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THE ALASKA MISSION TEAM— OVER 70 BUT 10 STRONG!

What to expect when all the team volunteer missionaries who signed up for the Alaska Aug. 26 – Sept. 3 mission trip are over 70 years of age? After all, there are physical issues when we all reach that age and we were from 6 different churches across Arizona!

Well, here's the deal: we knocked it out of the park! Our purpose was to tackle the list of over 20 different building and grounds fix-up tasks to encourage the staff at Birchwood Camp, a Christian Ministry serving Anchorage and Central Alaska.

We cleaned cabins, kitchen and bathrooms. Split wood for winter heating. Cleared brush for a sled run. Painted and painted and painted some more. Log oiled a meeting hall. Repaired doors. Installed a refrigerator. Raked the playground. Installed a roof over the chicken house. Installed a bathroom cabinet. Restored all that was broken... WHEW! All in all we invested 376 hours at an estimated Alaska volunteer labor total of \$10,466! AND we finished ALL 20 tasks and a few more besides!

What a great team! We still found time to enjoy hiking, shopping, fishing and the Alaska State Fair.

Who says seniors aren't productive, useful and encouraging? Come and join us at Birchwood Camp, Alaska next year, August 18-26, 2018, no matter what age you are!

On Mission With You,
Glen

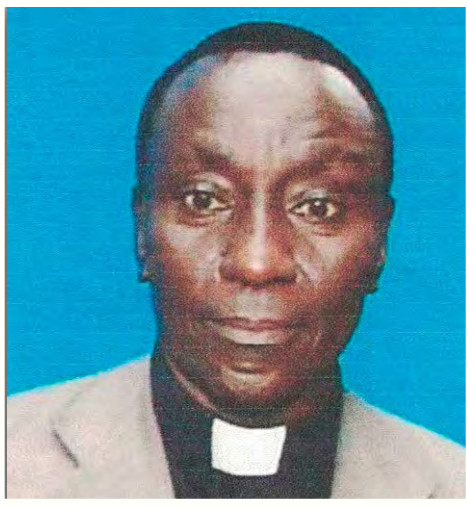


Mission Trips for 2018

- January 20 - El Nathan Ministries, Flagstaff
- Feb. 15-18 - Medical Clinic, Agua Prieta, Mexico
- March 17 - The Abide House, Verde Valley, AZ
- April 7 - Flagstaff Family Food Bank
- May 17-20 - Medical Clinic, Agua Prieta, Mexico
- June 16 - Sunshine Rescue Mission, Flagstaff
- Aug. 18-26 - Birchwood Camp, Anchorage Alaska
- Sept. 6-8 - Mexico Supply Mission, Agua Prieta
- Oct. 13 - Navajo Construction/Fix-up, Leupp, AZ
- Nov. 8-11 - Medical Clinic, Agua Prieta, Mexico
- Dec. 1 - Navajo Children's Christmas Mission

If you are interested in any of these missions, please contact Jan Allen, Trip Coordinator 928-567- 0092 and get a registration form EARLY!





FaithWorks and others were able to send \$750 USD to our ministry partner in Tanzania, Pastor Robert Temba, for major surgery his wife needed. Thank you to all who helped in this way. We pray God's healing touch on her.



CONGRATULATIONS to the Youngberg family on the adoption of their sweet Angelica. Born August 11, 2013 in Haiti, adopted July 29, 2017. Dad Ken, mom Jennifer, big sister Abby, and now little Angelica make their home in Soldotna, Alaska. The 2017 Alaska Mission team from FaithWorks was able to meet up with them and pass love onto Angelica. God Bless you all!

OUR NEEDS

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

- Prayer for our financial health in operating expenses
- Prayer for our staff, trip leaders and board of directors
- Computer printer for our Flagstaff office. \$75 – \$100.
- Christmas gifts for the Navajo Children's Christmas Mission, Dec. 2, \$10-20 range, wrapped or unwrapped, marked with age and M or F. Gifts need to be at the Flagstaff office by Nov. 27.

FAITHWORKS NEWS & NEEDS

We have begun a new communication tool, "FaithWorks News & Needs." This will be a quick email to convey news about missions, prayer requests, items needed or disaster relief info. Anything that you may want to be involved in quickly!

If you would like to receive this email, please contact Kelly at the Flagstaff office via email at flagoffice@faithworks4us.org or by phone, 928-774-0504.



WHEN THE CEILING FALLS IN...

Our Navajo partners at the Leupp mission building near Grand Falls, Arizona literally had the ceiling fall in! Because of various factors at work through the many years, seven sheets of drywall fell off the ceiling in their Fellowship Hall.

So, on Saturday September 30, 12 volunteers in mission from five different churches converged on the site to not only repair the fallen ceiling but also do weeding, cleaning, painting and other repairs to encourage this valuable Navajo congregation.

DIGGING OUT

All spring and summer we've struggled with a \$20,000 operating fund deficit, truly a summer slump. But, we're beginning to turn the corner: our August deficit has decreased to \$17,000.



In addition, a new pledge of \$3000 (Oct-Dec) has come in, for which we're grateful.

Would you consider matching that? Or whatever amount the Lord lays upon your heart?

Our designated gifts are always in good shape, and we honor that. It's the general fund that we need strengthened. Thank you!

Donate now with PayPal

If you would like to donate to FaithWorks through your media device, please go to our website www.faithworks4us.org. Click on the link DONATE, and follow the prompts. It's all self-explanatory. *Yes, it's that easy!*

FAITHWORKS ENDOWMENT FUND—NOW A REALITY!

We now have an established Endowment Fund, due to a start-up gift of \$10,000. This fund is managed by Taylor & Huntley Financial Planners in Camp Verde with the money being invested with Franklin Templeton. This fund will help ensure the long-term sustainability of FaithWorks for years to come. If you have any questions about this fund, please contact us. We're very grateful for this history-making move on the part of the donor and our Board of Directors.

We are currently receiving funds and in-kind donations and routing these to Samaritan's Purse and the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) for victims in South Texas. Make checks payable to Faithworks, memo: Hurricane Harvey.



MEXICO EQUIPMENT DELIVERY – ONE MAN, TWO DAYS!

Thanks to Dave Sorenson, who paid his own way September 9–10, we were able to deliver an entire trailer load of donated medical equipment and furnishings to our medical clinic ministry in Mexico. No other missionaries were able to accompany Dave, so thanks again Dave for utilizing your own vehicle and time in such a useful way!

VITAL STATISTICS (SINCE FOUNDING JUNE 2000)

Missionaries sent out	3325
Number of Mission Trips	192
Value of donated labor, medicines, and materials	\$1,807,241

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO TO SUPPORT FAITHWORKS

Mission Trip Participants, August - September, 2017

Alaska Mission Team—Glen & Jan Allen, Bill Austin, John & Kathy Marvin, Bob & Polly Philpott, Gary Larson, Robin Seguin, Linda VanDeren

Mexical Medical Supply Missioner—Dave Sorenson

Staff: *Jan Allen – Mission Trip Coordinator; Kelly Campbell – Office Manager; Shanna Perry – Treasurer*

Volunteers: *Ilene Harral-Hodgin – Prayer Coordinator; Lisa Kearsley – Editor, 'The Common Task'; George Stidham - Vehicle Maintenance Director; Office team: Pete Piper, Marie Kieft, Ilene Harral-Hodgin, Kathie Coolidge, Linda VanDeren, Alan Purchase, Amy Casali, Anne Benson, Matilde Liebe*

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FAITHWORKS 2018 WALL CALENDARS ARE NOW ON SALE!

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