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MISSION MERCIES

Have you ever done or said something you later regretted? Was it in ignorance? Selfishness? Even in anger? Have you found yourself in great need because of your sin against God or to others?

Because of our human condition—our sin or someone else's—we all stand in need of God's mercy.

When we give our hearts to God and pledge to follow Jesus Christ as Lord, we are called to practice mercy.

The Bible says, "Blessed are the merciful for they shall receive mercy" (*Matthew 5:7*). King David said, "Have mercy upon me, O God according to thy lovingkindness..." (*Psalms 51:1*). Psalm 11:17 reminds us that "Our own soul is nourished when we practice mercy; it is destroyed when we are cruel."

The dictionary defines mercy as "compassion; pity for the undeserving and the guilty."

In all the missions we send out at *FaithWorks*, we try to practice mercy—doing something for someone that they cannot do for themselves and expecting nothing in return.

We continue our seven-year involvement in Africa. Regularly we send financial support to a "feeding station" for the poor and elderly in Karatu, Tanzania. Recently, we totaled our current financial support there in the area to just over \$2725 since March 1, 2012. Medically, we send monies to Pastor Robert Temba in Karatu who ministers to those who are maimed, disabled and handicapped. He transports these patients to Kilimanjaro Medical Center to be treated and fitted with new prostheses.

When the severe March winds destroyed a roof on the Navajo Indian Mission we support in Leupp, Arizona, we mustered 11 missionaries from three different member churches to go and help on May 4-5. Altogether the repair cost just over \$1100.

In this issue you'll read about our May 5th mission help to Northstar Youth Ranch just north of Flagstaff, Arizona, where Christian "mercy" is extended to at-risk kids and abused animals. Thirty nine missionaries from 11 different churches attended.

We've just returned from our 26th Mexico Medical Mission in the twelve years we've been going to that nation. We learned again how poor and needy the people are. We've been called to practice mercy in Agua Prieta, Sonora. During

this most recent mission trip, a young Mexican husband and father told me, "I make a minimum wage of \$40 a week to provide the total needs of my family of four, and yet I have to pay \$5 for a gallon of milk!"

The clinic we provide, with no cost, three times per year, gives a level of health to them that they could never afford on their own.

It's just practicing mercy. It's what we should be doing in our walk with the Lord every day. All of us are spared from calamity of one sort or another for service to others that God has planned for us.

Mission mercies. We must do what we can with what we have and do it now!

On mission with you,

Glen Allen, Executive Director



Jan Allen with children at the Mexico Medical Mission.

AN EASTER MISSION – AN ANNUAL TRADITION?

Would you expect 18 missionaries from five different churches to sign up on “Easter Saturday” to put out the hard work of painting the outside of a huge house for fellow Christian servants? We didn’t either – thinking that, just maybe, it would be bad timing on a holiday weekend to hope for workers to help with such a project.

But, WOW, we were pleasantly surprised to find such interest and participation for folks who felt a need to serve, “to do something special” in observance of such a holy week in all our Christian memories. So, Christians from five Arizona cities – Paradise Valley, Cottonwood, Payson, Flagstaff, and Camp Verde converged on the *Living Water Retreat Center* in Cornville located on Oak Creek, equidistance from Sedona, Cottonwood, and Camp Verde in central Arizona on April 7 to paint, paint, paint all day. Twenty-two gallons of paint later, the job was done! Terry Schick, a well-known “rose-arian,” gave of his expertise and hard work to prune the Center’s many neglected roses all day!

Helping to repaint, restore, and return this facility to effective ministry was gratifying to everyone.



All of us, at one time or another, has come to that tired, exhausted point where we have needed a place to go to hear God’s encouragement – “*To them that have no might, He increaseth strength!*”

Our prayer is that God will continue to use *Living Water Retreat Center* to refresh and keep Christian leaders on their feet, serving God’s Kingdom in Arizona!



Bob Philpott paints away.



Glen outlines the day’s activities.



Darrel and Yvonne English make a great painting team.



