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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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WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW

We are collecting Christmas gifts for our Navajo Christmas Party on the Navajo Reservation Dec. 5, 2015. If you would like to help, please wrap or gift-bag your gift clearly labeled Boy/Girl (and age of child) Man/Woman/Infant. The gift should be between \$10 - \$15 and NEW. Gift ideas are warm clothing, lap robes, socks, scarves, towels, reading glasses, baby clothes/diapers, toys (no battery operated please), books, games etc.

Please call the FaithWorks office in Flagstaff no later than Dec. 1 for drop-off or pick-up locations. Thank you!

2016 CALENDARS:  
A TIMELY GIFT

Once again, FaithWorks has produced a beautiful, full-color, wall calendar for your home or office. It has photos of all our missions for 2015 and highlights the 2016 missions. Call the FaithWorks office in Flagstaff to order yours today. A great Christmas gift at only \$10.00!



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BEING A "SAFE" CHRISTIAN?

What's the difference in being "safe" or "secure?" How do we square what the Apostle Paul said "Endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ..." (2Tim 2:3) with Jesus' teaching, "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me" (Mt. 5:11)? Is "hardship" just because life happen and "persecution" something that comes deliberately from other people?

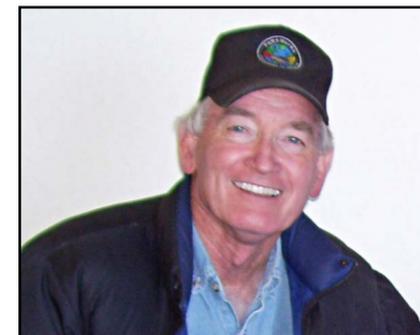
More and more frequently these days we're hearing of increasing difficulties for those Christians seeking to be on missions internationally. Money problems, family conflict, strain at the workplace, sickness, and various other issues come against us. As well, we're in the midst of a massive cultural shift in America, leaving Christians to wonder what's next? Many dangers lurk around the corner.

Were it not for the clear comfort of God's Word in the Scriptures, we could easily lose the distinction between "safe" and "secure" as we're moving forward in Gods' Kingdom work. We will go through times of testing and trial. "So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! But, no trial has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tested beyond what you can bear. But when you are tested, He will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it" (1 Cor. 10:12-13).

So, to be secure in God's keeping doesn't mean we're always safe. I've been "detained" by the government in Tanzania, had thousands of dollars worth of medicines and supplies confiscated in Mexico, and endured personal hate-filled slander from persons in America. Hard stuff! But, even though feeling unsafe at these moments, I had the assurance of security—that God had grasped me—and that he would see me through for His purpose. The same will be true for you too!

On Mission With  
You,

Glen



Mission Trips for 2016

Trips fill up quickly—please call the office well in advance to register. (928-774-0504) Thank you.

**January 23 - El Nathan Ministries, Flagstaff**  
Painting and fix-up.

**February 18-21 - Mexico Medical Mission**  
Need medical professionals and children's workers for this 2-day clinic in Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico.

**March 12 - The Olive Branch, Rimrock, AZ**  
Fix-up and repairs.

**April 9 - Camp Civitan, Williams, AZ**  
Fix-up and painting.

**April 30 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Missions Conference, Flagstaff.** Come enjoy a day of information and inspiration all about missions.

**May 19 -22 - Mexico Medical Mission**  
2<sup>nd</sup> medical mission to Agua Prieta, Mexico this year. Doctors, nurses, EMT's, helpers for a two-day clinic.

**July 6-20 - Tanzania, East Africa**  
Medical Mission partnering with the Tanzanian Christian doctors in providing a free medical clinic.

**August 13-21 - Anchorage Alaska**  
Working with "The Children's Lunchbox," a feeding program for those in need in Anchorage.

**September 8-10 - Mexico Supply Mission**  
We'll take up to 5 volunteers to deliver, set up, and arrange medical equipment and supplies to Agua Prieta, Mexico.

**October 1 - Navajo Fix-up Mission, Leupp, AZ**  
Working on homes and churches on the Navajo Reservation.

**November 3-6 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Mexico Medical Mission**  
Providing a free clinic in Agua Prieta, Mexico to those in need.

**December 3 - The Navajo Children's Christmas Mission, Leupp, AZ.** We will provide gifts, dinner and the love of Christ to our brothers and sisters on the Navajo Reservation just north of Flagstaff.

