

# THE COMMON TASK



## A PUBLICATION OF FAITHWORKS

Matthew 28:18-20

May 2017

### GETTING PAST THE HURT...

So many of us have the “want to” for missions. It’s the follow through – the deed – that’s the hold up! So many distractions grab hold of us. The grit and glitter of life take us down before we realize what happened.

One of those impediments is the temptation to nurse a hurt from our past. Maybe something someone thoughtlessly said, a financial difficulty, a relationship gone bad, and unsalvageable dilemma, a sickness that set us back. Whatever it is, it hurt! Maybe still does. And it’s keeping you from God’s mission in your life.

The Bible says, “The righteous keep moving forward.” (*Job 17:9*) We can go on even through our pain no matter what it is from. That can be true of us all. The Blackwood Brothers used to sing “You’re always on my mind; it never hurts to hurt sometimes.”

What is our threshold of pain that keeps us from “moving forward”? It’s OK to hurt. Just keep moving through it.

God might be calling us to something on the other side of the hurt that is super important to His purpose for us – if we keep moving forward.

Ernest Hemingway said “Everyone is broken by this life, but if we want to heal, we always become stronger in the broken places.” That’s the pay off – moving forward to a stronger place.



There’s something to say for the mystery of suffering difficulty. Have you ever considered you might be going through it for someone else’s benefit? It was once said, “If you succeed without suffering, then someone has suffered before you. If you suffer without succeeding then someone will succeed after you.”

So, when it comes to moving forward to mission through whatever it is – suffering, pain, difficulty or distraction – let’s start by finding even the smallest thing to do, aiming for a point beyond, and keep moving to God’s mission in our life.

Do what you can, with what you have, and do it now!

On Mission With You,  
Glen

Top photo - the Olive Branch Mission trip

Left photo - the Flagstaff Family Food Bank Warehouse.

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### MISSION TO A FEW GOOD MEN

On Saturday, March 18, fifteen missionaries from FaithWorks rolled up on site with all the tools and equipment to change the day for 11 disabled men at *The Olive Branch*, a Christian-sponsored full-time care ministry in the Verde Valley. This building and grounds fix-up, one-day mission has become one of our spring events each year.

Representing 8 different churches, the 15 volunteers paid their own way for the day coming from as far as Phoenix and Ash Fork to serve in the love of Christ for these men. Several missionaries have formed deep friendships over the years with the men in this home. Mission day is like a reunion! Our team provided the hot dog/chili lunch and celebrated one of the residents’ 80th birthday! Thank you to all who came, and those who prayed.





Stan Williams



Who doesn't like a garage sale? Tony and Amy Casali of Flagstaff have graciously offered to hold a garage sale in their barn on August 4-5 for FaithWorks! Start gathering your items now, and you can even call Amy to arrange for storing the items in the barn until Aug. 4th! If you can volunteer a while on that weekend please let Amy know.

Items accepted are: gently used children's clothes, household items, baked goods, and anything you wouldn't mind buying yourself. Go ahead – start your spring/summer cleaning NOW!

Phone: 928-699-8138.

The address is 10075 Roan Rd., Flagstaff (in Cosnino Estates).

### GOOD NEWS!

We indicated in the winter issue that we were so very blessed to have been the benefactors of the Stan Williams Memorial Gift of \$117,381, and that the Board of Directors would be prayerfully deliberating over its utilization.

In that regard, we have taken the following actions:

1. Voted to use \$3000 of that gift to establish the "Stan Williams Mission Trip Scholarship Fund" and encourage a matching gift. Disbursal to be by application of missioners showing need. Since then, we've had one gift offered of \$1500 from the Northern Arizona Youth Foundation founded by Jim and Phyllis Dorman and another gift of \$1500 by Alan Adams of Flagstaff passed on "to make Jesus smile!" Making a total of \$6000 now available for anyone, especially youth, who want to go on a short-term mission with FaithWorks!

2. Voted to take \$10,000 and begin a "Stan Williams Endowment Fund" for future perpetuity of FaithWorks mission endeavor. Currently, we are writing guidelines for that fund to include such considerations as: purpose, set-up, legal counsel, oversight, replenishment, distribution and reporting. We'll finish soon and will encourage other donations to this fund.

We're grateful, beyond measure for such a gift as the \$117,381 and now, and in the future, we want to be wise and good stewards of it. As such, you'll be hearing about more future allocations.