Our impromptu mission trip to the Navajo Indian Mission in Leupp on May 4-5, where we removed severely wind-damaged metal roofing and installed a new metal roof. Shown in this photo, Russ Kelch of Christ’s Church, Flagstaff, with his 3-member crew; and Brooke Wiley of Church of the Resurrection, Flagstaff.

HOWDY, NORTHSTAR YOUTH RANCH!

Northstar Youth Ranch is located next to the peaks in Flagstaff and has weathered some hard challenges in the first couple years of its existence. First the Schultz fire in 2010 had them evacuating over 60 animals and their family of 7, then came the flooding of the barn and property when the monsoons arrived. But through it all God has been their comforter, protector and provider.

The Christian mission of Northstar is to pair up abused animals with neglected children to learn how to trust once again. And to show God’s love to one and all whether animal or man.

FaithWorks has made Northstar Youth Ranch a mission site for the past two years, coming alongside Scott and Amber Martin and their family to try and alleviate some of the stress and upkeep of a ranch that comes to them every day.

On Saturday, May 5, *FaithWorks* had a team of 38 meet at Northstar and perform a myriad of tasks including fence building, painting of tack rooms, washing windows, picking up rocks in the pasture, getting a garden spot ready for planting, installing lighting in the barn, cleaning horse troughs, arranging clothing for give-away, and many other farm chores. The team was incredible in their energy and abilities to accomplish most of the tasks set before them. Only “time” got in the way. Even a brownie troop from Casa Grande and their parents showed up to help. Thank you to all who prayed for safety on this day. It was only a “One-Band-Aid-Day”!



Alyssa helps plant flowers.

Northstar also collects and distributes clothing items (baby through age 19) to those in need. This is especially needed for foster families, as they often receive a child at the spur of the moment and have no clothes for them. If you would like to donate some children’s items (always needed are diapers and baby things), please call the *FaithWorks* office at 928-774-0504 and we’ll tell you how to do it!



Alex Purchase digs in the garden while Nathan, who lives at the Northstar Youth Ranch, works with a tractor.



Trinity Chevalier grooms a horse.



Many hands make light work of fence construction.

THE MAY MEXICO MEDICAL MISSION: an all-time record!

The 26th FaithWorks mission to Mexico and the 16th mission to the same destination there happened on Thursday, May 17 through Sunday May 20, 2012. There were 17 volunteers from 11 different churches from six different locations around Arizona and one from Virginia!

This happened to be the busiest mission yet! With three doctors, one dentist, and one optometrist, we were running the whole time! In two full days at two locations in Agua Prieta, over 50 folks were seen by the dentist; 158 by the medical doctors; and over 270 by the optometrist who also gave out over 300 pairs of free glasses! The medicines that we were able to dispense for free totaled over \$1000 this trip. All in all, the numbers were up all around.

The weather was very hot and windy and dusty, but it didn't deter our team one bit! We had floor fans going and water being passed out to folks in the waiting lines and rooms, and everyone just took it in stride. It is amazing what you can endure when you know you are helping others and that you are in God's will.

We had so many folks praying for us, and we truly felt it at all times. Even though we had quite a wait at the Mexican Border going in on Friday morning, the mission got off to a very good start and ended with the most wonderful worship service at Fuente de Vida Iglesia, the mission, on Saturday night. Pastor Gela's church always likes to thank our team by having a worship/praise/prayer time together after the clinic closes. As a special treat this time, they had the words to their songs on a screen in English for us! That was difficult in itself for them, and we were very grateful for it! We have a great need for children's and adults' vitamins and used eye glasses for our next mission to Mexico in



The long line for eyeglasses.



Henry McLaughlin works with a man to give him the correct eyeglasses.



Linda VanDeren, R.N., helps a boy hear his heartbeat.

November. If you can help us with these supplies, please call the office and we'll find a way to get them from you.

Please be in prayer for Pastor Gela and her church as they struggle to exist in a very, very poor community that has little except for the love of God in their hearts and lives.

Many thanks to all who gave, prayed and/or went on this outstanding 26th Medical Mission to Mexico!



Bev Thornton with girls who came.



Glen Allen comforts a patient.



Saturday night worship with the Mexican Church.

