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NO GOOD DEED GOES UNPUNISHED

Because conditions are so different in the very poor Mexico neighborhood where we take medical mission teams three times per year, every trip there has its unique, trying circumstances.

But its importance is challenged each time we go. We have learned to be prepared for "testing times"—relying heavily on the prayers for protection and provision of our sending churches. We keep our eyes fixed on sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ by our ministry of presence there. The gifts of medical care, free medicines, and clinic equipment are just a part of what happens to share God's love, and we do so by both word and deed.

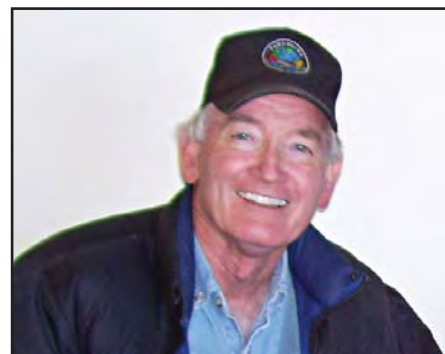
Such a "testing" came this latest time, May 16-19, with 6 of our 11-member medical team falling ill with a debilitating stomach virus! We normally provide two full days of medical clinic. This time though, we had to close the clinic at noon on the 2nd day in order to take care of sick team members.

Still, your prayers were answered: in all, we treated 154 patients. In addition, we were able to transport and donate wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, and other needed medical equipment. Another huge accomplishment was the completion of a new agreement with the Mexican Government for future trouble free transport of medicines and equipment across the border!

God prevailed. We were healed enough to return home safely and on schedule. It was our 29th Mexico medical mission in 13 years.

We have learned the Scriptural truth, expressed so uniquely in Ephesians 6:13 of *The Message*, New Testament:

"Be prepared. You're up against far more than you can handle on your own. Take all the help you can get, every weapon God has issued, so that when it's all over but the shouting, you'll still be on your feet!"



On Mission With You,

Glen Allen,
Executive Director



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DILKON MISSION TRIP

Getting an early morning start on Saturday, March 2nd, a team of six people headed out north of Flagstaff to Cedar Springs Nazarene Church on the Navajo Reservation near Dilkon, Arizona to do some additional construction work started on an Oct. 13, 2012, mission trip to that same location. The team installed and trimmed out six new windows (that we provided) and put a new door in the fellowship hall of the church. The team had also previously supplied two cords of wood for the church, as the only heat in the fellowship hall is a wood stove. For lunch, the team went into Dilkon and enjoyed Navajo Burgers at a local Navajo owned restaurant. Everybody raved about the delicious food!

Pastor Mike Winslow was so pleased and appreciative of all the much-needed work that the team accomplished. One team member expressed, "We had such a great time working together and accomplishing so much for this church and for the Lord!"

LIVING WATER MISSION TRIP

Our mission trip for *Living Water Retreat Center* in Cornville, Arizona, was scheduled for late March. Much to our disappointment, they are going through some very serious financial times and may lose the property. How sad to see this happening. You may have enjoyed going to a retreat there yourself in times past and know what an absolutely beautiful, restful place it is. *FaithWorks* has had mission trips there in the past where we have painted, repaired, and pruned at many of the buildings and grounds there. We continue to keep them in our prayers to see if God wants this ministry to continue. We had to cancel this mission trip.

Life happens, and we as Christians know this more than anyone, don't we? But we have a God who gets us through life-happenings, one who loves us and encourages us to go on when all seems lost. Many thanks and praises to you for your support, prayers, and participation in this mission.



Dilkon mission trip.



OLIVE BRANCH MISSION

In March, after having to postpone one of our mission trips and then having to cancel yet another one, we started to question: what did we do wrong? But the answer always came back: Nothing! Roadblocks happen!

Weather was the determining factor of the March 9th mission trip to *The Olive Branch* in Rimrock, Arizona. It was a surprise spring storm of snow and rain that is so prominent in our part of the country. So we postponed the mission until the following week, March 16th, all the while thinking we would have numerous cancellations, and we'd have to do what we could do with what we had. *Wrong!* We had so many folks wanting to volunteer that we ended up turning some away!

