Flagstaff, Arizona, FaithWorks responded in a number of ways to help with relief. Dave Sorenson headed our team of ready-willing-and-able volunteers to help those where they needed it the most. They all did an outstanding job! Below are letters of appreciation from some folks in need of help:

*Thank you so much for the use of the trailer and then again for the check. It will help with the water situation and allowed us to compensate those who are hauling our water. If we can help with any need you may have in the future please give us a jingle and we will do what we can.
Thanks, The Darnell Family.*

Just wanted to thank all of you for the help during the flood cleanup. It seemed like an unending task. I am just about finished, about 2 weeks more. The help you sent was a blessing and a bright shining light.

Shirley Foster



New Board Member Lisa TenBarge

Lisa TenBarge is a member of Christ's Church of Flagstaff, one of Faithworks' supporting churches. She began her journey with Faithworks in 2005, when she joined the Moscow team to minister to Orphanage 105. She and others then began Futureworks, that helps children aging out of the Russian orphanage system to life outside. Lisa is a local physical therapist and works for Flagstaff Medical Center. She is excited and feels privileged to join this board and looks forward to serving alongside the rest of the Faithworks family.



To see these and more pictures of the Alaska mission trip **IN COLOR**, visit www.faithworksphotos1.shutterfly.com



NAVAJO RESERVATION ROOF REPAIR

Due to extremely high winds this past spring, many of our Navajo friends experienced severe roof damage to their homes in and near Leupp, AZ.

The *FaithWorks* community has responded to this situation in a variety of ways. Special thanks goes to Christ's Church of Flagstaff which supplied \$2620 in a special offering for roof supplies. On September 25th, three *FaithWorks* missionaries volunteered to complete Pastor and Lola Bahe's roof. The Bahe's "shepherd" the work of the Navajo Grand Falls Church in Leupp.

We will be returning to this area on Dec. 4th to continue roof repair at four sites and to hold our annual Christmas party for the children and elder Navajos.



Darrell English (top) and Dave Sorenson (bottom) working on a roof in the wide, open Navajo Reservation.



10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION BANQUET

It was a reunion and birthday party combined when 223 persons celebrated 10 years of mission October 1st at Trinity Heights United Methodist Church in Flagstaff, AZ.

Attendees came from as far as Phoenix, Holbrook, Show Low and Kingman to take part in the event. Whether they were former missionaries, financial supporters or faithful prayer warriors, everyone joined together and helped commemorate 10 years of "FaithWorks."

Over \$7555 was given in one-time gifts. In addition, more than \$980 a month came in the form of renewal or new pledges of mission support. Many also registered their interest in the 2011 missions schedule.

The canned food that was given that night went to the Olive Branch Home in Lake Montezuma. Below is the thank you letter from the Director, Cindy Howell:

Dear Glen and Jan,

Please thank all the FaithWorks supporters for donating the food to the Olive Branch this month. We really appreciate it and pray your group be blessed as you blessed us.

In Christian Service, Cindy.

As Jan and I were unloading the food to Cindy, she told us that just the week before, the cupboard had been bare! God's timing is always right!

If you were in attendance at the banquet, *thank you!* If you missed it—well, we hope to see you next year!



AFRICA MEDICAL MISSION PLANS FOR 2011

We will be taking a Medical (only) mission team to Tanzania June 30 - July 15, 2011. We have a need for doctors and other medical professionals. The team will only consist of 10-15 persons, so if you are wanting to go *please* contact us ASAP. In order to get airlines and room reservations, we need to know by Feb. 1, 2011 if you are considering this trip.

The medical team will be assisting African doctors and nurses at the Lyamungo Dispensary (clinic) in Lyamungo, Tanzania, on the slopes of Mt. Kilimanjaro. As well, they may travel to Karatu and be assisting in medical work at a Safari Camp with the elderly of the Havennature area.

The mission also includes a three day photography safari to Ngorongoro Crater to see the most magnificent animals in all of Africa!

Please pray about this and let us know soon (Glen Allen at 928-821-1073. If you cannot go, please pray, and pray about giving to this mission in order for us to buy medicines to give away free to the most needy people on earth. Thank you.

