

THE COMMON TASK



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Matthew 28:18-20

FAITHWORKS

September 2014

A FULL SUMMER OF MISSIONS

June, July, and August, 2014 will go down as the busiest mission season ever at *FaithWorks!*

We were able to purchase a 2005 Ford, 14-passenger van at the outset. God blessed us with this great gift so as to be able to haul a total of 42 short-term missionaries to Sky Harbor International Airport—all bound for either Africa, Honduras or Alaska! What a great thing to witness God's provision for going into the world with the Word and deeds of the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, in obedience to His command in *Matthew 28:18-20*.

At the end of summer, we had totaled, in over 14 years of mission-sending service,

- Missioners sent out 2845
- Mission trips 159
- Value of donated labor, medicines & Materials \$1,625,660

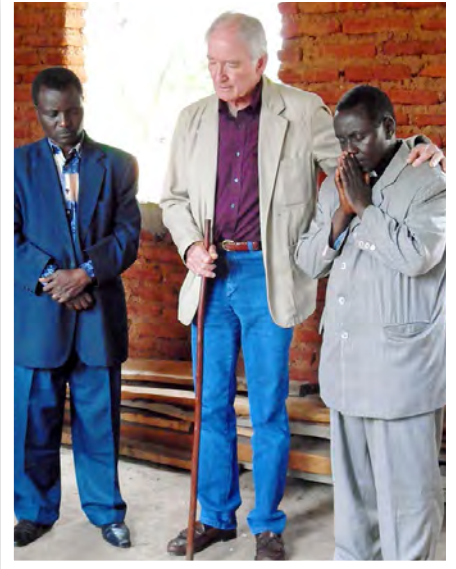
As you enjoy reading this issue, give thanks to our great God for how He has provided for and called these missionaries to the respective places of service.

I'm amazed at how God continues to open doors for us as we walk through them by faith! With all the depressing news we're subjected to these days, locally and globally, we could have reason enough to throw up our hands, pull in our resources and hoard God's love in our lives and chosen local places of worship.

But, even in this busy summer, with so much to distract us otherwise, we chose to stay focused on God's mission in the world—to be salt and light and "WOW," has He ever blessed and provided!

On Mission With You (still),

Glen Allen,
Executive Director



Glen praying with Pastor Temba and Winnes Massawe during the Africa Mission trip.



Linda VanDeren R.N. helping a mother and child at the clinic in Tanzania, Africa.

FAITHWORKS CELEBRATION

DATE : OCTOBER 3, 2014 AT 6 P.M.

**PLACE: CHRIST'S CHURCH OF FLAGSTAFF
3475 E SOLIERE AVE, FLAGSTAFF**

We want to share with you a whole year of missions.

- Hear firsthand testimonies from the recipients and from the missionaries
- Watch videos from past mission trips
- Browse the displays from different mission trips of 2013-2014
- Get your 2015 *FaithWorks* wall calendar
- Sign up for 2015 mission trips
- Enjoy our "Dessert Bar" and fresh, hot popcorn.

There will be no charge for the evening

Please R.S.V.P. at 928-774-0504

BACK TO AFRICA, 2014

After four long years, we once again launched a mission team to East Africa, our 7th mission there, serving the northern villages of Tanzania.

We headquartered at Havennature Safari Camp, a Christian-owned and operated wildlife safari camp. At the end of six long days of serving over 423 patients, our medical and children's team enjoyed a one-day safari in Ngorongoro National Park near Karatu.

We witnessed God at work in amazing ways this year:

- He called 14 missionaries together across three states and one Canadian province—Virginia, Wyoming, Arizona and Alberta.
- We were able to distribute over \$3500 in free medicines and supplies through the very first mission clinic offered at that location in a brand new building the Africans had constructed, anticipating our coming.
- Seven very sick patients were taken to Karatu Lutheran Hospital and paid for out of *FaithWorks* funds; aftercare has also been taken care of where needed. We also took one critical patient to an American-owned clinic nearby.
- A rewarding partnership was formed with Dr. Ombay and Dr. Bayda, two local Tanzanian physicians who worked well with us, overcoming the obvious difficulties of English/Swahili medical interpretation.

- We were privileged to dedicate the 2014, 4WD, 8-passenger vehicle we've purchased and donated to Pastor Robert Temba for his ministry to the poor, sick, disabled, and elderly. We utilized this same vehicle in taking patients to the hospital. We even paid Pastor Temba's driving school fees in order for him to get a license and not have to pay a driver in order to utilize the vehicle.

So, what of Africa again in 2015? We'll be back—needing twice the doctors (4), more vitamins of all sorts, medicines and supplies, and many prayers!

All interested medical professionals and support people contact us at 928-821-1073, and we'll give you the stats on next July's mission to Tanzania.

Thanks to all who prayed for, donated to and went on this great mission!

Praise God!



Tanya, R.N., helping set up the clinic.



Dedicating the new donation.



Two young patients.



Worship at Kilimomoja Church.



