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MISSIONS, MONEY AND THIS ECONOMY

There's just no doubt about it—these are tough economic times we're going through right now.

The *FaithWorks* truck fuel bill is dramatically up from only three weeks ago! We have adjusted travels accordingly. This has affected mission site planning and preparation for our upcoming three trips to assist Christian ministries—"The Olive Branch," a home for disabled men in Rimrock; the "Old Town Mission" in Cottonwood, a resource center helping the working-poor in the Verde Valley; and the "Northstar Youth Ranch" in Flagstaff, founded to rescue kids at risk and also abused animals.

We all ask ourselves what's happening financially in this confusing, unpredictable world. We evaluate our spending in order to be the very best manager of what God continues to give.

Three economic principles guide us here at *FaithWorks* as we keep-on-keeping-on in the mission-sending work God has called us to:



First, we rest in the foundational truth that God's economy is more important than the world's economy. The world would say "You can't do that—there's not enough money!" God says, "Seek first the Kingdom of God and all these things will be added unto you." (*Matthew 6:33*) We're putting God's purposes first and foremost and trusting by faith for the means to get it done.

In God's economy there is no shortage of things or money. It is up to us to overcome our shortfall in faith to move ahead. God says, "Trust me by faith and I'll show you where the 'things' are!"

Second, we believe this is an era that is pointing up for us all "What's really most important to you?" Hard times sort out our priorities. Is it really the desire of our heart to buy that other additional piece of new furniture than to continue that commitment in consistent, financial monthly support so a missionary family on the field of service can have daily word and witness of the Gospel? When testing time comes financially, our checkbook register tells just how convinced we are of the cause of Christ in the world.

Third, there is always *something* God's people can give in God's economy. It may be small or large, in our estimation, but if we're listening to God in the act of giving, it will always be just right.

Let me illustrate: Because one of our R.N.'s who goes to Mexico with us regularly on medical missions has fallen in love with the people there, she has felt the need to give, above and beyond her other generous support, \$10 a month so that they can buy Spanish Bibles. I recently presented a cumulative check to our Mexico partners for \$100 because of her small, but consistent giving over 10 months.

Another "widow's mite" type gift is the \$12.50 per month gift for general orphan support in our work in Tanzania. Also, a faithful lady in Casa Grande gives us Beanie Babies and used children's books. Someone else wanted to



A girl at the medical clinic in Mexico receiving one of our blankets.

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Mission Statement

To unite the Christian community in mission ministry through providing opportunities for education, information, and practical mission experiences locally, nationally, and internationally.

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drop by a brand-new, still in the closet, vacuum cleaner for the *FaithWorks* office! There's always something we can give if we want to.

So, let's be careful what we may blame for the difficulties that may be occurring in mission support throughout the world today. Is it the "world economy" at fault or is it us?

It has always been true that God's people provide for God's work. More often than not, that usually is sacrificial giving—"eating crow" financially—so that others less fortunate can have what they need.

That's God's economy,

Glen Allen
Executive Director, Faithworks



To see these and more pictures of the Mexico medical mission trip IN COLOR, visit www.faithworksphotos1.shutterstock.com

MEXICO MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

Thank you for all the prayers and concern over the 21st Mexico Medical Mission on Nov. 11-14 with *FaithWorks*. We so appreciate all of your love.

After many road blocks, we still persevered and plodded along in God's grace:

- One of our borrowed vans broke down and had to be left in Camp Verde.
- Everyone had to ride *very* closely with each other for the duration of the trip, coming and going.
- A fatal accident on I-10 caused a couple hours' delay.
- The Motel 6 had raised their prices quite a bit for the Veterans Day Holiday. (We try to keep our missionaries fees as low as possible.)

BUT, once we got to Mexico things started to smooth out! The people were so glad to see us after we had to cancel our last mission in May because of border problems. They genuinely missed us, as we did them!

The clinic saw a total of 154 patients in the two-day mission. The count was down quite a bit from past times, but we are always glad that people are well! Our children's ministry went extremely well, as we had a couple of new team members who spent a lot of time on the soccer field and with the kids doing "projects." The children did not want to go home! At one time the line for the jump rope was longer than the lines for the doctors!

FaithWorks is going to proceed with our planned medical missions to Mexico throughout 2011 unless we feel it is not safe or secure. Please continue your prayers for the lovely and needy people of Agua Prieta. They are praying for you too!

We do have an on-going need for vitamins for children and adults. Why not make it a Sunday School project? Each time you go to the store, pick up a bottle of vitamins. It goes a long ways in Mexico. Also, if any of you have felt the "Holy Hunch" of wanting to give a monetary gift towards the purchase of medicines for our medical mission, please call the *FaithWorks* office, and we'll be so glad to help you in that way.



