

# THE COMMON TASK



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Matthew 28:18-20

# FAITHWORKS

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## THE "PATCHWORK" OF FAITHWORKS

One of the greatest surprises and most meaningful gifts Jan and I have ever experienced was presented to us at this year's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration Banquet, September 30 in Flagstaff.

Anne Benson, FNP, who serves as a medical missionary with *FaithWorks* to Africa and Mexico, was the "instigator" of a year-long process of gathering the patchwork of quilt squares from many of our 28 member churches and mission sites where we've served through the years. Anne's side-kick was Linda VanDeren another one of our faithful nurses who accompanies *FaithWorks* on many mission trips to Mexico as well as Africa.

The whole endeavor was kept secret—miraculously, because even our office staff was in on it! We were really kept in the dark, having no idea or suspicion this was going on!

The quilt squares are beautifully creative and individually crafted. It's signed around the overall white border by so many of you who are either sponsoring churches, missionaries who've gone with us, and our partners on mission locations in Tanzania, Africa; Alaska; Mexico, and the Navajo Indian Reservation. Anne told us the whole "surprising result" was so much fun—that so many Christians from so many different locations were so eager to be a part of this fun event.

When my wife and I finally had time the morning after the banquet to lay it out for full and close-up appreciation, we tearfully said, "Oh my, how many hands and fingers have touched this for us!" What a gift we'll value. It will hang on our living room wall so that when you stop by for a visit you too can touch it and see what a beautiful gift it is!

To me, this patchwork quilt represents what I read in Ephesians 4:4-12 (Moffatt) describing the church:

*"For there is one body..but each one of us is granted his own grace, as determined by the full measure of Christ's gifts...and granted gifts to men...for the equipment of the saints, for the business of the ministry for upbuilding of the body of Christ."*

I saw this operating at the Celebration banquet which was more like a family reunion—Christians warmly greeting and hugging each other—even though we were all from 28+ different member churches representing 14 denominations!

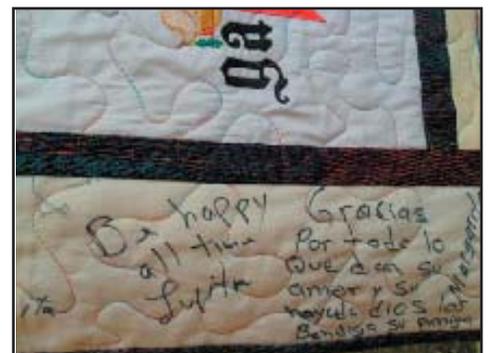
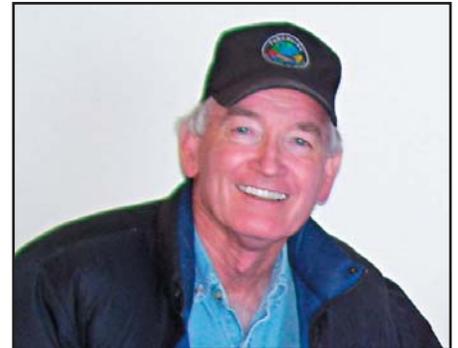
WOW, this patchwork of *FaithWorks*!

It works!

On Mission With You,

Glen Allen

Executive Director,  
*FaithWorks*



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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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## McCURDY SCHOOL MISSION TRIP JUNE 19-25

What do eight people spanning ages of 34 to 74, from three different churches, with diverse backgrounds and talents have in common? We all were blessed in June to make the missions trip with *FaithWorks* to McCurdy Christian School.

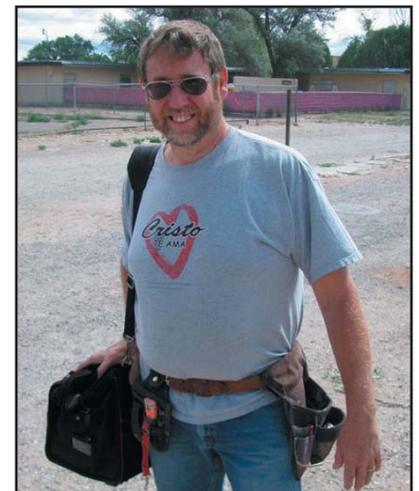
McCurdy School is located in the Española Valley of Northern New Mexico. They have 40 buildings located throughout the 44 acre campus requiring enormous amounts of effort to maintain the facilities. Each year dozens of mission teams from across the country make their way to McCurdy in order to repair, restore and prepare the facilities for the new school year.

The *FaithWorks* team was able to do some major work on their phone system by reestablishing phone service to their dining hall and cleaning up a lot of distressed phone lines. Trenches were dug, approximately 450 feet of phone lines laid, trench refilled, and concrete sidewalks repaired.

