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WHAT ARE WE DOING FOR THANKS – LIVING?

Our culture is on the verge of drowning in a sea of ingratitude. No one seems to know when having enough is enough. To make do and be content is ignored as “old school.”

A dear Christian friend told me of an unbelieving, needy, senior lady he was trying to help out at one time, and when he said “Bless you” to her upon leaving her home, she then replied to him, “don’t give me that blessings-stuff, you’re trying to make me a Christian!” He was only living out *his* thanksgiving! It turned out to be a powerful statement of Christian faith.

The Bible tells us “Be happy in your faith at all times. Never stop praying. Be thankful, whatever the circumstances may be.” *1 Thessalonians 5:16*.

So, what are we doing to live out our thanks? Especially in this season, and with so much rancor, and meanness threatening our beloved country? Our “Thanksgiving” just might be the exact antidote to that national discord in our personal circle of influence.

I’ve often thought of how very much more God could bless us if we weren’t so darn picky. Can we not pause, look around us, and out into the world, and see that we have so many things – and people – to be very, very thankful for?

Here at FaithWorks, we are overdosing on “thanksgiving” right now! We’ve just completed a very successful Navajo Building Fix-up Mission and we’re headed for Mexico for our 51st Medical Mission there, as well as readying ourselves for the 30+ missionaries coming to the Navajo Christmas Mission, December 1!

Jan and I have only 7 weeks left at the helm of leading FaithWorks. We’ve been thrilled to serve alongside Tony and Amy in a year-long succession/transition/apprenticing program to insure their success as they take the lead January 1, 2019. They have been a true blessing to work with. We will celebrate that and our outgoing “refire-ment” at a special service January 26, 2019. (See details in this issue.) We’re so grateful for God’s goodness over these 19 years of mission service through FaithWorks. It’s time to celebrate so very much!

Jan and I wish you a “Happy Thanks-Living”! Can we all find ways to live out our thanks so that we, too, might be accused of “all that blessings stuff?”

On Mission With You, Glen



Mission Trips for 2019

January 19 - Flagstaff Family Food Bank, Flagstaff, AZ Repairs and fix-up.

February 14-17 - Mexico Medical Mission Need medical professionals and children’s workers for this 2-day clinic in Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico.

March 9 - El Nathan Ministries, Flagstaff, AZ Fix-up and repairs.

April 13 - The Abide House, Camp Verde, AZ Light construction and repairs.

May 16 -19 - Mexico Medical Mission 2nd medical mission to Agua Prieta, Mexico this year. Doctors, nurses, helpers for a two-day clinic.

June 8 - Sunshine Rescue Mission, Flagstaff, AZ Cleaning, organizing, painting.

August 17-25 - Chugiak, Alaska Camp fix-up - painting, cleaning, roofing, gardening.

September 5-8 - Mexico Medical Equipment Supply Mission We’ll take up to 6 volunteers to deliver, set up, and arrange medical equipment and supplies to Agua Prieta, Mexico.

October 12 - Navajo Fix-up Mission, Leupp, AZ Building fix-up and repair on the Reservation.

Oct 31-Nov 3 Mexico Medical Mission Providing a free clinic in Agua Prieta, Mexico to those in need.

December 7 - Navajo Children’s Christmas Mission, Leupp, AZ. We will provide gifts, dinner and the love of Christ to our Navajo neighbors.

CONSTRUCTION IS IN THE AIR

On October 13th Faithworks was able to muster a hardy crew to go to the Navajo Church of God Holiness Church in Leupp, Arizona. Our crew consisted of 13 people from 5 different churches, from Flagstaff, Camp Verde, and Casa Grande, Arizona. We were there to help with a number of small construction projects that needed fixing.

It started on a beautiful crisp autumn day, with the sun shining on our faces. We got to work replacing the roof over the entrance to the Fellowship Hall, repairing doorknobs and swing sets, weeding the grounds, cleaning inside the building, and of course...painting! We were able to bless Pastor Dean & Lola Bahe, and Lola blessed us with homemade Navajo Tacos for lunch, praise the Lord!

We were able to complete our tasks for the day, but please keep the Fellowship Hall in your prayers as they will be needing a new roof sometime soon. It is our hope and prayer that we will be able to replace the entire roof so that it will be leak free and structurally sound. Several founding missionaries of the church, from when the church was built in the 1970's, arrived while the mission team was working on the roof. The founding missionaries were thrilled at the work being done, and we would all like to help preserve this structure into the future. Keep an eye out for opportunities to help with this project in 2019!

Yours in mission, Tony.



Working on the roof.



The mission team.



Making fry bread with Pastor Lola Bahe.

*save
the date!*

JANUARY 26,
2019

You are invited to a very special gathering of the FaithWorks family, a Transition/Succession celebration of Tony and Amy Casali's transitioning into Glen and Jan's positions at FaithWorks. The succession will occur on January 1st. The *celebration* will be on **Saturday, January 26th** at the **Church of the Resurrection** in Flagstaff, Arizona. A free lunch will be served promptly at noon with a program and reception to follow. Please RSVP to (928) 774-0504.

SOLAR OVEN CLINIC

Our second attempt at a two-day solar oven clinic in Leupp, Arizona was quite a success! While our July dates had to be rescheduled due to cloudy weather, the sun shone bright and strong on our September 11-12 clinic days – thank you for your prayers!

Four members of the Solar Oven Partners team came from South Dakota to hold this clinic. They were joined by 10 FaithWorks missionaries from Flagstaff, Camp Verde, Arizona, and Windsor, Colorado. Pastor Lola Bahe hosted the event at the Senior Center in Leupp, inviting the Navajo people to attend the clinic.

What an amazing process of learning the basic science of the solar oven, constructing the oven and then learning how to prep and cook food in it! Two days were needed to ensure that each participant was confident in being able to successfully use a solar oven.

We want to thank Pastor Lola Bahe and Solar Oven Partners for joining with FaithWorks to hold this clinic. It was such a great success, we look forward to helping with this ministry again next year!



Assembling the ovens



2018 NAVAJO CHRISTMAS MISSION

We have an overflowing team super excited about the upcoming mission in Leupp, Arizona on December 1st. All we need now are gifts to bring and share with the Navajo people.

Could you donate a gift for this Christ-centered event? Gifts \$20 or less, no electronics, and please label male or female and about what age the gift is appropriate for. We are looking for gifts for both children and adults. Lists are available at the office or call us at 928-774-0504 for more information.

Please bring gifts in as soon as possible so we can make sure to have something for everyone. At the very latest, we must have them by Thursday, Nov. 29th. Thank you!

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Mission Trip Participants, September - October, 2018

Solar Oven Seminar Team—Glen & Jan Allen, Tony & Amy Casali, Dave Hoffman, Sandy Brown, Barbara Bryant, Wilma Romero, Carolyn Taylor

Leupp Fix-up Mission Team—Glen & Jan Allen, Tony & Amy Casali, Michael Combs & Chanell MacRae, Randy & Debbie Sealover, Pauling Pickett, Ruby Lerfall, Reggie Wachs

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