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Matthew 28:18-20

FAITHWORKS

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DO SHORT-TERM MISSIONS HELP?

Every once in a while someone says to me, “Does it really matter that we go on just a weekend mission trip? Or even one day?” The implication being—can one make a difference in so little time?

Can short-term missions have a long-term effect?

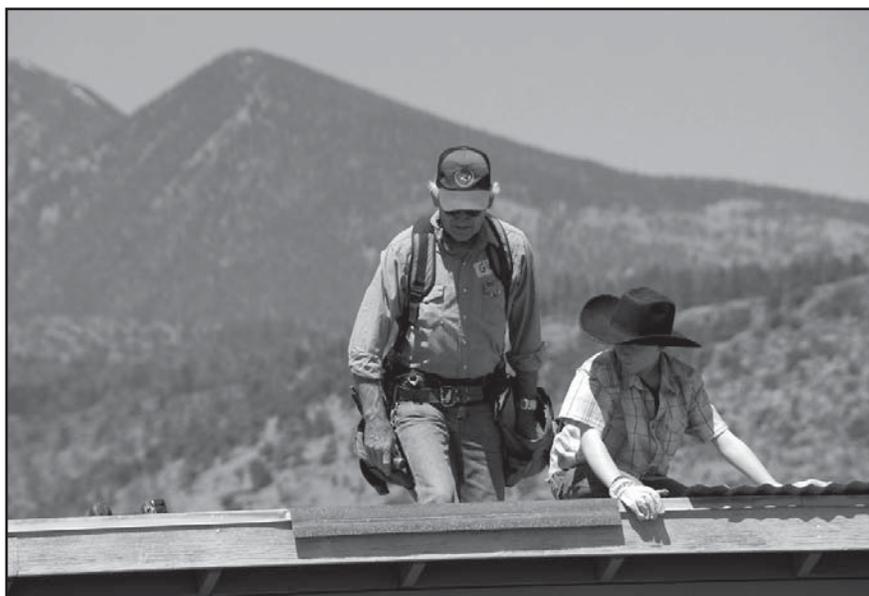
There is even the inference out there of “Why don’t you stay home. There are folks in need here, too.”

All I can tell you is that from my experience over eleven years of short-term mission-sending of team after team, lives have been changed—both those who pray, give financially, and go—as well as those who have received each mission team. Since June of 2000, 2221 missionaries have gone out on 118 trips, amounting to a total “tangible impact” of over \$1,076,467 in donated labor, materials, and medicines.

Add the factor that we have many trips to “repeat destinations”—sending three medical mission teams to Mexico per year, now totaling 23 trips over 11 years; six trips to Africa; 10 trips to Alaska, and 12 to the Navajo Nation in Northern Arizona.

Over time, that amounts to a huge morale boost and material gain for the mission site. The overall level of health care in Agua Prieta, Mexico alone is noticeably higher since we’ve been there 14 times.

Not to mention, lives of missionaries are changed by going for just a short while. Example: John and Kaysie Campbell are now long-term missionaries in Sierra Leone, West Africa after their 2009 mission trip with FaithWorks to Tanzania.



Replacing roofing at the May 7 mission trip to Northstar Youth Ranch.



The Bible says, “*Do good to all men especially those of the household of faith.*” Gal. 6:10.

To me, that means, as a Christian do what you can with what you have and do it now! Short-term or long-term.

On Mission With You,

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FAITHWORKS!

Our mission trip for March found 17 missionaries gathered at the *Olive Branch, New Beginnings Ministry* in Rimrock, Arizona in the Verde Valley. We had a wonderful time seeing old friends and making new ones, too. Five different churches were represented, and some came from as far away as Williams and Sun City.

During the course of the day there were two porches being built, four raised garden boxes being built, a myriad of windows being washed (in all the 7 homes), kitchens being cleaned and painted, things being sorted and filed away, good eating going on, and a wonderful camaraderie of mission-minded folks just working alongside each other to make someone's day a little brighter! The Lord surely sent just the right persons to serve that day, and we really enjoyed visiting with the men who live at *The Olive Branch* as well as encouraging Cyndi and the staff there. The weather couldn't have been better, and the chili dogs were awesome. Thank you team!



OLD TOWN MISSION, APRIL 9

It was a very cold, snowy, rainy day in Cottonwood, Arizona, as the *FaithWorks* team gathered at *The Old Town Mission*. When all that were coming had arrived, we ended up with 15 die-hards out of the 36 that had signed up! We don't blame the others for not coming because the roads were impassable at times, and we always want out missionaries to be safe!

We thank those who did show up, and we got the job done. *The Old Town Mission* in Cottonwood is an organization that has a myriad of services to help the "working poor" in the Verde Valley. Brian Detwiler is doing such a great job putting into practice our shared Christian faith by ministering to families in the area.

