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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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## LIGHT THAT DOESN'T HURT OUR EYES

The Bible says, "God is light and in Him is no darkness at all." (*I John 1:5*)

But in this crazy mixed-up world we're living in, there sure are a lot of dark corners into which we can drift! Just pick up your newspaper, turn on the TV or go to online news, and you'll be stunned on a daily basis at how "dark" our society seems to be quickly growing.

One of my favorite writers puts it at "Warp Speed": "Forget about wanting to be on the right side of history; people are wanting to be on the right side of the moment... American culture now resembles a luxury liner taking on water fast and the huddled masses aboard it running from one end to the other, like a terrified centipede, frantically seeking survival." *World magazine*, 9/8/15

It's into this very kind of world that we send missions to minister the truth and compassion of Christ by what we say and do.

As I write, I'm in daily touch with our Alaska Mission team doing church building fix-up and new



The Alaska Mission Team.

## 15TH ANNUAL "FAITHWORKS CELEBRATION" FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2015 6PM

CHRIST'S CHURCH OF FLAGSTAFF  
Don't miss it!

Your chance to meet and have reunion with fellow missionaries or find out how to be one!  
A free dessert fellowship!

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Habitat 4 Humanity home construction in Anchorage. I'm grateful for their work and witness as they let their light of Christian faith shine in "The Last Frontier."

We can and do make mistakes in living out our "Light." It's possible, of course, to come on so strongly that we can actually "blind" people to finding their way to Jesus in saving faith. That comes from being pushy, obnoxious and irritating.

But, if I read it right, what Jesus said in His manifesto of the Christian life, it's pretty simple stuff: "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." (*Matthew 5:14-16*)

That's the kind of light that doesn't hurt your eyes!

On Mission With You,  
Glen Allen



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## THE 2015 ARIZONA MISSIONS CONFERENCE

The FaithWorks-sponsored *Arizona Missions Conference* on June 13th, held at The Church of the Resurrection, Flagstaff, was an exciting time and great success! This was a first-time event that was enjoyed by 52 people from 18 different churches. The day was filled with events for education, information, inspiration, and the equipping of God's people to share the Gospel throughout the world in obedience to Matthew 28:19-20. There were times of worship and 16 different small group sessions to learn from and participate in. This will be an annual event, so please keep it in mind for June, 2016.



## AFRICAN CHICKEN-PROJECT

A very generous donor has sent \$6000 to *Havenature Safari Camp* in Karatu, Tanzania, where FaithWorks has close ties, for the specific purpose of helping them with their "Chicken Project." Winnes Massawe, owner of Havenature Safari Camp, is striving to raise chickens for selling meat and eggs, with the proceeds going towards food and care for the sick and elderly in their area. The eggs will also provide much-needed protein for people in the community. Please keep this project in your prayers—it still needs much monetary support and permanent sustainability.

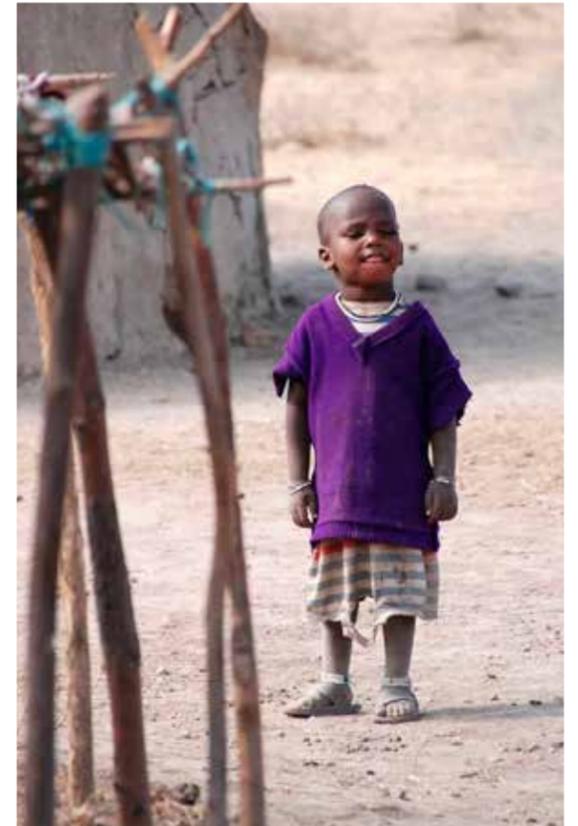


Glen Allen and Winnes Massawe enjoy the goings-ons at a previous Tanzania mission trip.

