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LAST CHANCE!

My good friends, Curtis and Shirley Chance, who moved to Flagstaff's northern, undeveloped edge years ago and had the privilege of naming their new rural street, cleverly chose "Last Chance Road"!

This is my last chance to say goodbye and express my thanks to each of you for all your prayers, love and support after all these wonderful 18+ years since the founding of FaithWorks in June, 2000. To God be the glory, that through your efforts and partnership, we've sent out 206 short-term mission teams involving a total of 3,533 Christians across 12 different denominations or independent churches! Altogether, this has resulted in a donated value of over \$1,880,219 in volunteer labor, materials and medicines! The Lord said, "Let your light shine..." (*Matt. 5:16*). We've tried to do just that.

It all started with taking 18 Christians to Honduras in 1999 to provide disaster relief after the devastation of Hurricane Mitch. We took reconstruction assistance, a medical/clinic ministry, and relief needs for children, many of whom had lost their parents in the sweeping floods. We came home, stricken with the conviction that this could be an on-going ministry – leading Christians to experience the joy of short-term "pay your own way" mission service outside the walls of their church buildings, obeying the Lord Jesus Christ in the Great Commission (*Matt. 28:18-20*).

So, these many years later, Christians going out with us have shared God's love and saving grace to places in the USA and around the world: the Navajo Nation, the Widow's Mite, Moscow, Russia, Costa Rica, Alaska, Mexico, East Africa, Arizona, Oregon, New Mexico, to mention only some of our destinations.

Memories flood in of what this has meant to the variety of people who've come on mission with us. Some of their comments are: "No one else ever asked *me* to go – you've said 'Come and go with us'"; "I'll go anywhere with you two!"; "FaithWorks is Missions 101 – done right!"; "I'm so glad I went on this mission trip – a dream of a lifetime! I'm changed!"

In summary fashion, I appreciate the evaluation a dear friend recently made regarding all that's been done through these years: "It has been no small thing



that you've kept FaithWorks active, funded, and you've assured that there will be no break in the management and leadership as you leave."

And, that's been our desire and passion in 2018 when Jan and I have felt called to stay and invest ourselves in an intentional one-year leadership transition/succession program. It may be one of the best things we've ever accomplished – to leave FaithWorks strong and healthy, positioned and poised for a vibrant future. In four more weeks, Tony and Amy Casali, our outstanding replacements, will be fully trained, supported and loved as they take the reins of leading FaithWorks to further success!

So, what are the plans for Jan and I? When a New York Times reporter once asked missionary David Livingstone, after he was discovered wandering in an African Jungle, "Where are you going?" Livingstone replied, "Forward!" That's the way it is with Jan and I now: We are moving FORWARD!"

It has been such a joy to serve among our leaders on our Board of Directors through the years. Recently, they have extended their love to us in gifting us with an appreciation/severance package of 1) A last mission to Africa, March 2019, where we'll take Tony and Amy to introduce them and help them start their ministry there for the future. 2) The FaithWorks truck (a newer truck has been purchase for Tony). 3) And a \$10K cash gift! We are so grateful!

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Upon the return trip from Tanzania where we transfer flights in Amsterdam, Jan and I will detour there for some time in France to visit WW1 centennial battlefields at Verdun, where my father served, spend time touring the beaches of Normandy and enjoy Paris! So, it is a joy to not only take this “last chance” to express our deepest love and appreciation to you all for all your support, encouragement and prayers but to also wish you the Merriest Christmas to you and yours!

On Mission With You,
Glen

“...AND MY CHANCE!”

Words cannot express the joy I have received in these past 18+ years serving as Trip Coordinator for FaithWorks! As a little girl, I dreamed of being a missionary – especially in Africa – but didn’t have the faith that it would really happen. Least of all be married to a missionary! Oh, God is so good! Our 18+ year-long journey across the world has blessed me much more than I ever knew possible. Touching so many lives across the globe and finding that we’re all alike, we all just need love and God’s love and forgiveness through Christ. All 3,533 of you who’ve joined us in mission, I will remember you and continue to pray for you and FaithWorks as we all go on our different journeys now. I also covet your ongoing prayers as we step into this new phase of our lives. God will continue to lead us all, if we but follow.