FaithWorks came alongside this mission and stripped and re-waxed the very large dining room floor where they serve a free lunch every day. Then a group put together some much-needed shelving for food stuffs. Cleaning, painting and general fix-up was going on as well. Part of the team went to Camp Verde United Methodist Church where they helped with a "purse giveaway" that the ladies are involved in. The Girl Scout Troop #2075 of Peoria cleaned donated purses, then filled each one with shampoo, toothpaste, lotions, combs, and other such items. The ladies of the church later gave them to young single moms in the Camp Verde area on Mother's Day. The Troop also thoroughly cleaned the Sunday school rooms, including the nursery and all the toys. Camp Verde UMC was very grateful to get this much-needed help.

So, a big thanks goes out to all those who joined us at *The Old Town Mission* and Camp Verde UMC this year. We keep Brian and his staff in our prayers.



A DAY AT NORTHSTAR YOUTH RANCH

On May 7th, 37 mission team members gathered at Northstar Youth Ranch. The men, women and children from seven different churches from Williams, Camp Verde, Kingman and Phoenix came alongside Scott and Amber Martin as they work to impact the lives of at-risk children and their families in Northern Arizona.

The team, led by Dave Sorenson, sorted clothes for the free clothing closet (Hannah's Closet), built fence to contain the horses that work with the children of the ranch, painted the barn, and replaced a rotten floor in the meeting room where youth and families gather for fellowship and activities. As they gathered around the afternoon meal, the team was able to learn more about the mission of the ranch, which is a safe place for at-risk youth and their families to find support, respite, encouragement, and recreation in a rural setting. They also learned about the needs of foster and at-risk children in their community.

Even with the high winds that ended the mission work a few hours early, the ranch was blessed immeasurably by the hard work and efforts of this dedicated team. They were also blessed with 10 handmade blankets that were given to a local organization to comfort children in times of family crisis. The workers at Northstar were encouraged and lifted up by *FaithWorks* and their extraordinary mission team.



To see these and more pictures of the Northstar mission trip **IN COLOR**, visit www.faithworksphotos1.shutterfly.com



WHY WE STILL GO TO MEXICO...

Here at *FaithWorks* we live with the same sad news you hear about the terrible conditions in Mexico. Specific regions in that beautiful country are so ravaged with drug cartel in-fighting it's hardly believable to us here in the United States.

The warnings and caution that many of you have urged upon us are deeply appreciated. We take those seriously before each mission trip.

However, let me assure that we never would put a mission team in jeopardy. We check with the US State Department website on "Travel Warnings," read the local newspapers, and most importantly, call Mexico the day before departure to verify local conditions.

Were it not for our partner on the ground in Agua Prieta, Sonora, we would not be able to feel confident to send medical and children's mission help to the little, poor colonia where we serve. The pastor, Gela Lopez, and the congregation of Christians there at Fuente de Vida Church (Fountain of Life) always help us with the key elements in the success of our missions: getting the medicines, equipments and supplies through the Mexican border, providing valuable Spanish-English interpreters, cooking great meals on-site and keeping the facility bright and clean for our medical providers.

We've just returned from the May 19-22 trip having served 172 patients with first-class treatment and medicines, all of which are totally donated. Children were ministered to with creative play. Some building fix-up panned out. And we worshipped together, Fuente de Vida Church and the *FaithWorks* mission team, on our last night there. Thirteen missionaries from nine different churches.

Each trip is a miracle. God has called us to this Gospel-partnership in healing through the still-open door we have in this special, safe part of Mexico.

That's why we still go.



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UPCOMING MISSION TRIPS

Many of our 2011 mission trips are full and could certainly use your prayers. The November and December trips still have openings. Please call our office at 928-774-0504 if you can join the team.

June 19-25

McCurdy Mission School, Espanola, New Mexico
Trip is full with 9 missionaries

Aug. 27 – Sept. 4

Alaska Mission, Anchorage, Alaska
Trip is full with 11 missionaries

September 30

11th Annual Celebration Banquet

November 17-20

Agua Prieta Medical Mission, Mexico
A few spaces left

December 3

Navajo Children’s Christmas Mission, Leupp, AZ
Registrations are still being taken. This will be a Christmas celebration only. Spaces still available



The Mexico mission trip.

GoodSearch and FaithWorks!

As some of you know, *FaithWorks* is signed up as a non-profit on the *GoodSearch* Web page. *FaithWorks* earns money when you use *GoodSearch* to search the web and *GoodShop* to shop online. If you would just type in *GoodSearch.com* and then enter your favorite charity as “*FaithWorks*” and use this site as your search engine, then *FaithWorks* will receive a penny for each hit. Already since 2011 *FaithWorks* has received \$42.90 from *GoodSearch* and from *GoodShop*. This is just another way to support *FaithWorks*, and it doesn’t cost you a thing.

Thank you to all who use this search engine and enabling it to earn money for *FaithWorks*.