VITAL STATISTICS (SINCE FOUNDING JUNE 2000)

Missionaries sent out	2035
Different destinations	111
Value of donated labor, medicines, and materials	\$1,040,077

AFRICA UPDATE...

In summary, these are the current ministries we are sustaining in Northern Tanzania:

1. Lyamungo Medical Dispensary (Clinic)

Since April 2010, we have been able to send monthly salary/support both to Dr. Kwayu and Dr. Shoo to enable them to stay at the clinic treating over 3000 patients in the area each month. This amounts to \$1500 monthly. This money comes from individual donors and from grant money from the United Methodist Church Global Ministry.

2. Havennature, Karatu, Tanzania

Through individual donors and grant money from efforts by one of our 29 active member churches, "The Church of our Saviour" in Lakeside, Arizona, we support regularly a ministry to the poor, sick and elderly, providing a feeding program and assisting with prostheses for amputees.

3. Assistance to enable a nursing studies abroad program by Northern Arizona University

We are currently consulting with Dr. Karen Plager at NAU to coordinate a group of 10-12 nursing students to go to Africa, studying rural medicine in Northern Tanzania, working with our existing partners there.

4. The FaithWorks Home Orphanage

We continue to provide free medical care to the girls in the orphanage through our financial support that keeps the Lyamungo Dispensary open just 3 miles away. We have also provided emergency food support. Unfortunately, due to a number of factors, we have been unable to resume any other regular ministry to the girls of the home.

2011 FAITHWORKS CALENDARS!

At the banquet we unveiled the new 2011 FaithWorks calendar! They have beautiful, glossy photos of the 2010 mission trips and are available for \$10.00 each. You may find yourself on a page! These make wonderful Christmas gifts and are a special reminder of the many mission trips FaithWorks did during 2010. If you would like to purchase a calendar, please call the FaithWorks office at 928-774-0504.

THANK YOU FAITHWORKS CALENDAR SPONSORS

A very special thank you to our 2011 calendar sponsors that helped make the printing of the calendar possible. This year's sponsors were: Christ's Church of Flagstaff, Trinity Heights UMC, St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Winslow, Williams Community UMC, Northern Arizona Orthodontics, LLC, and Lamb of God Bible Church of Flagstaff.

Reservations to be a sponsor for the 2012 calendar are now being accepted at the office. Sponsorships are accepted on a first-come basis, and there are only 12 available. What better way to promote your church/business/organization and let them know of your support of Faithworks!

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2011

We have many mission trips scheduled for 2011 would you like to join us? Please call *FaithWorks* at 928-774-0504 to find out more or get a registration form.

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| January 15
Sunshine Rescue Mission, Flagstaff, AZ | June 30 – July 15
Africa Medical Mission, Tanzania |
| February 17-20
Agua Prieta Medical Mission, Mexico | Aug. 27 – Sept. 4
Alaska Mission, Alaska |
| March 12
“The Olive Branch,” Rimrock, AZ | September 30
11th Annual Celebration Banquet |
| April 9
“The Old Town Mission,” Cottonwood, AZ | October 22-23
‘Youth at Risk’ Mission, Ft. Defiance, AZ |
| May 19-22
Agua Prieta Medical Mission, Mexico | November 17-20
Agua Prieta Medical Mission, Mexico |
| June 11
Northstar Youth Ranch, Flagstaff, AZ | December 3
4th Annual Navajo Children’s Christmas Mission, Leupp, AZ |
| June 19-25
McCurdy Mission School, Espanola, New Mexico | |

Pete’s Prayer...

“Lord, sometimes it’s really difficult to keep up with our thanks, versus Your provision. And we’re not just talking financial support. Some of our friends don’t have many dollars but they promise to pray for FaithWorks. We need both, of course, but doesn’t that bring You the most glory? Doesn’t that cause You to ‘pop’ Your buttons when Your children remind You of our behavior before the Fall? We’re just giving You thanks for all who love you and choose to demonstrate their faith/love/submission through FaithWorks. Amen”

(note: Peter Piper, 76, is one of our capable, faithful office volunteers at the FaithWorks office in Flagstaff.)