The team also cleaned classrooms, scraped gum from chairs, shampooed rugs, weeded, pruned and watered flower beds, painted and organized linen closets, washed 32 loads of laundry, ran new drip lines, repaired a cooler, and clipped Campbell's soup Labels for Education. There was something for everyone to do.

We were all so thankful that "whatever we did in word or deed, we could do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father." *Colossians 3:17*

Mary Green



*To see these and Alaska mission trip pictures IN COLOR, visit [www.faithworksphotos1.shutterfly.com](http://www.faithworksphotos1.shutterfly.com)*

### COUPONS FOR McCURDY

Please save your Campbell's Soup labels and Box Tops for Education for the McCurdy School in New Mexico. They have purchased Vans, computer equipment, and many other items with these coupons. You can mail them or bring them by the *FaithWorks* Flagstaff office (addresses above). Thank you!

# ALASKA MISSION TRIP, AUGUST 27-SEPT 4

*“Well-done work has its own reward.” Proverbs 12:14 (The Message)*

And, so it was with this mission to Birchwood Camp in Chugiak, Alaska. There were eleven members on the team. They represented six churches from around Arizona: Desert Mission United Methodist Church-Scottsdale, Munds Park Community Church, Parker United Methodist Church, Payson United Methodist Church, and Trinity Heights United Methodist Church-Flagstaff.

There was much work to be done to prepare the camp for the winter. One of the biggest jobs was to “log-oil” one whole side of the newest cabin in the camp, which first entailed erecting scaffolding because of the height of the wall. There was the removal of a huge tree stump and its roots—and, in its place a small pine tree was planted. Lots and lots of wood was cut and stacked for winter fireplace use. In the dining room, kitchen, and in the Caribou cabin, there was finishing work done around the ceilings and walls. Of course, the kitchen “crew” was always busy planning ahead for meals that were tasty and healthy (although a few people could have survived on “bacon & Oreos”!) All of these jobs were done with diligence and “heart.”

We were treated to a few outings—the Alaska State Fair, attended Worship Service at Anchor Park United Methodist Church, visited the St. Nicholas Orthodox Church to view the “Spirit Boxes” in their cemetery, and on the day before departing we had choices for various outings (salmon fishing, glacier viewing cruise, or shopping in Anchorage). So it wasn’t all work and no play!

What continues to be replayed in my memories of this time is how everyone prepared, presented and shared their devotions. At each meal one of us was requested to share a devotion. Above all else that touched my heart as these eleven Christians worked together that week, it was the devotionals that continue to come to mind every day.

Always, and in all ways, God was with us in this place...

Jeannie Ward



# 11th ANNUAL CELEBRATION BANQUET

Again the *FaithWorks* Celebration Banquet was a huge success! With over 11 years to celebrate the goodness of God, how could it be anything less?

On Sept. 30 at Trinity Heights United Methodist Church in Flagstaff, AZ we celebrated “missions” for 2011. We thank Vickie Luviano from McCurdy Mission School, Española, New Mexico for taking her time and effort to come over with her lovely daughter and give us the main address on what it is like to be a recipient of *FaithWorks* mission teams.

We trust that everyone who attended the banquet felt blessed by what was shared. What a wondrous evening it was from the musical entertainment, the scrumptious meal, the testimonies of those who have gone, given, prayed or been a recipient of mission trips, to the blessed surprise gift to Glen and Jan Allen of the *FaithWorks* Patchwork Quilt!

The 2012 *FaithWorks* mission trips were unveiled as well as the 2012 *FaithWorks* calendars which highlight mission trips of 2011. If you would like to purchase a \$10 calendar please call the *FaithWorks* office today!

Thank you for coming to make this an evening to remember for a long, long time. We give God all the praise and glory for the evening!

Next year’s banquet will be Friday, October 5, 2012. Put it on your “*FaithWorks* Calendar” today!



*Henry McLaughlin gives Glen stuffed toys and children’s books from a member church, First Presbyterian in Casa Grande, AZ. They will be distributed in the Navajo Nation and at the free medical clinic in Agua Prieta, Mexico.*

## FAITHWORKS NEEDS:

- Small, easy-to-use digital camera
- Cordless drill
- Electrical hand power saw
- Window cleaning equipment
- Baby/lap quilts
- Children’s/adult vitamins
- Used eyeglasses

Can you help supply any of these items? If so, please call the *FaithWork* office. Thank you!

