

# THE COMMON TASK



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# FAITHWORKS

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## LOOKING BACK, LOOKING FORWARD

We've just now come to the halfway point in our year-long Succession/Transition Plan for transferring the leadership of FaithWorks. Not only do I look back at the first six months with gratitude and a sense of accomplishment but way back to 2000 when God called Jan and I to this ministry of mission outreach. WOW! We just celebrated FaithWorks' 18th birthday, June 1<sup>st</sup> right after returning from our 200<sup>th</sup> Mission Trip, May 17-20. A REALLY historic and precious moment for us!

It's gratifying for Jan and I to see Tony and Amy merge into more and more leadership tasks, responsibilities and mission relationships. They are a joy to work with. We're positioned for the second six months now, with more planned missions to the Navajo Reservation, Mexico and Alaska!

As I reflect on these last years and months with all the challenges successfully met and overcome, I can't help but remember that wonderful verse in the Psalms, *"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped."*

On Mission With You,  
Glen



Leaders – present and future at Agua Prieta and Faithworks. Left to right: Manuel, Tony, Glen, Armando.

## NEW FRIENDSHIPS

*"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, We have fellowship with one another, And the blood of Jesus, his son, purifies us from all sin."*  
1 John 1:7

It was obvious from the beginning of this, Faithworks' 200<sup>th</sup> mission trip, and 12 years of coming to Agua Prieta, that a deep fellowship has grown between the people of Agua Prieta and Faithworks medical mission teams. I immediately experienced this on our first day at the clinic. We were delayed by our border crossing and were late in arriving to the clinic. When we eventually got to the clinic we found out that our brothers and sisters in Christ had been praying for our safe arrival and our overcoming difficulties at the border.

As we began to work side by side with our doctors, interpreters, dentists, triage, pharmacy workers, and those in children's ministry, our spirits were immediately lifted, as we were able to serve this wonderful community. The fellowship continued with our being able to sit down to a delicious lunch prepared and served with love by Celia and her kitchen staff. I enjoyed getting to know our fellow team members and our co-workers from Agua Prieta, learning about their stories and history with Faithworks and Fuente De Vida church.

Being able to fellowship with God and the community is something I will never forget. I cannot wait to return and renew friendships and make new friends. I am also working on my Spanish!

Tony Casali,  
Executive Director  
in training



Our commemorative 200<sup>th</sup> mission trip Faithworks shirt.

# HISTORY IS MADE

The 200<sup>th</sup> FaithWorks mission trip just happened to be to Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico! What a fun and historic trip this was. Of course with a medical mission trip the doctors and nurses are a key component, but the children's ministry and support staff are also critical for the success of the mission. As this team traveled together, worked together and began to build a bond, I was so impressed with the commitment and heart for the mission, flexibility and ability to adapt to challenges, and for the professionalism and work ethic displayed.

Please know that these clinics are planned in great detail and run with loving care for people who are our brothers and sisters in Christ. The people of Agua Prieta so appreciate *all* the love and effort put forth on their behalf. We are right where God wants us and will continue to joyfully answer that call!

Amy Casali,  
Mission Trip  
Coordinator  
in training



*Missioners on the Mexico Medical Mission Trip, plus of the children being helped at the clinic.*



## SOLAR OVEN PARTNERS

July 16-17 are the dates for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Solar Oven Demonstration Seminar to be held in Leupp, AZ for the benefit of our Navajo friends there. The Solar Oven Partners mission team from South Dakota are coming again, along with Bobby Philpott from Flagstaff, to help instruct how to build and cook using the sun's solar heating. Please keep us in prayer as we strive to learn/teach new innovative ways of cooking using no fuel and all sun!

## FAITHWORKS BARN SALE!

Faithworks will hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Barn Sale on **Friday and Saturday August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>**. This event requires many helping hands so here are some ideas:

- **Donate** – we have begun to take donations now so give us a call to make those arrangements. All donations are tax deductible.
- **Help price items** – either at the office or at the barn. Please call to see what times we have available.
- **Volunteer** – we will need all the help we can get on sale days as well; cashiers, movers, greeters, etc. Hours of operation are 7am - 3pm. Call to sign up for a time slot. 928-699-8138.
- **Shop** – You never know what treasures you might find!

We can't wait to hear from you. Thank you for all you do!



*Bruce Turner, 16, of Camp Verde, AZ has successfully completed his community service Eagle Scout project with Faithworks by collecting abundant amounts of food, eye glasses, kitchen utensils and men's grooming supplies. We are proud of him!*

# SUNSHINE RESCUE MISSION

Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> it rained in Flagstaff! Yippee! We haven't had rain in almost 100 days. Thank you Lord. It also just happened to be the day of our Sunshine Rescue Mission project there. Sixteen missionaries from nine different churches and four different towns made up this awesome team, But no worries, we just moved all 16 volunteers inside!

The Flagstaff SRM is the only one of its kind in Flagstaff where they help the total man. They have three steps the men must go through if they are serious about becoming productive citizens once again. The staff is so very loving and Christ-centered, and the men that go through their program have spirit-filled testimonies.

We were there to help with building fix-up tasks that the staff can never find the time to get to. Scraping up old tile in the dining hall, then sanding and painting the floor was the largest task. Painting an upstairs bathroom and small dorm room was also accomplished. As well as deep-cleaning the stove and oven in the kitchen that gets so much use serving all the meals that they do. Thank you to our awesome and very flexible team!

The mission can always use volunteer helpers so if you ever have the chance to stop in and spend a few hours, just ask for Sean.



Scenes from the Sunshine Rescue Mission Trip.



Many heartfelt thanks to Kelly Hollamon who donated a day and a half of backhoe labor to help us complete the Abide House flood drainage project in Camp Verde!

## DONATE NOW WITH PAYPAL

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

Click on the link DONATE, and follow the prompts.

It's all self-explanatory. Yes, it's that easy!

## THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO TO SUPPORT FAITHWORKS

### Mission Trip Participants, May - June, 2018

**Mexico Medical Mission Team**—Glen Allen, Tony, Amy, & Emily Casali, Linda VanDeren, Camelia Gembala, Chanell MacRae, Candace Magnuson, Julie & Kaitlin Schneider, Rick Brothers, Kathy Marvin

**Sunshine Rescue Mission**—Glen & Jan Allen, Tony & Amy Casali, Mark & Denise Kriese, Bill & Stephanie Wiley, Alyn Rumbold & Kelly Campbell, Karen Webster, Joni Ely, Randy & Debbie Sealover, Deidra Barringer

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*YES! Families DO go on mission together! We have been blessed to have the Dunn family of Flagstaff go on many missions with Faithworks. "Missions" is more caught than taught. Thanks Matt and Diana Dunn!*



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