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# FAITHWORKS

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## MISSIONS DECISIONS

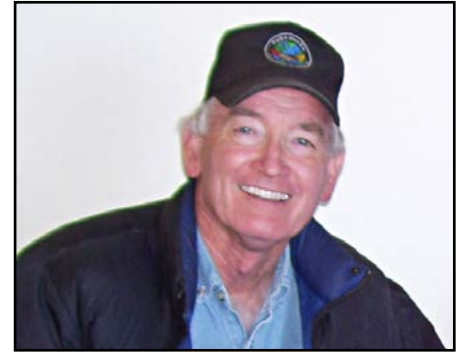
Sometimes, making informed decisions in the nick of time either saves or loses our missions.

Whether or not to accept a mission project to be included in the calendar year is an important process we go through at *FaithWorks*. We have many requests for help. We can't do it all. We weigh the various factors and criteria and decide. Hard decisions. Since so much depends on our acceptance. Months and months of planning, training and preparation go into a successful mission effort—much of which no one ever sees. It involves mustering lots of people and resources. "Missions Decisions."

Then, there's the decision when failure comes. In the real world, not all Christian organizations flourish. Over time, things happen. In the last two years we've witnessed that up close and personal. In 2013, two of the mission sites which we had agreed to help in significant ways, because of faulty leadership behaviors at the top—failed and folded. We had to cancel and switch to another location. Lots of work and challenges. "Missions Decisions."

Of late, we've had to roll with the punches, due

to financial support issues experienced by one of our long-standing supporting churches. Notified late into our budget process that we'd be lacking \$15,000 of our



annual support for 2014, we felt the rug slipping from beneath us. "Missions Decisions."

The Board of Directors, staff, all our volunteers, missionaries and myself went to prayer for all concerned—turning to the Lord, leaning totally on Him for the answer. "Missions Decisions."

In just six weeks, the answer to our need came. One of our 26 member churches sent a generous gift of \$5000. Another of our wonderful *FaithWorks* churches sent a gift of a 250% increase in their monthly support! An individual donor stepped up to an annual gift totaling \$4200. One of our missionaries sent \$1000. Then, two of our medical missionaries said, "We'll finish out whatever is needed to restore the complete support you lost."

We are now moving into the new year once again at near full financial support to sustain our level of ministry which so many folks depend on in these times.

"Missions Decisions."

Thank God, He helps us all make them in the nick of time!

On Mission With You,

Glen Allen,  
Executive Director



Mission Team members at the El Nathan Camp in Flagstaff in January.

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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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EL NATHAN MISSION TRIP  
JANUARY 25

For 75 years the El Nathan (God Gives!) Camp in Flagstaff has served as a place for youth, families, and groups to spend time with each other and with God. Under the leadership of Rev. Jeff Dudenhofer this camp is being revived and now serves an expanding community of guests. In our second year of support for El Nathan, a FaithWorks team cleaned, repaired, and painted the interior of the large chapel at the camp. After the pre-trip work team applied over 50 pounds of drywall mud to the ceiling, the team put a 3-color paint scheme in the chapel that brightened it and made it ready for the years of meetings and worship ahead.



...“God blessed me abundantly through the fun, fellowship and kindness of everyone who was there.”



...“My friends, thank you for the CD of our FUN “work” day. It was such a privilege to serve God in a way that will benefit so many people.”



...“I went [on this mission] with the intention of finding a quiet place to pray. So why did I come home with paint on my old clothes, in my hair and all over my eye glasses? Because God knew just what I needed and when!”

...“ ‘Actions speak louder than words’ is a phrase I have used most of my life, and it’s a privilege to be part of a group who continually demonstrates it. Another phrase is that ‘life goes on and you had better go on with it!’ Faith Works helps me do that in a very positive way.” Love, Annette

## MEXICAN MEDICAL MISSION #32!

This was *FaithWorks*' 32<sup>nd</sup> Mexico medical mission in 13 years. We took a team of 17 volunteers comprised of doctors, nurses, an EMT, optometrist, pharmacy helpers, interpreters, physical therapists, along with a Mexican dentist to Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico to serve in the *Fuente de Vida* clinic there in February. In the two days of free medical, optometry and dental care, they saw and treated 382 folks in this very poor area of Mexico. Thank you to all who prayed, gave and/or went on this most generous mission. We love the folks of Agua Prieta and they love *FaithWorks* for coming so regularly to help serve and love their people.