A DAY AT SUNSHINE

On Saturday, January 15th, sixteen eager souls gathered at the Flagstaff Sunshine Rescue Mission for a day of work and fellowship. They came from as far away as Peoria, Williams and Prescott as well as Camp Verde and Flagstaff. Altogether, we made a huge improvement on the inside of the mission. There were foodstuffs being rearranged, clothing hung and categorized, a shower stall readied for installation, insulation and sheet rock put on two ceilings, the kitchen completely de-greased and cleaned, and numerous other tasks. Devotions were given, a fantastic lunch was prepared, new friendships were made and more mission trips were planned! Thank you to all who joined the team!



FAITHWORKS! MEXICO MEDICAL MISSION FEB. 17- 20

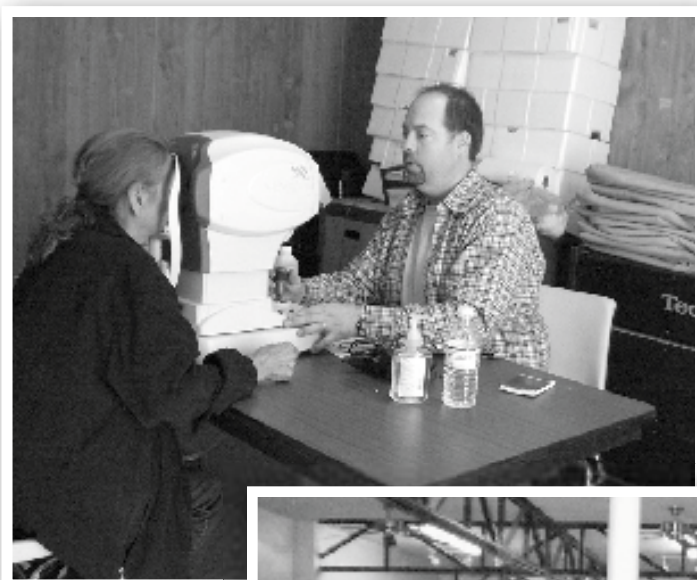
Many, many thanks to all who prayed for our 22nd Mexico Medical Mission that took place Feb. 17-20. It was a very productive mission. There were 16 missionaries on the team from Flagstaff, Bullhead City, Casa Grande, Camp Verde, and Sierra Vista. All joined together to make a "Christian difference" in the lives of our friends across the border to the south. Our very loving and capable doctors saw over 130 patients in two days, and our optometrist saw over 160 patients and gave away 190 pairs of glasses! We even had a doctor from Douglas who donates his time to the clinic, working alongside us. What a joyful mix of Christians, professionals, and willing folks were gathered in the town of Agua Prieta. On Friday, our optometry team set up their clinic in the El Buen Pastor Church in downtown Agua Prieta, seeing many folks who live in the downtown area. Then on Saturday they moved the team to the Fuente de Vida clinic where the rest of the team was. The trip down and back was very safe, and we had wonderful drivers. Thank you for your prayers of "safety-in-travel."

FaithWorks has been given many quilts, baby blankets, knitted hats, scarves, toiletry-kits, and many other items to take to Mexico, and the team had such a great time giving it all away! Thank you to all who were involved in that as well (We need more now!) Pastor Gela and her congregation were so appreciative of our team coming to her La Colonia and sends her greetings to all of you as well. We were blessed to be able to join the congregation in a worship service on Saturday night in their new worship center!

Before our next mission to Mexico (May 19-22), we are going to need children's and adult vitamins, small plastic medicine bottles, old eyeglasses, snack baggies, and coloring books and colors. If you have any of these items and would like to donate them, please call the office at 928-774-0504, and we'll be glad to see that they get to Mexico. Thank you again for your prayers. We cannot do what we do without them!

The March Mission to "The OLive Branch" in Rimrock, is full so we would appreciate your prayers for that. Also, the Mission to the "Old Town Mission" in Cottonwood is full! We are now taking registrations for the Alaska Mission August 27 - Sept. 4. Please let us know *soon* so we can arrange flights.

May 7 is our next one-day mission to "Northstar Youth Ranch" right here in Flagstaff. Please call for more info and registration!



REMAINING 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.

March 12

“The Olive Branch,” Rimrock, AZ FULL!

April 9

“The Old Town Mission,” Cottonwood, AZ FULL!