Glen

Quote from an office volunteer on her daily task sheet:  
*"Sorted and cleaned eyeglasses. Checked clothing I was given to use where needed. Prayed a blessing to all who will receive the gift of sight through these glasses, and warmth to those who receive the clothing and shoes. Thanking God each day for the blessing of FaithWorks – the people we reach, the new friends we make, the way they teach us."*  
– Linda VanDeren



Linda at the Mexico Medical Mission trip in February.

### THE FOOD MUST GO THROUGH...

Jim Newberry, of the Flagstaff Family Food Bank, has a favorite saying: "We have plenty of food in this country, the problem is getting it where it's needed!"

So, enter our one-day mission trip of Saturday, April 8th when we enabled a mission team of 17 volunteers from 8 different churches to go help the staff of our local/regional food bank keep up their important work of "distributing" – getting the food items through to those in need. Seems that the small, overworked staff never have enough time to "fix" things at the facility in Flagstaff.

So, we assigned ourselves, in a Christ-like servant way, to assist them with what was "broken": a chain-link fence gate, potholes in the asphalt parking lot, re-stripping the same, constructing a shopping-cart corral, building needed racks, upgrading the overhead lighting, and packing over 500 food boxes to be distributed through the Flagstaff Food Center in East Flagstaff.

Special appreciation goes to Curtis Chance of Chance & Sons Electrical Contractors for donating time and materials for the warehouse ceiling lighting.

What a great day of fellowship between team members from the various churches, the food bank staff, and other volunteers as we all put our shoulders to the work to help others have enough to eat – because we all tried to remember Jim's wise words and get the food through to where it needs to go.



## GOING TO NAVAJOLAND

Yes, we're still going to regularly assist our Christian partners in the church at Leupp – just 23 miles from Flagstaff. In addition to the two mission trips each year (October & December), we have a wonderful cadre of volunteers who feel called to stay with it – dependable helpers who follow through with ministry to the southern Reservation community.

In these last weeks, FaithWorks has supplied needed firewood, blankets, clothing, household items, and food stuffs. We also provide regular prayer for them.

Special thanks go to those who either transport or gather the items needed. Transporters include Jerry Korn and Anne Benson. Regular gatherers include, but are not limited to Pauline Pickett, DeDe Schrader, Barbara Coyne, and Victoria Archuleta. Many thanks to each of you for your efforts, time and devotion to others. FaithWorks "works" because of you!



Helping our neighbors in Leupp.



Polly Philpott and Shanna Perry.

## IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT MONEY!

For 11 years, Polly Philpott has been so very faithful and capable in handling the financial stewardship of our very unique and detailed ministry.

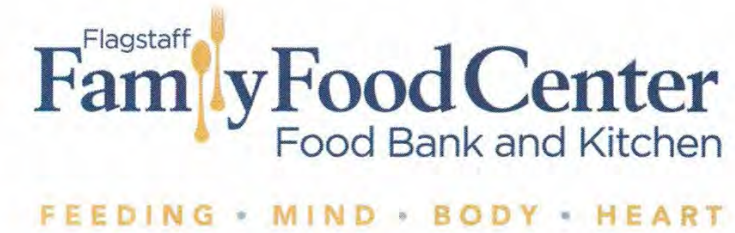
In addition, she carried the responsibility of office manager of the Flagstaff office. Last year she trained Kelly Campbell to take start overseeing that management of the office.

Some months ago Polly requested that she would like to fully retire, and we began a prayerful search for her replacement. That has resulted in the selection and hiring of Shanna Perry, who will begin serving June 1<sup>st</sup> as our new treasurer.

Polly and Shanna have a wonderfully unique background together. Shanna's mother and Polly were best friends back in their NAU days. When Shanna was born, Polly was one of the first ones to hold her and then share in babysitting her! Now, 50 years later after a friendship all this time, Polly will be passing the treasurer's baton into Shanna's capable hands.

Shanna graduated from NAU in 1995 with a B.S in business administration. She has business experience in Flagstaff serving as bookkeeper for Northern Biokinetics, office manager for Area Real Estate Appraisers and bookkeeper for Lamb of God Bible Church.

We're grateful for her joining the staff, and we look forward to her ministry with us, the result of a God-blessed transition.