Thank you and I love you,
Jan



FLAGSTAFF FAMILY FOOD BANK

Do you want to be part of the very first FaithWorks Mission trip for 2019? Sign up now and go to the Flagstaff Family Food Bank January 19, 2019! It is a fulfilling and fun time to be able to give back to the Food Bank that gives so much during the year to all of Northern Arizona. Call 928-774-0504 to be on this wonderful team.

Mission Trips for 2019

January 19 - Flagstaff Family Food Bank, Flagstaff, AZ Repairs and fix-up.

February 14-17 - Mexico Medical Mission Need medical professionals and children’s workers for this 2-day clinic in Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico.

March 9 - El Nathan Ministries, Flagstaff, AZ Fix-up and repairs.

April 13 - The Abide House, Camp Verde, AZ Light construction and repairs.

May 16 -19 - Mexico Medical Mission 2nd medical mission to Agua Prieta, Mexico this year. Doctors, nurses, helpers for a two-day clinic.

June 8 - Sunshine Rescue Mission, Flagstaff, AZ Cleaning, organizing, painting.

August 17-25 - Chugiak, Alaska Camp fix-up - painting, cleaning, roofing, gardening.

September 5-8 - Mexico Medical Equipment Supply Mission We’ll take up to 6 volunteers to deliver, set up, and arrange medical equipment and supplies to Agua Prieta, Mexico.

October 12 - Navajo Fix-up Mission, Leupp, AZ Building fix-up and repair on the Reservation.

Oct 31-Nov 3 Mexico Medical Mission Providing a free clinic in Agua Prieta, Mexico to those in need.

December 7 - Navajo Children’s Christmas Mission, Leupp, AZ. We will provide gifts, dinner and the love of Christ to our Navajo neighbors.

save the date! **JANUARY 26,
2019**

You are invited to a very special gathering of the FaithWorks family, a Transition/Succession celebration of Tony and Amy Casali’s transitioning into Glen and Jan’s positions at FaithWorks. The succession will occur on January 1st. The *celebration* will be on **Saturday, January 26th** at the **Church of the Resurrection** in Flagstaff, Arizona. A free lunch will be served promptly at noon with a program and reception to follow. Please RSVP to (928) 774-0504.

If you are unable to attend, please feel free to send a note of thanks and encouragement to Glen & Jan or Tony & Amy to the FaithWorks office.

THANKFUL FOR MISSIONS

At this time of year, as we head into the holiday season, we stop and thank God for all that He has blessed us with over the past year, and boy, do we have a lot to be thankful for! As you probably know by now, over the past year, Amy and I have been transitioning into the roles of Trip Coordinator and Executive Director respectively. We are so thankful for Glen and Jan and all the time they have spent with us, training us to move forward with FaithWorks, and for an organization like FaithWorks that enables us to go out into our community and work with others to further God's will.

On November 1st, FaithWorks went to Agua Prieta Mexico, with 14 missionaries from 9 different churches, for our third medical mission trip of the year. We had so many things to be thankful for on this trip. We were thankful for the Medical Supply & Equipment Mission in September. The work that was done on that mission paved the way for a successful trip by ensuring that the clinic was clean and in working order. The pharmacy was clean, up to date, fully stocked, and ready to go when we got there. We were thankful for smooth and trouble-free border crossings and for all the prayer warriors who were praying for us back home. We were thankful for being able to travel 800 trouble-free miles and get every team member to the mission site and back home safely. We were so thankful for our hosts at Fuente De Vida Church in Agua Prieta, for feeding us, providing interpreters, and loving us. Pastor Gela and Armando surprised us with a wonderful thank you dinner for Glen and Jan, as this was their last mission trip to Mexico with FaithWorks. There were tamales, tears, fellowship, a slide show, mariachis, and did I mention tamales? We were thankful for the physicians, nurses, and dentists who were able to go and provide care for the 180 patients we saw while we were there.