## FAITHWORKS’ HELP FOR WALLOW FOREST FIRE VICTIMS



*“Thank you for your part in sharing the wonderful efforts from those involved in providing money and gifts to the people in the White Mountains. Dave Sherman was just overwhelmed with the generosity and has immediate use for the money for at least three families that were “burned out” during the fire.”*

*Jerry Howell*

*Roger Holden (left) representing FaithWorks, presents Dave and Tina Sherman of the White Mountain Salvation Army a check for \$5109 and a truck load of goods to the Wallow Fire victims in Northeastern Arizona so generously given by FaithWorks member churches and individuals. Jerry Howell (right) of the “Church of our Saviour” in Lakeside, AZ was the FaithWorks liaison for the Wallow Fire assistance.*

## NEW WEBSITE!

We are excited to let you know that we have completely re-done our website. It has easy access to information about our organization, recent FaithWorks news, our missions calendar, previous newsletters (now in COLOR), and many more streamlined features. Please check it out!

[www.faithworks4us.org](http://www.faithworks4us.org)

## YOU'LL WANT TO KNOW:

- That FaithWorks was able to deliver an excellent upright piano, donated by Munds Park Community Church to the Navajo Indian Church at Leupp, Arizona!
- That the average age of this year's Alaska Mission Team was 70. It's never too late!
- That we're beginning anew with medical missions in Africa. After completing our 3 1/2 year commitment of support to Lyamungo Clinic near Mt. Kilimanjaro, we'll send a new team to Karatu near the Kenya border in 2012. We are recruiting medical personnel now for the mission dates of June 28 - July 13, 2012. Please call the office for more info. The sooner you reserve your place, the better!

## TRAILER GIFT!

Those of you who have gone on any FaithWorks missions over the past years have been able to enjoy the convenience of a covered, gray trailer. It hauls suitcases to the airports, wheelchairs to Mexico, clothing to the Reservations, food, building materials, exam tables, Christmas gifts, etc. The list is too long! Allen and Nancy Church have so graciously allowed us to "borrow" it for more mission trips than we can count! and we have dubbed it "The Church Trailer."

Not long ago Glen and Jan were visiting a member church where the Churches attend in the summer, and Alan said that he wanted to give the trailer to FaithWorks! What a total blessing that was! They have been so very generous over the years, to the point of asking FaithWorks if they (the Churches) could use their own trailer at times! Now, we are the very proud owners of this wonderful gift. We plan to still be very good stewards of it, as it has served us very well going to numerous places all over the country.

Thank you Allen and Nancy for this most precious gift!



## NEW FREE CLINIC FOR THE UNINSURED!



FaithWorks recently donated a complete room of optometry equipment to the new "Poore Medical Clinic," a free medical clinic in Flagstaff, located at 120 W. Fine Ave. Founded by Dr. Henry & Nina Poore, the clinic is designed to serve those who have no medical insurance or coverage of any kind. We're grateful to contribute to this endeavor.

# MISSION OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2012

We have many mission trips scheduled for 2012 would you like to join us? Please visit our website at [www.faithworks4us.org](http://www.faithworks4us.org) or call our office at 928-774-0504 to find out more or get a registration form.

## January 14

Youth Haven Ranch Mission, Casa Grande, AZ

## February 16-19

Agua Prieta Medical Mission, Sonora, Mexico

## March 10

The Olive Branch Mission, Rimrock, AZ

## April 7

Living Waters Retreat Center, Cornville, AZ

## May 5

Northstar Youth Ranch Mission, Flagstaff, AZ

## May 17-20

Agua Prieta Medical Mission, Sonora, Mexico

## July 8-14

McCurdy Mission School Mission, Espanola, New Mexico

## June 28 – July 13

Africa Medical Mission, Karatu, Tanzania

## August 11-19

Birchwood Camp Mission, Chugiak, Alaska

## October 15

Navajo Construction Mission, Leupp, AZ

## November 15-18

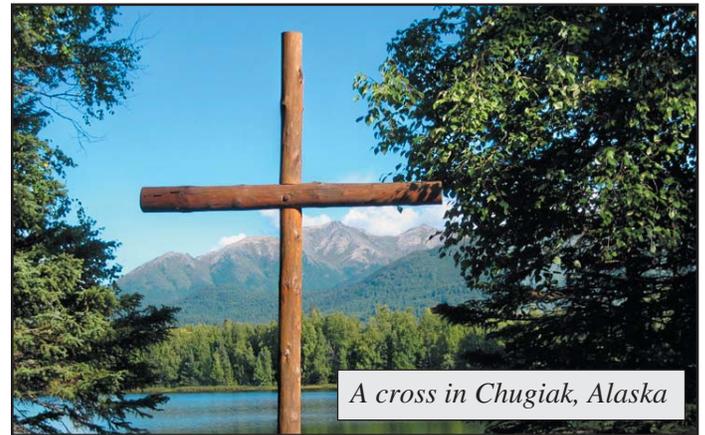
Agua Prieta Medical Mission, Sonora, Mexico

