

# THE COMMON TASK



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# FAITHWORKS

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY FAITHWORKS! WE'RE 15!

As I write this, I'm thrilled to say that today, June 1<sup>st</sup>, is the 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday of FaithWorks!

Fifteen years ago today, I was in Atlanta receiving an appointment as a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church, one of 10 for the state of Arizona.

The Mission Statement under which we were chartered as "FaithWorks" read, as it still does today, "To unite the Christian community in mission ministry through providing opportunities for education, information and practical mission experiences locally, nationally and internationally."

We have sought to be faithful and consistent to that vision. It has not been without testing of every kind. Just one year later, after 9/11/01, we were notified by the General Board of Global Ministries that because of the Wall Street "crash" caused by the terrorist attack, the investment fund that generated that income for our missionary support would end a year later. But, because of the wide Christian representation on our local Board of Directors, they rallied and picked up the support and we kept right on going!



We've sought to operate with several simple consistent guidelines:

1. That missions can be expressed by all of us whether we choose to pray, give or go.
2. That we would proceed on a "no-debt" basis with the funds God would give us.
3. That we would focus on only three areas of mission endeavor: construction, medical, and children's ministry.
4. That we would stick with short-term mission sending and not career appointments.
5. That we would offer a variety of mission experiences; opportunities for men, women, couples, youth and families.

So, these many years later, we've left behind a record of word, witness, and service for Jesus in Arizona, Oregon, New Mexico, Louisiana (after Hurricane Katrina), Alaska, Honduras, Mexico, Russia, and Tanzania in East Africa. To date we have sent out 2975 missionaries on 168 mission trips, donating a total of \$1,682,642 in labor, medicines, equipment and materials. To God be the glory!

And still, God's blessings are awaiting us as we move on into the future.

This seems to be God's unique word to us as we turn 15: "...in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart...therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord" ... (Gal. 6:9; James 5:7)

On Mission With You, STILL!

Glen



Some of the children on the May Medical mission trip in Agua Prieta, Mexico.

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### Mission Statement

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## 2015 FAITHWORKS MISSIONS:

Below is a description of upcoming mission trips. We hope you will consider going "on mission" in 2015 with FaithWorks. Please remember they are filling up quickly, so it is best to sign up soon. Please call our FaithWorks office at 928-774-0504 if you are interested.

### ALASKA ~ HABITAT FOR HUMANITY MISSION - August 9-17

Our Alaska Mission trip to Anchorage in August is *full* with 11 folks! Thank you to all who have volunteered for this exciting mission. This year it will focus on helping out with the Habitat 4 Humanity in Anchorage, Alaska. The team will be staying at the Anchor Park United Methodist Church in Anchorage, working all day with Habitat, then enjoying the long summer nights in Alaska doing some hiking and sightseeing. This is always a popular mission trip for the summer. Maybe next year *you* will plan to go!

### SEPTEMBER 10-12, MEXICO SUPPLY MISSION - September 10-12

This mission is designed to take a load of materials including wheelchairs and medical equipment to our clinic in Agua Preita, Mexico. It also includes going to the clinic and making it a clean-up/fix-up day. We never have the time when we are there during our medical missions to do the things that need to be done in order to sustain the building, so this is a good time to do it. We will take 5 - 6 people who don't mind working hard and getting a little dirty in order to have a cleaner, more functional clinic for when the medical teams arrive. Team members must have a valid passport.

### NAVAJO CONSTRUCTION/FIX-UP MISSION - October 10

This is our "working mission" at the Leupp, Church of God Holiness. Come being prepared to work hard but have a good time as well. Located in the beautiful high-country of Arizona, this little church needs constant fix-up in order for Pastors Dean and Lola Bahe to tend to the spiritual needs of their beloved Navajo people. There are only a few slots left on the team, so if you're thinking about it, call soon! 928-774-0504

Also...

### OCTOBER 2 ~ "FAITHWORKS CELEBRATION" 15 YEARS AND STILL GOING STRONG!

Please make plans now to attend our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual FaithWorks Celebration held at Christ's Church of Flagstaff at 6 pm. There will all kinds of info about the mission field for you to look at, touch, and experience. Music, fellowship, and a dessert bar will be provided. Admission is free ~ just bring your heart for missions!

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

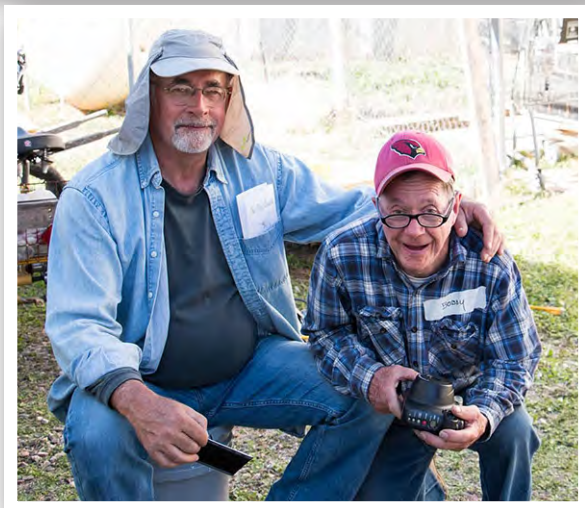
# LOVE = A GREENHOUSE, A PORCH, CLEAN WINDOWS, AND LOTS OF PAINT

For many consecutive years now we've elected each spring to send a building fix-up mission team to *The Olive Branch* in Rimrock, Arizona. This Verde Valley facility is a Christ-centered, multi-home ministry to 11 men with physical, mental, and emotional disabilities.