FAITHWORKS NEEDS:

- Rolling mop bucket and mop
- Laundry sink
- Beanie Babies
- Children’s/adult vitamins
- Heavy duty metal shelves for our storeroom

Can you help supply any of these items? If so, please call the *FaithWorks* office at 928-774-0504. Thank you!

FAITHWORKS FINANCIAL REPORT GENERAL FUND JAN 1 - MAY 31, 2011

DESCRIPTION:	AMOUNT	BUDGETED	OVER (UNDER) BUDGET
Donations from Churches	\$16,954	\$19,375	\$(2,421)
Donations from Individuals	\$18,262	\$28,750	\$(10,488)
Other Revenue	\$4,184	\$6,260	\$(2,076)
Total Revenue	\$39,400	\$54,385	\$(14,985)
Operating Expenditures	\$53,520	\$54,254	\$(734)
Net of Expense over Revenue	\$(14,120)		

So many of you have faithfully continued to support the Lord’s work through *FaithWorks*. We thank each of you so much! In addition to the General Fund, we have also received \$15,977 in designated funds for specific purposes so far this year. We are so grateful to have these funds to help the needy in Africa, Mexico, and here in the United States. As you can see from the financial report above, we are running \$14,120 short in the General Fund for the first five months of this year. Any support the Lord might lead you to provide would be greatly appreciated! May the Lord bless you and keep you!

11TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION BANQUET

Friday, Sept. 30, Trinity Heights United Methodist Church, Flagstaff, AZ. Mark your calendars *now*, in order to set aside this evening of fun and reunion with other missionaries of the past as well as celebrating with fellow Christians in what the Lord is doing through missions. Your church will be getting information and tickets as the time draws nearer, or you can call the *FaithWorks* office at 928-774-0504 for more information. Please come and join us on this wonderful night of celebrating and praise!

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 _____

MANY, MANY THANKS!

At Easter time, Trinity Heights United Methodist Church in Flagstaff, Arizona, took a special offering to be divided among two of the missions they support, *FaithWorks* and Africa University in Zimbabwe, Africa.

FaithWorks received a check for \$4144 from Trinity as well as another from a family of \$400. We are very grateful to those who gave such a generous gift of love to others. We will be using the \$4444 to fund the monthly support we are sending to the Lyamungo Dispensary in Lyamungo, Tanzania. At \$1500 a month, it will pay the salaries of two doctors, three nurses and a small amount of medicines. This dispensary is vital to this area on the slopes of Mt. Kilimanjaro, for they have no other health care close by. Thank you again to Trinity Heights and all who gave sacrificially to those less fortunate than yourselves. What greater gift than to be giving and receiving at the Blessed Easter time.

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO TO SUPPORT FAITHWORKS!

Mission Trip Participants, March - May 2011

The Olive Branch Mission Team—Billy Martin, Glen & Jan Allen, Bill Austin, Carol Etter, Tom & Marsha Franklin, Teddy Todd, Terry & Willie Schick, Nancy Rooney, Joan Stoner & Jim Wehrein, Gwen Ratzloff, Steve Andros, Bud Parenteau,

Old Town Mission Team—Bobby & Polly Philpott, Glen & Jan Allen, Teddy Todd, Terry & Willie Schick, Mike Holpuch, Tracy Thompson and the girls from the Girl Scout Troop #2075 in Peoria

Northstar Youth Ranch Mission Team—Dave Sorenson, Glen & Jan Allen, Gary & Kathleen Austin, Nicole, Kathy, & Michaela Bennett, Eddy, Jannette, Derek, Dawson, & Grace Bressler, Debbie Carpenter, Linda Chevalier, Trinity Player, Linda Cook, Marilyn Duval, Carol Etter, Joe & Pam Hendrickson, Mick, Renee, Ethan, & Kyle Henry, Ian Kearsley, Ron & Penny Pratt, Mike & Teddy Scott, Erik Whealy, Joan Stoner, Franklyn, Gbemi, Remi, & Danielle Taylor, Craig Michel

Mexico Mission Team—Glen & Jan Allen, Bill Austin, Dave & Gigi Sorenson, Anita Oquita, Patricia Kurtz, Martha Wing, Matilde Leibe, Linda VanDeren

Volunteer Staff

Jan Allen - Mission Trip Coordinator; John Mauk - Prayer and Medicine Coordinator;
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Pete Piper and Kelly Campbell - Office volunteers; Roger Holden - Assistant

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

DONATIONS

If you would like to financially support FaithWorks or any of our trips, you can join the many Christians who have made FaithWorks part of their monthly budget. You can designate your funds or give general support that can be applied where it is needed most.

In-Kind gifts are accepted on an as-needed basis.

VOLUNTEERS

There is always a place for anyone who wishes to volunteer for any of our trips/projects/office work.

PLANNED GIVING

Making FaithWorks part of your estate will leave a legacy of good works that will change lives.



Mission day at the Northstar Youth Ranch.



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