HONDURAS—MISSION OF “FIRSTS”

On August 2, eleven missionaries from five different churches in three states: Arizona, Oregon, and Connecticut, met in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, to launch a unique 8-day mission together—providing free medical and dental care, children's ministry, and construction to coastal northern Honduras.

This mission was a “first” for *FaithWorks* in several ways:

1. We formed a 3-way partnership with two other mission-sending groups: the Church of the Resurrection, Flagstaff, Arizona and Mission To The World, the world mission agency for the Presbyterian Church of America.
2. We donated and performed four different medical/dental clinics in four different local colonias (neighborhoods) of the city of La Ceiba in the mosquito, malaria region of the north coast. We treated over 265 patients in four days.
3. We contributed children's ministry, construction labor, and medical/dental care—dividing ourselves into those three groups—all in one team, a very gifted array of Christians.

Out of this mission came the result that the great need of an electrical generator was met. Because the electricity in Honduras frequently goes out, the Church of the Resurrection provided \$2400 to purchase a new power generator for the PCA Downtown Mission Center which will house visiting mission teams, food service, a seminary and medical/dental clinics. Thank the Lord!

What a great impact this trip of “firsts” made in that area of the world. As a plus, on our “fun day” we were treated to a guided hike up into a rainforest where we lunched at the base of a 150-foot waterfall—truly another “first” for us all!



Our dentist, Dr. Bob Caseldine.

The chaise-lounge dental clinic!



The chaise-lounge dental clinic!



Cleaning out a septic tank.



Luz, our children's worker, making bracelets.



Dr. Rick Morgan in his “Exam Room.”

“HABITAT,” ANCHORAGE, ALASKA WAS A GREAT EXPERIENCE!

We can say nothing but good things about the details *Faithworks* attended to towards our mission. Our group met twice prior to actually traveling to Anchorage. Due to health circumstances, two had to drop out, but you just have to believe God called the right 14 people together—we melded so well during travel, on worksites, in the kitchen, during night time and day off excursions and even doing very difficult puzzles and playing Farkel! We hope the pictures can give you an idea of what we participated in. We spent two days at the Habitat Restore doing some pretty grungy work cleaning, organizing, building a shed, and rebuilding a refrigerated container. Consider the talent needed to do those jobs. We were on it! At the Neighbor Drive Project, we worked in four of the mostly built 16 houses: cutting in windows, installing aluminum siding, building walls with foam and re-bar, cleaning out rocks and landscaping, and readying houses for anxious owners. Sunset was near midnight, so our fearless leaders had us out hiking to falls, checking out a camp at which some of the group had done mission work, and fishing for silver salmon. What a 10 days!

Thank you all for your prayers and support. We hope you will consider a *Faithworks* mission trip near or far. Check out the FaithWorks4us.org website for opportunities. Glen and Jan Allen are to be blessed for their untiring service to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Blessings to all,
Jeff and
Suzie Dunn,
Sedona UMC



The Alaska Mission Team, 2014.



END-OF-THE-YEAR MISSION TRIPS

October 11 - A one-day mission for building fix-up on the Navajo Nation at the Navajo Ministries buildings at Leupp, northeast of Flagstaff. 19 missionaries from 7 different churches are planning to attend.

November 20-23 - Our 34th Mexico Medical Mission in 14 years. Nineteen medical professionals and support staff will provide free medical care and medicines to the poor and needy at Agua Prieta, Sonora.

December 6 - Our annual Navajo Children's Christmas mission with gifts, food and worship. Twenty missionaries from 9 different churches are signed up. We need kids' gifts and food donations for this mission.

NOTE: All these trips are *full*! We have to honor deadlines, ground transportation, and on-site capacity, respecting the numbers of missionaries needed for getting the job done. We accept all missionaries needed on a first-come-first-served basis. Thank you for your enthusiasm in participating in *FaithWorks* missions!



David Hayes at Anchorage, AK "Restore."

NEED FOR NAVAJO CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS GIFTS!

It's not too soon to begin preparing for the December 6th Christmas Mission Trip!

This is the 6th year we've sponsored this Navajo Children's Christmas event at Leupp, Arizona, 23 miles northeast of Flagstaff, in the Navajo Nation. We partner with the Navajo Ministries leaders pastor Dean and Lola Bahe who have a great love for their people.

This would be a great mission project for your Bible Study group, a Sunday School class or a home group.

Guidelines for gifts are:

- New, wrapped or unwrapped
- \$15-30 cost range
- Marked with age appropriate and either boy or girl, teen, baby, or adult man/woman.

Bring to the *FaithWorks* office in Flagstaff at 1501 Forest Meadows Dr. or call for pick up at 928-774-0504.

Our mission team is now *full* with 20 missionaries who'll serve the day preparing and arranging the gifts for Santa Claus to pass out. We also bring and share a common meal with the Navajo Church as well as a Christmas worship service in both Navajo and English.

We have a more extensive list of gift suggestions. If you would like to contact the office, we'll send you one.

We received this feedback from Chris Mabeus of Habitat for Humanity in Anchorage:

It was wonderful to have the leadership skills with the FaithWorks mission team for our Restore Project, and so thankful for the willingness to go back and finish the project.