Because the staff there invests so much time and energy to the excellent care they give to each of these "guys," they do not also have the capacity to work on the upkeep of the building and grounds.

So our FaithWorks team of 32 men, women, youth and children showed up on March 7 for an all-day spring mission trip. Michael Combs, mission team leader, drove with his family all the way from Ash Fork, 100 miles away, to provide supervision and direction for the day's activities. These included assembling a greenhouse kit, re-doing a porch ramp, loads of painting, washing windows, and all-around cleaning/fix-up.

Hot dogs, chili, salad, and super cupcakes for lunch were provided by the team to all present, including the grateful residents!



# A GRAND MISSION BY THE GRAND CANYON

On Saturday, May 2, 24 volunteer missionaries from 7 churches converged at Camp Civitan near the Grand Canyon, just off the nearby Grand Canyon Railway tracks. Camp Civitan is designed to serve the physically and mentally disabled young folks who come to this part of Arizona from all over the Southwest to enjoy the high-country fresh air and a camp that is totally accessible to them. Our team spent the day washing windows, painting doors, sealing and installing log siding, hanging curtains, landscaping, and any other thing that was asked for by the staff—all in an effort to get them ready for the busy summer camping season. This was a wonderful chance to mingle with some of the early-arriving campers as well!



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## STUDENTS ON MISSION

The Verde Valley United Christian School in Camp Verde has approached FaithWorks with the prospect of using FaithWorks as a short-term, mission-sending organization for their high school students as a requirement before the students graduate. Our Executive Director, Glen Allen, will speak to their Board of Directors meeting on June 22<sup>nd</sup> to lay out how this exciting plan could work for students, parents, the school, and FaithWorks. Please pray for this precedent-setting event.

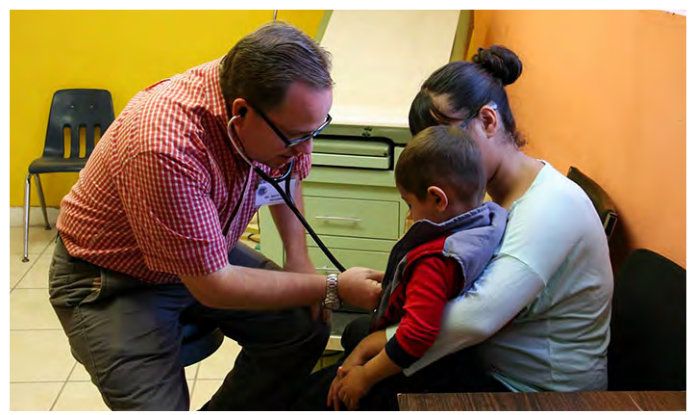
# MEXICO MEDICAL MISSION TEAM MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

On our 37<sup>th</sup> Mexico Medical Mission to Agua Preita, Mexico, four new team members made the trip a joy. We're always blessed with a great team—this time 14 strong from 12 different churches.

Dr. Matt Dunn and Alexis Knapp from Flagstaff were first timers. Dr. Dunn is Board Certified in both pediatrics care and primary care. On the mission he treated both adults and children, bringing flexibility and experience to the team. Alexis Knapp was the assigned photographer and also served as general support staff performing a myriad of helpful tasks at the clinic.

Joining us from Phoenix and Scottsdale were two first time FaithWorks missionaries, Julie Schneider and Cristy Pastore. Both are RN's, employed at St. Joseph Hospital.

We're always so very thankful for the new mission volunteers who join us. We were able to treat 202 medical patients who came to the clinic during our two-day session. An additional 74 dental patients were seen by Dr. Ada Orosco, a Mexico dentist who has a practice in Agua Prieta and has joined our team each time we hold a clinic there. All together, we were able to show the healing love of Christ in patient care and free medicines to 276 needy people!



## FAITHWORKS FINANCIAL REPORT    GENERAL FUND    JAN 1 - MAY 31, 2015

<b>REVENUE:</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>BUDGETED</b>	<b>OVER (UNDER) BUDGET</b>
Donations from Churches	\$10,373	\$15,833	\$(5,460)
Donations from Individuals	\$20,639	\$29,146	\$(8,507)
Church Membership Dues	\$850	\$812	\$ 38
Other Revenue	\$1,947	\$5,646	\$ (3,699)
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$33,809</b>	<b>\$51,437</b>	<b>\$(17,628)</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$56,629</b>	<b>\$53,200</b>	<b>\$(3,431)</b>
<b>Net of Expense over Revenue</b>	<b>\$(22,820)</b>		

### **We need your help!**

For the 5-month period of Jan 1-May 31, 2015, FaithWorks is running quite short in the amount of \$22,820 in our General Fund. Any help with this deficit would be so appreciated as FaithWorks continues to do God's work through missions.