## AFRICA: CALLING ALL DOCTORS!

Already, we're requesting doctors and medical support personnel for the 2016 Africa Medical Mission to Northern Tanzania, East Africa, July 6-20, 2016. If you'd like to practice medicine in a rural setting, make a huge difference for the people who live there, and experience an African photo safari, please give us a call or email us. It takes this long to set up an medical mission trip in Africa, so we have to start early.

Jan Allen, Trip Coordinator



## THE 2015 ALASKA MISSION—PRICELESS!

**H**ow much did it cost to send the Alaska Mission Team? The mission team this year boiled down from 12 to 9 folks from 5 different churches from the “lower 48.” The team, bound for Anchorage, Alaska, left on Aug. 9th, returning Aug. 17 after six days of hard work assisting in building and furnishings repair at a local church and providing new construction for needy families at a *Habitat 4 Humanity* site in Anchorage, where we have sent mission teams in the past.

Just one of the partial work day logs reads, “Kitchen floor tile laid; window replaced; pews cleaned and repaired; carpet cleaned; repaired damaged drywall; cleaned kitchen oven, baseboards, cabinets...etc.”

The host site evaluation included this remark about one of the fine qualities of our team: “Took our (Alaska) quality and safety standards as their own.”

It’s always great to get the exact comments from individual missionaries about their experience on mission: “Further confirmed for me that giving is better than receiving”... “I was totally surprised at the strength I had to separate a piece of plywood from the styrofoam insulation. Awesome!”... “I was surprised by the appreciation we were shown and the faith shared among our team”... “What this mission did for me spiritually is to prove that God places ideas at the right time”... “My most memorable experience was meeting a young man at Habitat who will move into one of the houses we worked on”... “made me realize that God puts together the missionaries He needs to do the work”... “seeing a family man help work on his own home given by Habitat, for his future....watching the joy on his face as he talked about it.”

Now that’s the kind of Alaska stuff that’s *priceless!*



### OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

**Budgeted Jan 1 – July 31, 2015 - \$76,679**

**Amount Received to Date - \$61,772**

**Balance Needed - \$14,907**

We appreciate so much each of you who contributes so faithfully to FaithWorks. We are still running short for this calendar year by \$14,907. If God puts it on your heart to help with this shortage, it would be so appreciated as FaithWorks continues His work in the coming months. Please remember that FaithWorks is a non-profit 501(c3) organization and that your donations are tax deductible. Again, we thank you for your heart for missions and for reaching out to a needy, hurting world.

### ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Many thanks to Janie Horn, Ft. Worth, Texas, and Peggy Thornhill, Phoenix, Arizona, for the much-needed new tires for our van!



### REINFORCEMENTS!

We thank God for three new volunteer staff members: Sandy Bolling and Kathie Coolidge from Munds Park Community Church, 20 miles south of Flagstaff. Wow! These gals don’t mind the drive! Also, Bob Robertson from Flagstaff, who’ll be partnering with Roger Holden for those deliveries to the Navajo Reservation 23 miles north of Flagstaff.

Welcome and thank you so much!

### ITEMS FOR E-BAY?

If you have an in-kind item that you think has value, instead of donating it “as is” and us risking accepting it and then being unable to find a place for passing it on, we now have a volunteer who would be happy to try and sell it on E-Bay and convert your gift to much-needed cash for our bottom line.

Interested? Give us a call and we’ll see what we can arrange.



*See you at the FaithWorks celebration?  
October 2, 6 pm, Christ’s Church of Flagstaff*

### THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO TO SUPPORT FAITHWORKS!

#### Mission Trip Participants, July - August, 2015

*Alaska Mission Team—Bud & Barb Parenteau, Jim Bacchus, Sharon Joseph, Alan Purchase, Sandra Bolling, Sergio & Angie Guerrero, Nancy Meikle*

#### Volunteer Staff

*Jan Allen - Mission Trip Coordinator; Ilene Harral-Hodgin - Prayer Coordinator; Kelly Campbell - Asst. Office Manager; Polly Philpott - Treasurer; Lisa Kearsley - Editor, ‘The Common Task’; Roger Holden - In Kind Gifts Coordinator; George Stidham - Vehicle Maintenance Director; Office team: Pete Piper, Marie Kieft, Barbara Bryant, Ilene Harral-Hodgin, Jane Holden, Bob Robertson, and Sandy Bolling*