May 7

Northstar Youth Ranch, Flagstaff, AZ

May 19-22

Agua Prieta Medical Mission, Mexico

June 19-25

McCurdy Mission School, Espanola, New Mexico

June 30 – July 15

Africa Medical Mission, Tanzania

Aug. 27 – Sept. 4

Alaska Mission, Alaska

September 30

11th Annual Celebration Banquet

November 17-20

Agua Prieta Medical Mission, Mexico

December 3

4th Annual Navajo Children’s Christmas Mission, Leupp, AZ

FAITHWORKS NEEDS:

- Metal filing cabinet for the medical clinic in Agua Prieta, Mexico
- Children’s videos in Spanish
- Spanish magazines (for the clinic waiting room)
- Children’s/adult vitamins
- Used eyeglasses
- Clean pill bottles

Can you help supply any of these items? If so, please call the *FaithWork* office. Thank you!

PLEASE!

Allow extra time for reserving space on *FaithWorks* Day Trips. They fill up very quickly and we always regret having to limit our teams.

We also do not want to overburden our hosts on the mission site.

Give at least 2 or 3 months in advance planning.

Thank You!

FAITHWORKS FINANCIAL REPORT GENERAL FUND JAN 1 - FEB 28, 2011

DESCRIPTION:	AMOUNT	BUDGETED	OVER (UNDER) BUDGET
Donations from Churches	\$7,788	\$7,750	\$(38)
Donations from Individuals	\$8,172	\$11,500	\$3,328
Other Revenue	\$2,150	\$1,970	\$(180)
Total Revenue	\$18,110	\$21,220	\$3,110
Operating Expenditures	\$26,178	\$21,702	\$(4,476)
Net of Expense over Revenue	(\$8,068)		

We thank each of you for your continued faithful support to *FaithWorks* during this new year. We were so blessed to have ended 2010 with a positive balance but are running \$8068 behind for the first two months of 2011. Please pray with us that God will continue to bless *FaithWorks* with the funds needed to continue and expand the ministry to so many needy people locally, nationally, and internationally.

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 _____



Thanks again for all who participated in December's work day and Christmas party on the Navajo Reservation in Leupp!

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO TO SUPPORT FAITHWORKS!

Mission Trip Participants, November 2010 - February 2011

Mexico Mission Team-Fall 2010—Glen & Jan Allen, Bill Austin, Linda VanDeren, Matilde Leibe, Faye Willis, Robbie & Mona Schmidt, Dave Sorenson, Anita Oquita, Norma McDowell, Georgia Delgadillo, Barbara Wagner, Bill & Shannon Bradel, Steven & Vickie Lewis

Leupp Christmas Mission Team—Glen & Jan Allen, Barbara Bryant, Linda Chevalier, Peggy Klenard, Janet, Jason, Bryant & Emily Morrow, Karen Trinity, Trenton Player, Lynn Schrimsher, Tracey Sheehy, Caroline Sheffer, Aimee Klear, Kate Downing, Ryan Stigmon, Spencer Cunningham, Lynn Cole, Bailey Cunningham, Meredy Hartman, Eddy, Jannette, Derek, Dawson, & Grace Bressler, Wes Girard, Peter Piper, Dean, Angie, C.J., & Wyatt Neasham, Steve & Susan Wilmot, Sandra Rasmussen, Jim Fugate, Sharon Dalrymple, Lisa Kearsley, Youth group from Trinity Heights, Allan & Jenny Adams, Lu Brumbaugh, Ed Zukowski, Darrel English

Sunshine Rescue Mission Team—Bob & Polly Philpott, Glen & Jan Allen, Joe & Pam Hendrickson, Bud & Barb Parenteau, Tom Peters, Peter Piper, Edith Phillips, Mike Holpuch, Tom & Marsha Franklin, Teddy Jean Todd, Kathleen Austin, Carol Etter

Mexico Mission Team-Winter 2011—Glen & Jan Allen, Bill Austin, Dave & Gigi Sorenson, Anita Oquita, Barbara Wagner, Bill & Shannon Bradel, Steven & Vickie Lewis, Ken Jeffers, Henry McLaughlin, Rick & Desiree Morgan, Matilde Leibe, Linda VanDeren, Emelda Colanto

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Lisa Kearsley - Editor, 'The Common Task'; Polly Philpott - Office Team Leader;
Pete Piper and Kelly Campbell - Office volunteers; Roger Holden - Assistant*

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

DONATIONS

If you would like to financially support FaithWorks or any of our trips, you can join the many Christians who have made FaithWorks part of their monthly budget. You can designate your funds or give general support that can be applied where it is needed most.

In-Kind gifts are accepted on an as-needed basis.

VOLUNTEERS

There is always a place for anyone who wishes to volunteer for any of our trips/projects/office work.

PLANNED GIVING

Making FaithWorks part of your estate will leave a legacy of good works that will change lives.



At the medical clinic in Mexico.



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