Quotes from missionaries:

"I had a talk with myself and with God a few days ago. This is the message I received:

"Martha, I know you don't like to get up early but you loved every minute of that trip to Mexico with Glen, Jan, and the gang and you saw a sunrise for the first time in many months; wasn't it beautiful?" I said, "Yes, God, it was fantastic and my heart was so moved I cannot wait to go back and do more physical therapy there!"

"Thanks, Jan... Martha."

~ Martha Wing, Physical Therapist, Feb. Mexico Medical Mission

"Thank you, Glen and Jan, for being directors of God's work and providing a way for all of us to give back to others."

~Teddy Jean Todd, Olive Branch Mission, March

"Thank you Jan & Glen, what a wonderful weekend that was helping the community of Agua Prieta. I just got back from a two week medical volunteer trip in Cusco, Peru. I have found that I love outreach medicine and I hope to find a calling to these programs. Thank you for giving me my FIRST opportunity to go on a medical mission."

~ Susan Hamilton, Feb. Mexico Medical Mission

"Dear Pastor Glen,
Greeting in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. It is my hope that you are doing well in the mission activities helping needy people. We are fine in Machame, it is raining.

I would like to give my heart greetings and recognition of what you have done to us. Remember that you are always in our hearts. May our Lord acknowledge you on everything you do to help poor people.

Greetings to Mama Simba, Dr. Patton and others. Mungu awabariki."

~Dr. Raymond Shoo, doctor friend in Tanzania that we helped put through medical school, 2006-2009



"That was FUN today! Abby wants a horse and a donkey. I told her about all the work involved and she said "all you need to do is adopt some kids!" I'll have to tell Amber that!"

~Jennifer Youngberg, mom of 9-yr-old Amber, Northstar Youth Ranch, missionary

"I think that my biggest impression is of the people there. There is so much poverty that even the basic needs of some are not met. However at the church service on Saturday night they are just praising God in a way that we, who have all our needs as well as some wants met, should feel very humble. In addition they pray for our continued safety. They are so appreciative that it is a real blessing to be able to minister to their needs in the short time we are there."

~Faye Willis, nurse, Feb. Mexico Medical Mission

Anyone who is considering a mission trip with Faithworks can do so knowing that Glen and Jan Allen are so thoughtful and well organized that if you follow their directions you will have a wonderful, safe, and spiritual experience. I would encourage anyone who is considering a mission trip to sign up with Faithworks.

~Tony Book, Feb. Mexico Medical Mission

MISSION TEAMS STILL OPEN FOR 2012:

Our mission teams fill up very quickly so we want you to know which are still open:

Oct. 15.....Navajo Indian Reservation building fix-up, Leupp, AZ.

Dec.1..... Children's Christmas Mission to Leupp, AZ.

If you are interested in either of these please contact the FaithWorks office now to join the mission team. The following mission teams are full, and we would so appreciate your prayers for them: McCurdy Mission School in Espanola, NM July 8-14; Alaska mission trip at Birchwood Camp August 11-19; and Medical mission trip to Agua Prieta, Mexico November 15-18. Thank you so much for your support of these mission trips through your enthusiasm to join the teams and for your prayers.



**VITAL STATISTICS
(SINCE FOUNDING JUNE 2000)**

Missionaries sent out	2407
Number of Mission Trips	131
Value of donated labor, medicines, and materials	\$1,195,185

WELCOME NEW CHURCH!

We always rejoice in the Lord when new churches join *FaithWorks!* And we have one to celebrate with!

We welcome Mountain View United Methodist Church in Cottonwood, AZ, to *FaithWorks*. We want to be available to you for missions in your future.

We thank you for joining the *FaithWorks* network! We hope to serve alongside you on many missions!

CELL PHONE RECYCLING

FaithWorks will collect your old cell phones and/or smart phones for recycling as a fund raiser and to help the environment. The old phones will be sent to GRC recycling through a responsible zero landfill process. Please call the *FaithWorks* office to see how we can receive your old devices. Thank you.

FAITHWORKS NEEDS:

We collect the following for our various mission sites:

- Reading and prescription eye glasses
- Vitamins (adults and children's)
- Beanie Babies
- Senior nutritional drinks (Ensure, etc.)
- Baby clothes (in good condition)
- Toys
- New toothbrushes & toothpaste

Can you help supply any of these items? If so, please mail them to us or contact us for a drop-off point for us to pick them up.