FAITHWORKS FINANCIAL REPORT GENERAL FUND JAN 1 - OCTOBER 31, 2010

REVENUE:	CONTRIBUTED	BUDGETED	OVER (UNDER) BUDGET
Contributions -Churches	\$37,868	\$39,583	\$(1,716)
Contributions -Individuals	\$42,666	\$55,000	\$(12,334)
Church Membership Dues	\$ 2,075	\$1,771	\$304
Other Revenue	\$11,057	\$12,667	\$(1,609)
Total Revenue	\$93,666	\$109,021	\$(15,355)
OPERATING EXPENSE	\$104,850	\$107,971	\$(3,121)
NET OF EXPENDITURES OVER REVENUE		(\$11,184)	

We appreciate so much each of you that contributes so faithfully to *FaithWorks*. So many of you have a heart for missions and a compassion for the needy in this world. We are running short this year with expenses exceeding our revenue by \$11,184. We have been able to keep expenses below the budgeted amount, but our revenues are down over 18%. If God leads you to help with this shortage, it would be so appreciated as *FaithWorks* continues His work in the coming months.

In addition to the General Operating Fund we have received \$46,250 from Jan 1-October 31, 2010 in funds designated for special projects! These include our projects in Africa, Mexico, Russia, New Mexico, Alaska and various other local mission projects. 100% of these funds go as requested to the designated projects. Again, we thank all of you for your heart for missions and for reaching out to a needy, hurting world.

FAITHWORKS SUPPORT

Yes, I want to help by...

- sending a gift of \$ _____ to be used for _____
- sending \$ _____ monthly to help with on-going mission ministries.
- praying for you.

Name _____

Address _____

MEXICO MEDICAL MISSION, NOVEMBER 11-14, 2010

FaithWorks is going to take the planned mission to Agua Prieta, Mexico, on Nov. 11-14. Please be in prayer as we inch forward in this time of heightened awareness and unrest in this part of the world. We have had talks with our friends and pastor in Agua Prieta, and they assured us that they would take very good care of any team we send. So, as this newsletter reaches your mailbox, we should have 19 medical volunteers in the starting this mission trip, doing what the Lord would have us to do for His people.

We would appreciate your prayers for the trip and for the people that are treated at the clinic, usually around 100 per day.



DECEMBER 4TH NAVAJO CHRISTMAS MISSION

We are both glad and sad to tell you that the Dec. 4, 2010 Navajo Christmas Mission trip is full, with 51 people going! What a joy to have so many people wanting to go on mission and signing up early! But we're sorry for those who did not sign up early enough! Weather-permitting we will do just that! As we have done for the past four years, we will be spending the day with Pastors Dean and Lola Bahe in Leupp, Arizona doing any chores/repairs they need done. Then we will celebrate our annual gift-giving party for the children on the reservation.

We are in need of gifts. If you feel you can contribute, please make sure the gift does not go over \$10.00, wrap it and mark whether it is for a boy or a girl and what age it is appropriate for. Please bring the gifts to the *FaithWorks* office or to Trinity United Methodist Church in Flagstaff. Call *FaithWorks* @ 928-774-0504 or Trinity @ 928-526-1397 for directions. We always look forward to this time of the year when we can share what we *do* have with those who do *not* have.

If you would rather send a gift of \$10.00, *FaithWorks* will buy a gift for you. Please be assured that 100% of your donation will go towards purchasing a gift for a child.

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO TO SUPPORT FAITHWORKS!

Mission Trip Participants, August - October 2010

Alaska Mission Team—Glen & Jan Allen, Jerry Korn, Mike & Teddy Scott, Gary & Kathleen Austin, Carol Etter, Fred & Jo Teal, Doris DeGraw, John & Kathy Marvin, Ae Sun Robles, Tae Yun Pak, Doug & Deanne Handlong, Danna Alvey

Leupp Roofing Mission Team—Glen Allen, Darrell English, Dave Sorenson

Volunteer Staff

Jan Allen - Mission Trip Coordinator; John Mauk - Prayer and Medicine Coordinator;
Pete and De Dow - Financial Secretaries; Polly Philpott - Treasurer; Susan Stokes - Website Management;
Lisa Kearsley - Editor, 'The Common Task'; Polly Philpott - Office Team Leader;
Pete Piper and Kelly Campbell - Office volunteers; Roger Holden - Assistant

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