On the final team were 27 folks from six different churches all the way from Paradise Valley to Flagstaff to Williams, including a youth group from the Camp Verde UMC! The weather was gorgeous and we accomplished many tasks for *The Olive Branch* that they never seem to get around to because of their ministry. *The Olive Branch* is a Christian home for mentally disabled men who are able to live on their own but need a fair amount of guidance. Director Cyndi Howell just celebrated the 20th Anniversary of her ministry, and we were privileged to help them celebrate.

With seven homes on the property that the men live in, there is always something to fix. We put new skirting on two mobile homes, washed (what seemed like) hundreds of windows, removed an old stone fence, refilled and fertilized their raised vegetable beds and even planted some for them, and mostly just enjoyed being with the very friendly men who live at *The Olive Branch*. Thank you for your prayers and support of this very blessed ministry.



CAMP CIVITAN MISSION TRIP

Saturday May 4th found *FaithWorks* on its 143rd mission trip in 13 years! We were at Camp Civitan just outside of Williams, Arizona, in the picturesque hill country on the way to the Grand Canyon.

Camp Civitan is a non-profit organization that has been providing multiple ever-changing programs to meet the needs of disabled children and adults who are developmentally disabled. They serve over 750 families annually in their many programs. Consequently they do not have enough time to keep up with the ever-needed repairs and upkeep of a camp that size.

Twenty four volunteers from seven different churches arrived with energy and love to accomplish what needed to be done in this one-day mission.

We had a brick-paver team who laid pavers to make a wheelchair accessible path from the basketball court to the miniature golf area. We thank the paver-crew for all the blood, sweat, and tears that was put into that hard job!

There were over 40 stored bunk beds that needed to be assembled and cleaned, then mattresses re-covered to be ready for the campers to have a great place to sleep while there. The crew assigned to that task really kept busy all day and with joyful spirit!

Our own cook team of Bob and Polly, Ilene and Cassie did an amazing job with feeding the team. We all know a mission team works on its stomach!

Everyone on this *FaithWorks* team had such a sweet and willing spirit to do the jobs joyfully and unto the Lord—we thank them so much.



To see these and more mission trip pictures in color, visit www.faithworks4us.org and click on the "photos" tab.

A WINDOW ON WINDOW ROCK

Tucked in among the red hills of Window Rock, Arizona, just over the state line into New Mexico, is the home of Western Indian Ministries. It is comprised of a Christian Anglo-Native American School, a church and a radio ministry dedicated to reaching the lost in that part of the Southwest. WIM is also the home of missionaries Steve & Katrina Marti and their three children Anna, James and John.

Eleven missionaries from three different churches gathered at their home with willing hearts and a lot of energy for a day-and-a-half mission to try and complete some items on Steve and Katrina's "wish list." In the short time we were there, we were able to wash all of Katrina's windows, as well as all those in the school plus three other mobile homes. A team pulled out an acre (seemed like an acre) of weeds, the men built an extended insulated wall in their home to make it cooler as well as installing an evap cooler, built a new porch and steps, installed brand new carpeting in their office/home schooling room, did some painting, and patched the roof.

We concluded on Sunday with worship, led by Steve and daughter Anna, at the foot of "Window Rock," which is a park maintained by the Navajo Nation. The monument has a wonderful tribute and statues commemorating the Navajo soldiers from the USA wars. The worship service was a very moving experience, and we thank all of you for your prayers and support of this, our 145th mission for *FaithWorks!*



FAITHWORKS FINANCIAL REPORT GENERAL FUND JAN 1 - MAY 31, 2013

REVENUE:	AMOUNT	BUDGETED	OVER (UNDER) BUDGET
Donations from Churches	\$16,100	\$17,917	\$(1,817)
Donations from Individuals	\$21,457	\$28,333	\$(6,876)
Church Membership Dues	\$925	\$833	\$ 92
Other Revenue	\$3,833	\$3,688	\$ 145
Total Revenue	\$42,315	\$50,771	\$(8,456)
OPERATING EXPENSES:	\$48,092	\$51,267	\$(3,175)

Net of Expense over Revenue (\$5,777)