We also have the following operational needs:

- Help on "Utility Reimbursement" to express appreciation for our donated office space each month.
- Assistance of mechanic talent and expertise to keep up maintenance of the FaithWorks pick up and trailer for our missions.

Please call our office (928-774-0504) if you can help. Any assistance would be appreciated!



FaithWorks volunteers Roger Holden and Brad Leslie from Flagstaff delivered to Douglas, AZ numerous crutches, 6 canes, 16 pediatric wheelchairs, 1 shower seat, 1 commode top and various eye surgery equipment to be given to the Mexican Agency, DIF, to be used at the hospital in Agua Prieta, Mexico. The items were originally from the Flagstaff Medical Center and the Casa Grande Lions Club, given to *FaithWorks* to use as needed. We thank Roger and Brad for making this all happen!

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 _____

To keep costs down, we print this newsletter in black and white. However, it is available in color at our website! Also, while we can fit just a few black and white photos into the newsletter, we have many other photos available in color for your viewing, also at our website. Please visit our site and click on the newsletter and photos links to see them in color. We also have many other features on this revamped website to keep you up to date with *FaithWorks* happenings. Please check it out!

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FAITHWORKS FINANCIAL REPORT GENERAL FUND JAN 1 - MAY 31, 2012

REVENUE:	AMOUNT	BUDGETED	OVER (UNDER) BUDGET
Donations from Churches	\$18,051	\$16,250	\$1,801
Donations from Individuals	\$22,546	\$30,208	\$(7,662)
Church Membership Dues	\$1,050	\$833	\$ 217
Other Revenue	\$3,989	\$3,613	\$ 377
Total Revenue	\$45,636	\$50,904	\$(5,267)
OPERATING EXPENSES:	\$48,763	\$51,188	\$(2,425)

Net of Expense over Revenue (\$3,127)

We appreciate so much each of you who contributes so faithfully to *FaithWorks*. We are running somewhat short for the first five months of 2012 with our expenses exceeding revenues by \$3127. We have been able to keep our expenses below budget for the first five months by \$2425, but our revenues are also below budget by \$5267. If God puts it on your heart to help with this shortage, it would be so appreciated as FaithWorks continues His work in the coming months. Please remember that FaithWorks is a non-profit 501(c3) organization and that your donations are tax deductible.

In addition to the General Operating Fund we have received \$4,821 from Jan 1-May 31, 2012 in funds designated for special projects! These include our projects in Africa, Mexico, New Mexico, Alaska, the Navajo Reservation, and various other local mission projects. 100% of these funds go as requested to the designated projects.

Again, we thank you for your heart for missions and for reaching out to a needy, hurting world.

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO TO SUPPORT FAITHWORKS!

Mission Trip Participants, April - May, 2012

Living Water Retreat Center Mission Team—Glen & Jan Allen, Bill Austin, Darrel & Yvonne English, Ian & Jak Kearsley, Bob & Polly Philpott, Terry & Willie Schick, Randy, Debbi, & Camie Sealover, Lisa TenBarge, Sidney Springstead, Jay Norton, Clint Miller

Northstar Youth Ranch Mission Team—Glen & Jan Allen, George & Debra Ansbach, Dottie McArthur, Randy Sealover, Billy Martin, Chanell Macrae & Jamie Donovan, Erin King, Tyler Heggstad, Danna Alvey, Al Sandoval, Alan & Alex Purchase, Ken, Jennifer & Abigail Youngberg, Joanne Marquez, Clint Miller, Linda Chevalier & Trinity, Melissa Williams and Brownie Troop #1315

Mexico Medical Mission Team—Glen & Jan Allen, Bill Austin, Ken Jeffers, Carolyn Landis, Matilde Liebe, Kathy Marvin, Henry McLaughlin, Carrie Monroy, Anita Oquita, Stephan Peters, Braeden Peters, Dave & Gigi Sorenson, Beverly Thorton, Linda VanDeren, Faye Willis

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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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