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**“REZ-STORATION” NAVAJO BUILDING AND FIX-UP MISSION**

On Saturday, October 10, FaithWorks sponsored 21 missionaries to the Church of God Holiness, just outside of Leupp, Arizona, on the Navajo Reservation, to help with building fix-up and repair. It was a beautiful day to wash windows, repair roofs, clear tumbleweeds, paint swing sets, etc. A couple team members went out to Pastor Dean and Lola’s rural home to install a new, donated, wood-burning stove and fix their water/wood hauling trailer. All these tasks were very important to the Bahe’s and their ministry to the Navajos. Thank you to all who participated all the way from Casa Grande, to Ashfork, to Munds Park, Arizona



**SEPTEMBER MEXICO MEDICAL EQUIPMENT MISSION**

For the second year now we have made a separate mission trip to Agua Prieta, Mexico, to deliver goods that have been donated to FaithWorks. This additional trip to the border enables us to have more time to devote to the patients at the clinic during our medical mission trip rather than transporting and organizing additional supplies. Six volunteers loaded the FaithWorks van and trailer with hospital items, clothes, medicines, etc. and brought them to the rented storage unit in Douglas, Arizona that we have rented for just this purpose. Later, these items will be transported over the border to the Agua Prieta hospital and the Fuente de Vida Clinic where we send a treatment team three times a year. Many thanks to all who contributed!



**WHAT A PARTY!**

On October 2, FaithWorks held its annual Celebration at Christ’s Church of Flagstaff. Coming together once a year with fellow missionaries, praising the Lord in what he led us to in the past year, and hearing from those who received a mission team is always a highlight of our year. We had over 80 folks from 18 different churches attend, and many signed up for 2016 mission trips already! After 15 years of serving, God still works through His people and is calling for missionaries.

**OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

<b>Budgeted Jan 1 – Oct 31, 2015</b>	<b>\$108,092</b>
<b>Amount Received to Date</b>	<b>\$85,640</b>
<b>Balance Needed</b>	<b>\$22,452</b>

We are so appreciative of so many of you who have faithfully supported FaithWorks in 2015. However we are running very short this year! If God lays it on your heart to contribute to help with this shortage, it would be so appreciated. Help us end the year with a Positive Balance. Please remember that FaithWorks is a non-profit 501 (c3) organization and that your donations are tax deductible. Thanks again for your heart for missions and for reaching out to a needy, hurting world.

**ROGER HOLDEN**

Early on October 6th, Roger Holden went peacefully to be with our Lord Jesus Christ. He passed away following a very brief illness.

Roger was a faithful volunteer for transporting in-kind donations to the Navajo Reservation and known for his all-around generous spirit to help FaithWorks in so many ways throughout the 15 years of our ministry in Flagstaff. A Memorial Fund has been established in his memory. He will be missed greatly for his tireless service up to just weeks before he fell ill.



**THE OLIVE BRANCH MINISTRY AFFECTS MORE THAN THE RESIDENTS**

In April, the Youngberg family from Flagstaff made a personal trip to The Olive Branch in Rimrock, Arizona, where they have previously been part of the FaithWorks mission team. Ken, Jennifer and their 9 year-old daughter Abigail took lunch to the “guys” from Big Foot BBQ. A total of 12 developmentally disabled men live and thrive in the Christian atmosphere of The Olive Branch. Bobby, who said Abigail was his “favorite little person,” was so thrilled to know they shared the same birthday! The Youngbergs stayed the afternoon with them, playing with water balloons (which turned into a very wet, fun time), taking photos of each other, and just enjoying their time with them. The next day Jennifer asked Abigail why she thinks God didn’t make their (the “guys”) brains like ours. Without skipping a beat she said “Mom, because God makes them special, so that we can be better people.”

These are the types of volunteers we have in FaithWorks that care about others. We are so very blessed!



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

**Mission Trip Participants, September - October, 2015**

- Mexico Supply Delivery Team—Glen Allen, Dave, Gigi & Cheyenne Sorenson, Kathie Coolidge, Bob Robertson*
- Navajo Building Fix-up Mission Team—Glen & Jan Allen, Michael, Sarah, Jamie & Chanell Combs, George Christiansen, Brad Dean, Vickie Cooper, Jennifer & RJ Pickett, Kyler Jett, Judy Kitching, Ruby Lerfald, Blake Lowe, Marcie Honodel, Krishna Glonek, Art & Alice Mires*

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