*Dr. Steven Lewis examines a young boy in a wheelchair that was brought to the clinic while his mother and brother help.*



*Dr. Ken Jeffers, optometrist, talks to and examines a lady in the optometry clinic set up in a Sunday School room.*



*Gigi's granddaughter, Cheyenne, age 5, always sends one of her favorite toys with grandma to give to a child in Mexico. Gigi is pictured here,*



*EMT Brooke Wiley and nurse Fay Willis take a much-needed break in the triage.*

*To see more of these mission trip pictures in color, as well as other pictures and this newsletter in color, visit [www.faithworks4us.org](http://www.faithworks4us.org).*



*Peggy & Gigi happily giving out free medicines to a lady who just saw a doctor at the clinic.*



*Happy little girl with our new gift of her own Beanie Baby.*



*Our crowded waiting room!*



*The 32nd Mexico Medical Team.*



*Henry & Alan with their interpreter helping in the optometry clinic.*



*During the clinic, children at the "Saturday School" held at Fuente de Vida Iglesia each week. They also provide them with lunch. About 45 kids attend each Saturday for Bible studies, crafts, and lunch.*

FAITHWORKS FINANCIAL REPORT GENERAL FUND JAN 1 - FEB 28, 2014

REVENUE:	AMOUNT	BUDGETED	OVER (UNDER) BUDGET
Donations from Churches	\$8,617	\$4,833	\$3,784
Donations from Individuals	\$7,022	\$13,100	\$(6,078)
Church Membership Dues	\$1,000	\$333	\$ 666
Other Revenue	\$669	\$1,942	\$(1,272)
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$17,308</b>	<b>\$20,208</b>	<b>\$(2,900)</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$20,236</b>	<b>\$20,515</b>	<b>\$(279)</b>
Net of Expense over Revenue	(\$2,928)		

For the first two months of 2014, *FaithWorks* is running somewhat short in the amount of \$2928 in our General Fund. Any help with this deficit would be so appreciated as *FaithWorks* continues to do God's work through our monthly missions. Please remember that *FaithWorks* is a non-profit 501(C3) organization and that your donations are tax deductible.

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

### MISSIONARY JOURNEYS

Glen Allen, Executive Director, has spoken at two *FaithWorks* member churches over the past few weeks. On January 26, the Sedona United Methodist Church had a "*FaithWorks* Sunday," where the emphasis was on missions and giving. We were blessed to be able to share in their service and meet wonderful new folks there at scenic Sedona, Arizona! A generous offering was given, and several folks signed up for mission trips.

On February 16, the Church of the Resurrection in Flagstaff, Arizona, had its "*FaithWorks* Sunday" where Glen spoke on "Mercy Missions." What an amazing time with new commitments made. We'll partner with them on the mission trip to Honduras, August 2-9.

If you would like Glen to speak on missions to your church or organization, please call. Glen's cell phone number is 928-821-1073.

Below is some feedback from one of our physical therapists with us on our Mexico Mission Trip in February...

Q: What was the most memorable experience of this mission?

A: "Having a mother and brother looking for help for their wheelchair bound brother/son, and when we started to help them, the mother started to cry. They were so grateful to us for what we were showing them."

Q: What has this mission done for you spiritually?

A: "This has lifted me spiritually a lot. For the last 2 years my spirits have been very low. This has sparked me to believe again. This trip has helped me in many ways. I was able to get out of my shell and interact with people. It also tested me on what I was able to do. The funny thing is when I got home I was in bed for 2 days because my body was so sore. To me it was a good sore but I know I am able to do things again that I have not done for two years."

### THE FAITHWORKS VEHICLE IN AFRICA

As you may know, *FaithWorks* was able to purchase and provide vehicle transportation for our partners in mission in Northern Tanzania, East Africa. Over many months of effort and through the generosity of several donors, the Suzuki Gypsy truck/van is being shipped from Dubai to Dar Es Salaam, the capital city of Tanzania, where it will be picked up and driven to the Christian Center of Havennature Safari Camp by Winnes Massawe and his brother Pastor Robert Temba. The vehicle is our gift to their ministry of reaching the poor, disabled and hungry. Our special thanks also to Sign-A-Rama of Flagstaff, AZ for donating the door signs to read, "Donated by *FaithWorks*, USA."



### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

### THANK YOU!

Mr. & Mrs. Mick Vlieg were able to donate through *FaithWorks* a large, beautiful, electric generator to pastor Dean and Lola Bahe out on the Navajo Reservation at Leupp. This was indeed a treasure for them where there is little to no electricity in many locations. Thanks for your generosity!

### THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO TO SUPPORT FAITHWORKS!

#### Mission Trip Participants, January - February, 2014

*El Nathan Ministries Mission Team, Flagstaff*—Glen & Jan Allen, Billy Martin, Phil & Paula Off, Alan Purchase, Randy & Debbi Sealover, Annette Schleicher, Bud Parenteau

*Mexico Mission Team*—Glen & Jan Allen, Bill Austin, Dave & Gigi Sorenson, Norma McDowell, Steve & Vickie Lewis, Alan & Pat Purchase, Ken Jeffers, Henry McLaughlin, Brooke Wiley, Faye Willis, Denise Krise, Teri Contreras, Jared Aida

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*Patients at the Mexico medical clinic, February 2014.*

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