## December 1

Navajo Children's Christmas Mission, Leupp, AZ

## Friday, October 5

12th Annual Missions Celebration Banquet



### VITAL STATISTICS (SINCE FOUNDING JUNE 2000)

Missionaries sent out	2247
Different destinations	122
Value of donated labor, medicines, and materials	\$1,098,734

### FAITHWORKS FINANCIAL REPORT GENERAL FUND JAN 1 - SEPT 30, 2011

DESCRIPTION:	AMOUNT	BUDGETED	OVER (UNDER) BUDGET
Donations from Churches	\$29,149	\$34,875	\$ (5,726)
Donations from Individuals	\$35,299	\$51,750	\$(16,451)
Other Revenue	\$14,593	\$11,269	\$ 3,325
Total Revenue	\$79,041	\$97,894	\$(18,852)
Expenditures	\$100,452	\$97,656	\$2,796
Net of Expense over Revenue	(\$21,411)		
Gen. Fund receipts from Banquet deposited Oct 4	\$ 6,144		
Shortage after banquet	(\$15,267)		

We thank each of you for your generous donations at the *FaithWorks* banquet Sept 30, 2011! We received \$6144 for the General Operating Fund and \$2915 in Designated Funds for a total of \$9059. Although we are still short by \$15,267 in the General Operating Fund as of Sept. 30, your gifts have helped close the gap. In addition, several monthly pledges were made and 29 people committed to praying regularly for *FaithWorks*. So many of you have faithfully continued to support the Lord's work through *FaithWorks* even during these slow economic times. We appreciate all of you so much! We still need your continued prayers and support the Lord might lead you to provide. May the Lord bless you and keep you!

## UPCOMING LEUPP NAVAJO MISSION

We are separating the Leupp Construction Mission from the Leupp Christmas party this year. This will help us not get overwhelmed working on both construction projects and a Christmas party on the same day, and it will give the construction crew a greater likelihood of having better weather for outdoor work than they would have in December. We have a full contingent of missionaries traveling to Leupp on **Oct. 29, 2011** to work on much-needed building fix-up and repairs for our Navajo neighbors. While this mission team is full, please keep them in your prayers as they leave in just over a week. Thank you!

## A LEUPP NAVAJO CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS!—Dec 3

This year will be FaithWorks' 5<sup>th</sup> time to celebrate the Christmas season with our Navajo friends in Leupp, Arizona. We are doing things a little differently this time, so please read on.

Plan on joining FaithWorks for an afternoon of food, fellowship, giving, and worshipping by coming alongside Pastor and Mrs. Dean Bahe of the Church of God Holiness in Leupp. We will be taking no more than 30 missionaries who want to bless and be blessed at this Christmas time by giving to others.

FaithWorks is asking each person (family) to bring a potluck dish to feed your family and at least 10 more so we can share a meal with the church folks there. We also ask you to bring a gift of no more than \$15 and clearly marked boy/girl/age and/or senior (man or woman).

We will have a time of worship with Pastor Bahe and his congregation as well as a Christmas Drama put on by one of our youth groups. Then, the finale with *Santa*, which is always a hit with the children. The potluck will be at the beginning of the afternoon with the program to follow. Time is 12pm to 3pm. So please start enlisting your church and family to gather gifts for this wondrous occasion of giving.

Please call the FaithWorks office today to secure your spot on the "giving" mission team. The cost is \$20 per person or \$40 for a family of three or more. This will be to help the Bahe's with water, propane, wood, electricity and any other incidentals needed for that day.

We hope you will take time out of your busy Christmas Season to join FaithWorks in blessing those who are in need. Bring your family. It is a wonderful way to show children the real meaning of Christmas.

## 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.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

## THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO TO SUPPORT FAITHWORKS!

### Mission Trip Participants, June - September, 2011

*McCurdy Mission Team—Noah & Mary Green, Bill Austin, Sharon Ackerman, Eldon & Tanya Schoonover, Gary & Naomi Watkins*

*Alaska Mission Team—Rev. Doug Handlong, Bill Austin, Jerry Korn, Barry Smith, Edith Reith, Nancy Rooney, Rev. Gary & Jeannie Ward, Bob & Deanna Hershberger, Denny Rust*

### Volunteer Staff

*Jan Allen - Mission Trip Coordinator; John Mauk - Prayer and Medicine Coordinator;  
Pete and De Dow - Financial Secretaries; Polly Philpott - Treasurer; Susan Stokes - Website Management;  
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