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THANKS WITHIN OUR REACH

The Arizona Highway Department posts this frequent message on the interstate sign on my way to and from Flagstaff each day: "It can wait!" — referring to texting while driving. It's the ADOT effort to keep us safe on the road.

I'd like to turn that around just a bit and say, at this season, to go ahead and give thanks — it's within our reach and it's OK — even if you're driving!

The Bible says, "Give thanks in all things for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus." (*I Thessalonians 5:18*).

Thanksgiving Day will soon be here in our national observance. My prayer is that we all individually and corporately will reach out to find that for which we can thank God. I understand and sympathize with some who are in tough situations. There's no glossing it over. But, thanks is within our reach if we look for it! God has put something there - right now - for us all to be thankful for if we seek it out.



Glen Allen and a friend at the mission trip on the Navajo Reservation.

Yes, texting while driving can wait. But thanks can't wait — it's good for us and those around us — and it blesses God's heart!.

On Mission with You,

Glen



Building fix-up on the Navajo Mission Trip, Oct. 1.

A look at our first three FaithWorks mission trips in 2017:

January 21 - El Nathan Ministries
Flagstaff, Construction/painting, \$30 per person

February 16-19 - Mexico Medical Mission
\$295 per person

March 18 - 'The Olive Branch' in Rimrock
One-day building fix-up, \$30 per person

Please call to sign up soon, trips fill up quickly!

THE NAVAJO CHRISTMAS MISSION, DECEMBER 3, 2016

We're starting now to gather Christmas gifts for our annual mission to the Navajo Reservation. Here's how you can help and be a part of that:

Start now by encouraging your church family, Sunday school class, school classroom, or family to donate a \$15-\$20 new gift, wrapped or Christmas-bagged, marked with appropriate age and gender, man or woman, infants, etc. Drop them off at the FaithWorks office in Flagstaff, or call and we'll arrange pick up. You can also sign up to go with us; the fee is \$30 per person, \$50 per family.

Please let us know *soon* how you can help by calling our office at 928-821-1073. It's a great opportunity to glorify God and express your Christian faith in a different culture. We will also be serving a meal to our Navajo friends; you can help by donating food or money or help with its preparation.

MEXICO EQUIPMENT AND CLINIC FIX-UP MISSION TRIP

Five missionaries from four different churches transported several thousand dollars' worth of donated medical equipment to our Mexico partners in Agua Prieta, Sonora, Sept. 8-10. Exam room tables, crutches, canes, orthopedic braces and various medical supplies were given in Christ's love to the very appreciative General Hospital. We also spent one whole day cleaning and rearranging the clinic for more efficient patient flow.

An electric wheelchair and two examining tables we donated to the hospital.



FAITHWORKS OFFICE NEWS



On Oct. 8 our new office manager in the Flagstaff office, Kelly Campbell was married to Alyn Rumbold. Congratulations!

Amy Casali has joined our office as our newest volunteer staff member. Welcome!



THE PHILIPPINES FEEDING PROGRAM

Because Dave Hoffman and Luz Bradley felt the call of God upon their lives to raise support for and conduct in person last August, a food distribution program in the very poor neighborhood where Luz grew up as a child, FaithWorks has moved in the direction to support them. We were able to send \$364 through our 501 (c3) sponsorship to purchase the food. This was sent from many sources but mostly raised through members at Church of the Resurrection in Flagstaff. If you would like to continue helping this ministry, contact us for details.

NAVAJO MISSION TRIP OCT 1

REPAIRING DAMAGE, SOLAR OVENS AND MAKING HISTORY!

On one of our increasingly popular one-day missions, we were overjoyed to share Jesus' love in practical ways with our Navajo brothers and sisters at the mission site in Leupp, Arizona, 23 miles northeast of Flagstaff.

Twenty-two people came from 11 different churches, some all the way from Casa Grande 190 miles away, to assist with painting, cleaning and longstanding, much-needed building fix-up. FaithWorks has been ministering there for over 10 years.

A special feature of this mission trip was the introduction of solar oven cooking. In partnership with Solar Oven Partners in Brookings, SD, a 3-pot, reflector shield unit was demonstrated starting at 8:30am with 3 foods: beef stew, cornbread, and fruit cobbler. After being in the sun all day, the dishes were sampled by mission team members and 10 Navajo family representatives. The food was delicious, and no cost was incurred in the cooking!

We believe this was history-making in a land with no trees for wood-fueled fires and expensive propane gas even if propane can be delivered to the remote home sites.

Please pray with us as we move forward with Solar Oven Partners, a fine Christian ministry that has been distributing solar ovens as an opportunity for the Gospel and compassion in Haiti since June 2000.



"I wasn't sure what to expect, but so happy I went. I loved working with everyone and the little job I was given to do was perfect for me. And I will always pray for you and other missions. Thank you again for making room for us Payson people."

- Joyce Strizek (1st time missionary-Navajo Mission Trip)

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO TO SUPPORT FAITHWORKS!

Mission Trip Participants, September - October, 2016

Mexico Supply Mission Team—Glen & Jan Allen, Linda VanDeren, Gigi Sorenson, Bill Stafford, Peggy Thornhill

Navajo Building and Fix-up Mission Team—Glen & Jan Allen, Randy & Debbie Sealover, Joyce Strizek, Joye Carpenter, Vicki Cooper, Brad Dean, Judy Kitching, Ruby Lerfald, Jennifer & AJ Pickett, Rick Schultz, Donna Hickman, Michael, Sarah, & Jamie Combs, Bobby & Polly Philpott

Volunteer Staff

Jan Allen - Mission Trip Coordinator; Ilene Harral-Hodgin - Prayer Coordinator; Kelly Campbell - Office Manager; Polly Philpott - Treasurer; Lisa Kearsley - Editor, 'The Common Task'; George Stidham - Vehicle Maintenance Director; Office team: Pete Piper, Marie Kieft, Ilene Harral-Hodgin, Jane Holden, Bob Robertson, Kathie Coolidge, Linda VanDeren, Byron Allen, Jerry Korn, Bob Marsh, Alan Purchase, and Amy Casali

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The 2016 Celebration

On October 7th it was like a family reunion at Christ's Church of Flagstaff as over 70 people enjoyed celebrating God's blessings on our missions sent out for a whole year! One hundred thirty-two missionaries from 16 churches of our churches were celebrated in photos, testimony, music, and videos. Guest speakers were Gela Lopez from Mexico and Dean and Lola Bahe from the Navajo Reservation.

Calendars Are Here!

We now have our 2017 FaithWorks Wall Calendars for sale, just in time for Christmas! If you participated in a mission team in 2016, there's a good chance your photo is in there!

We are asking a suggested donation of \$10 per calendar. Please tell the office how many you want and we will send them to you. GREAT Christmas gifts!



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