Jan was very organized with the pre-trip organization and on top of it all! The relationship of the team members and that of our organization was incredible! They worked together wonderfully and had a great team camaraderie with each other.

We are looking forward to having FaithWorks back again in 2015!



Hard hats and scaffolding are a must!.

Below is a preview of the **mission trips planned for 2015**. Please come to our *FaithWorks* Celebration October 3rd to learn more and receive a brochure, or if you can't join us that evening, further information will be posted on our website, www.faithworks4us.org, or you can call our office at 928-774-0504. Thank you!

January 24	El Nathan Ministries, Flagstaff (one-day fix-up)
February 19-22	Medical Mission to Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico (medical mission)
March 7	The Olive Branch Ministries, Rimrock, AZ (one-day fix-up)
May 2	Camp Civitan, Williams, AZ (one-day fix-up)
May 21-24	Medical Mission to Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico (medical)
June 13	Arizona Missions Conference, Flagstaff (one-day conference)
July 1 - 15	African Medical Mission, Tanzania (medical)
August (date TBA)	Habitat for Humanity, Anchorage, Alaska
September 12-14	Mexico Supply mission to Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico
October 10	Navajo Construction mission, Leupp, Arizona (one-day fix-up)
November 19-22	Medical Mission to Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico (Medical)
December 6	Navajo Children's Christmas Mission Leupp, Arizona (one-day celebration)

FAITHWORKS FINANCIAL REPORT GENERAL FUND JAN 1 - AUG 31, 2014

REVENUE:	AMOUNT	BUDGETED	OVER (UNDER) BUDGET
Donations from Churches	\$28,107	\$19,333	\$8,774
Donations from Individuals	\$34,187	\$52,400	\$(18,212)
Church Membership Dues	\$1,300	\$1,333	\$(33)
Other Revenue	\$10,336	\$7,774	\$2,564
Total Revenue	\$73,931	\$80,840	\$(6,909)
OPERATING EXPENSES:	\$79,376	\$82,061	\$(2,685)
Net of Expense over Revenue	(\$5,445)		

For the first 8 months of 2014, *FaithWorks* is running somewhat short in the amount of \$5445 in our General Fund. Any help with this deficit would be so appreciated as *FaithWorks* continues God's work through missions. We have also received \$52,946 in designated funds this year. These funds are for special projects in Africa, Honduras, Navajo Reservation, Mexico, and many local missions. One hundred percent of these funds are used for the project they were designated for.

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

MEXICO MEDICAL SUPPLY MISSION TRIP

Because of the great generosity of so many donors, we've been able to store up a great deal of medical equipment: crutches, canes, wheelchairs, walkers, exam tables, braces, exam lamps, surgical instruments, bandages, wound care supplies, etc.

On Sept. 11th Dave and Gigi Sorenson transported the *FaithWorks* trailer full of these items down to a newly rented storage unit in Douglas, the Arizona/Mexico border town, as a "staging area" for the border crossing into Agua Prieta, Mexico, at a later date.

We accept on-going donations of appropriate working medical equipment and supplies on an "as needed" basis. Call us for more information on how to donate.



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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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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 3 pm; Friday 9 am - noon

In-kind donations are welcome during office hours; please call office before bringing in large donations. Thank you!

OTHER NEEDS FOR THE MISSION FIELD

We are in need of the following for our various mission sites:

- Coloring books/crayons
- Packets of ballons
- "Bubbles" for children's ministires
- Vitamins for prenatal, children, and adults. All in original bottles, please
- New blankets or quilts, for those cold winter nights in Mexico or on the Reservation
- Used eye glasses (especially readers)
- Beanie babies

Can you help us with any of these needs? If so, please drop them off, mail them to us, or contact us at 928-774-0504 if you can help.

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 _____

REMEMBER OUR
FAITHWORKS CELEBRATION
OCTOBER 3RD AT 6 P.M., CHRIST'S CHURCH
OF FLAGSTAFF, 3475 E SOLIERE AVE.
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO TO SUPPORT FAITHWORKS!

Mission Trip Participants, June - August, 2014

Africa Mission Team—Glen & Jan Allen, Kelli Arrington, Ellen Cook, Susan Foley, Emily Long, Linda VanDeren, Kathryn Skuza, Tonya & Kelsey Steele, Graham Tomalty, Linda Michaluk, David & Heather Armstrong-Crittendon

Honduras Mission Team—Glen Allen, Bob Norton, Bob Caseldine, Rick Morgan, Desiree Morgan, Sergio & Angie Guerrero, Roxanne Kruse, Don Webber, Dave Hoffman, Luz Bradley, Leslie Boggs

Alaska Mission Team—Tom Peters, Bob & Polly Philpott, George & Debbie Ansbach, Jeff & Suzie Dunn, David Hayes, Joe & Pam Hendrickson, Dottie McArthur, Bud & Barbara Parenteau, Clint Miller, James Hagerman, Jerry Korn

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