April 12, 2017

Mr. Glen Allen  
P.O. Box 2757  
Flagstaff, AZ. 86003

*GLEN*  
Dear ~~Allen~~:

We would just like to take this moment to thank both you and Faith works for your gift of repairs to Flagstaff Family Food Center.

Your group are one of the many great volunteers that keep the Flagstaff Family Food Center running 365 days a year.

People are already talking about how much better the warehouse is.

Once again thanks for your gift.

Sincerely,

*Lindsey Spear*

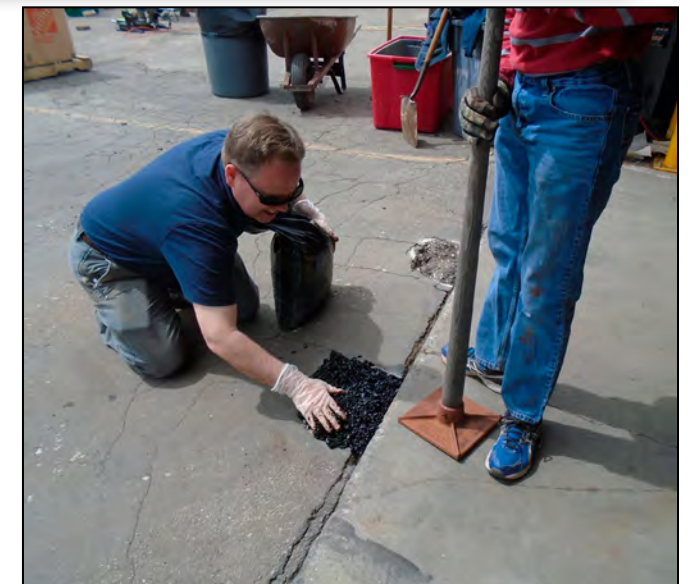
Lindsey Spear  
Executive Director

*Jim Newberry*

Jim Newberry  
Development Director

*Monica Foss*

Monica Foss  
Operations Manager





## THE ALASKA MISSION

We have only three slots open on the Alaska mission, Aug. 26 – Sept. 3. Please notify us right away if you'd like to be a part of this team doing fix-up at Birchwood Camp just outside of Anchorage.

The cost for this mission is \$450 plus airfare. Call Jan Allen to save your spot now! 928-567-0092.

## AFRICA UPDATE

We have sent the final payment to Winnes Massawe in Karatu, Tanzania for the "Chicken Project" – \$7657! This project is the composite of generous gifts from David and Doris Patton, Kelli Arrington, and the Compassionate Care Fund at FaithWorks.

An additional \$700 was wired down to Pastor Temba and was used for a life-saving surgery of one of his parishioners. Thank you to all of you who helped and prayed for our Africa partners.

### VITAL STATISTICS (SINCE FOUNDING JUNE 2000)

Missionaries sent out	3285
Number of Mission Trips	187
Value of donated labor, medicines, and materials	\$1,785,623

### Remaining Mission Trips for 2017

**May 18 -21 - Mexico Medical Mission**  
2-day clinic in Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico.

**June 17 - Indian Bible College, Flagstaff**  
Fix-up and repairs.

**August 26-Sept 3 - Chugiak, Alaska**  
Fix-up and repairs at Birchwood Camp.

**September 7-9 - Mexico Supply Mission**  
Deliver and arrange medical supplies to Agua Prieta.

**September 30 - Navajo Mission, Leupp, AZ**  
Working on homes and churches on the Reservation.

**November 9-12 - Mexico Medical Mission**  
2-day clinic in Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico.

**December 2 - The Navajo Children's Christmas Mission, Leupp, AZ.** We will provide gifts, dinner and the love of Christ on the Navajo Reservation.

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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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## THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO TO SUPPORT FAITHWORKS!

### Mission Trip Participants, March - April, 2017

**Olive Branch Mission Team**—Glen & Jan Allen, Clint Miller, Billy Martin, Michael & Sarah Combs, Jamie & Chanel MacRae, George Ansbach, Debbie Ansbach, Matt, Diana, Tyson, Cutler McKay & Brayden Dunn, Randy & Debbie Sealover

**Flagstaff Family Food Bank Mission Team**—Glen & Jan Allen, Matt, Diana, Tyson, Cutler McKay & Brayden Dunn, Joan Stoner, Margo Braman, Curtis Chance & Jacob, Mike, Beth, Cassie & Jack Thomas, Alan Purchase, Robin Seguin, Joni Ely

### 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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