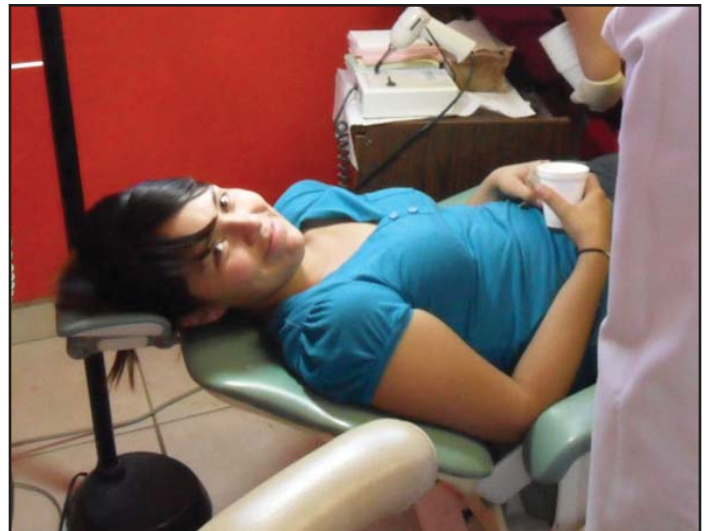
We appreciate so much each of you who contributes so faithfully to *FaithWorks*. We are still running short for the 5 month period of Jan 1-May 31 with expenses exceeding revenues by \$5,777. We have been able to keep our expenses below budget for the 5-month period by \$3,175, but our revenues are also below budget by \$8,456. 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 \$9,351 from Jan 1-May 31, 2013 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.



The May Mexico medical clinic.



VITAL STATISTICS	
(SINCE FOUNDING JUNE 2000)	
Missionaries sent out	2,623
Number of Mission Trips	145
Value of donated labor, medicines, and materials	\$1,447,533

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FAITHWORKS!

June 1st marked our 13th birthday! And in those 13 years we have sent out 2623 missionaries to 145 destinations, distributing over 1.4 million dollars in free labor, materials and medicines!

We now have 25 member churches from 12 different denominations and community churches supporting *FaithWorks* by prayers, volunteers and monetary support.

We have a strong volunteer servant force that helps us with everything from office work to distribution of goods on the Navajo Reservation and Mexico.

With thanks to the Lord and YOU, we have been able to reach so many folks who have needed help, and we have been blessed with the means to do it!

FAITHWORKS SUPPORT

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Thank you!



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Mission Trip Participants, March - June, 2013

Dilkon Mission Team—Bob Philpott, Gary Watkins, Charles Hodgins, Bill, Stephanie, & Brooke Wiley

Olive Branch Mission Team—Glen & Jan Allen, Ken Carter, Michael, Chavell, & Jamie Combs, Jerry Korn, Bob & Juanita Gillis, Norma McDowell, Randy Sealover, Bill Stafford, Tina, Samantha & Gwendy Plainbull, Jason & Brittany, Stacey Christmann, Courtney Yeager, Eric Hayne, Billy Martin, Clint Miller & Jacob

Camp Civitan Mission Team—Glen & Jan Allen, Joe & Pam Hendrickson, Jerry Korn, Bob & Polly Philpott, Cassie Dagenhart, Tom Peters, Randy & Debbi Sealover, Joan Stoner, Linda Chevalier, Trinity Player, William Orr, Ginny Patterson, Robert Simmons, Charles & Ilene Hodgins, Bud Parenteau, Dennis, Francis, George & Debbie Ansbach

Mexico Mission Team—Glen & Jan Allen, Bill Austin, Matilde Liebe, Dave & Gigi Sorenson, Faye Willis, Linda VanDeren, Steven & Carrie Peters, Kathy Marvin

Western Indian Mission Team—Glen & Jan Allen, Mick, Renee, Ethan & Kyle Henry, Randy Sealover, Ken, Jennifer, Abby & Maddie Youngberg

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Jan Allen - Mission Trip Coordinator; Ilene Hodgin - Prayer Coordinator; Kelly Campbell - Financial Secretary; Polly Philpott - Treasurer; 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.

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



Kathy Marvin working with children at the Mexico medical clinic.



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