We have also received \$13,144 in designated funds this year. \$6,000 was received to enable HavenNature in Africa start up a chicken project. Designated funds are for special projects in Africa, the Navajo Reservation, Mexico, and many local missions. One hundred percent of these funds are used for the projects they were designated for.

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

## OUR "NEW" VAN—A WELL-USED BLESSING

The 2008, 14-passenger van is just now turning a year old for us and is a great tool for missions and outreach. So far, we've used it for four Mexico Medical Mission trips, a church-sponsored Boy Scout troop to Phoenix and Lake Powell, a mission trip to the Navajo Reservation laden with Christmas gifts, and transporting a Panama mission team to Sky Harbor airport in Phoenix!

Our need? Two new tires at around \$460. If you'd like to assist with this need in any amount, please contact us at 928-821-1073. Our van maintenance fund has not yet accumulated to this amount of money yet. Thank you.

## TANZANIA MEDICAL MISSION

The Africa Medical Mission July 1-15, 2105 has been cancelled this year. A lack of medical care professionals, particularly primary care physicians, necessitated this regrettable action. The general unrest and instability of the nearby region was also an important factor in this decision.

However, we continue to be involved in and supportive of the ongoing ministries in Tanzania. Just one example: through the generous \$6000 gift from Dr. & Mrs. David Patton towards the "Chicken Project," we now can see a much-needed, self-sustaining protein provision take shape at the site of our work at Havenature Safari Camp in partnership with Winnes Massawe. Chickens will be raised for both meat and eggs; as they are sold, they will generate income for the community. Please keep our African partners in your prayers.



### **Walgreens Donation**

*Because of the unfortunate closing of the regional Walgreens warehouse in Flagstaff, we were given 1279 lbs. of non-food, over-the-counter medications, baby items, health support equipment, vitamin supplements, etc. We are grateful to be one of the 501 (C-3) organizations to receive these gifts, which will assist greatly in our Mexico and Navajo Reservation ministries.*

## FAITHWORKS WISH LIST:

- \$2000 to add to the *Youth Mission Trip Scholarship Fund*.
- Spanish Bibles for the Mexico mission – \$500.
- Larger TV screen & DVD player for FaithWorks mission team training room/board room.
- \$100/month to help pay for utility costs at the FaithWorks office.

Can you help us with any of these needs? If so, please contact us at 928-774-0504. Any assistance would be appreciated!



## 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.

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Glen and Jan Allen were invited to participate at the Easter Sunrise Service at the Church of God Holiness with Pastors Dean and Lola Bahe on the Navajo Reservation. A blessed “Resurrection” day!

## THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO TO SUPPORT FAITHWORKS!

### Mission Trip Participants, March - May, 2015

**Olive Branch Mission Team, Verde Valley**—Glen & Jan Allen, Heather Crittenden-Armstrong, Alexis Knapp, Billy Martin, Jennifer & Abby Youngberg, Matt, Diana, Tyson, & Cutler McKay, Brayden Dunn, Suzie & Jeff Dunn, Barbara Bryant, Bill Stafford, Michael, Sarah, Jamie & Chanel Combs, Clint Miller, James Hagerman, Kenn Trout

**Camp Civitan Mission Team, Williams**—Glen & Jan Allen, Jane Emberty, Renee Henry, Jerry Korn, Bill & Laurie Stafford, Joan Stoner, Bob & Polly Philpott, Diana, Tyson, Cutler McKay, Brayden Dunn, Camp Verde UMC Youth and Tina

**Mexico Mission Team**—Glen & Jan Allen, Bill Austin, Gigi Sorenson, Kathy Marvin, Anita Oquita, Matt Dunn, Julie Schneider, Cristy Pastore, Faye Willis, Matilde Liebe, Denise Kriese, Teri Contreras, Alexis Knapp

### Volunteer Staff

Jan Allen - Mission Trip Coordinator; Ilene Harral-Hodgin - Prayer Coordinator; Kelly Campbell - Asst. Office Manager; Polly Philpott - Treasurer; Lisa Kearsley - Editor, ‘The Common Task’; Roger Holden - In Kind Gifts Coordinator; George Stidham - Vehicle Maintenance Director; Office team: Pete Piper, Marie Kieft, Barbara Bryant, Ilene Harral-Hodgin, Jane Holden, and Joni Zarlingo



“The Church has left the building,” left, says it all. Photos of our mission trips these past three months: Olive Branch washing windows (top right), Mexico enjoying a gift of a blanket (bottom right), Camp Civitan at lunch (bottom left).



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