One patient in particular that I was thankful to meet, was a gentleman named Pancho. We paid a visit to Pancho's house as he has been unable to travel for many years. Pancho needs specialized care and is blessed to have family and friends to help him however they can. We are working on getting a specialized wheelchair for Pancho so he will



be able to go outside again and enjoy God's world. We were blessed by being able to meet someone like Pancho, who is able to remain strong and positive in his situation. Please keep Pancho in your prayers and pray for us as we work towards getting a wheelchair for Pancho.

Always thankful to be in missions with you,
Tony



To see these and more pictures of the Mexico mission trip in **COLOR**, visit our website www.faithworks4us.org and click on the "PICTURES" tab.

CHRISTMAS IN NAVAJOLAND

This mission trip will go down as the largest team in FaithWorks history! We had an overwhelming response from missionaries for this year's Christmas party on December 1st with our Navajo friends. We had about 35 missionaries attend and about 65 guests from the Navajo Nation. The Church of God Holiness was bursting at the seams with people talking, laughing, singing and sharing with each other.

To prepare the site for the Mission day, pastors Dean and Lola Bahe went the extra mile by cleaning and decorating the church building to make this a very special time for everyone. Surrounded by snow storms before and after the mission day, Saturday was a perfectly beautiful day to be out near the reservation. It wasn't too cold and there was almost no wind all morning long.

Missionaries came from as far as Tempe, Phoenix, Show Low, Williams, Cottonwood, Lake Montezuma, Rimrock and Flagstaff, but the largest group came from Camp Verde! Bill Stafford's legendary beans were prepared for the banquet with five or so on the "Bean Team." Roland and Debbie Bennett brought their food truck to help prepare food. Clint Miller brought three gallons of coffee and dozens of donuts to keep the whole team running, and run we did! Sandy Brown, Julie Dugan and Martin Shilko, along with a dozen or so more, took care of the food prep and dining hall set up. Another dozen missionaries were led by Chanell MacRae in the "Elf" department. They unloaded, sorted, repaired, wrapped, sometimes even re-wrapped all the gifts. Glen Allen and Jeff Farr made a firewood run to Dean and Lola's house to deliver wood to keep them warm through the holidays. Alan Adams returned again this year to put on the red suit and deliver the Christmas story to everyone.



Approximately 300 gifts were brought to the party. Part of the FaithWorks tradition is for everyone to get a gift and take another gift to give to someone they love. Dean and Lola will deliver the leftover gifts over the next few weeks to the far reaches of the reservation to the people who couldn't make the trip in to the church.

We were so tired when it was all over but even more joyful at the end than we were when we first arrived. Come, join us next year when we return to have another joy-filled Christmas party with the people of Church of God Holiness!



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OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Jan 1 - Oct 31, 2018

Budgeted	\$101,846
Amount Received to Date	\$85,726
Balance Needed	\$16,120

As you can see, we're in need of "catch up" at year's end. We're trusting God and His people for meeting this challenge. FaithWorks is a non-profit 501(C-3) organization, and your donations are tax deductible. Make sure they are postmarked before Dec. 31, 2018. Thank you.

DONATE NOW WITH PAYPAL

If you would like to donate to FaithWorks through your media device, please go to our website www.faithworks4us.org Click on the link DONATE, and follow the prompts. It's all self-explanatory. *Yes, it's that easy!*

ENDOWMENT FUND

If you would like information on our Endowment Fund, please contact us at 928-774-0504. FaithWorks is looking toward long term sustainability for our short-term missions and ministry.

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO TO SUPPORT FAITHWORKS

Mission Trip Participants, November - December, 2018

Mexico Medical Mission Team—Glen and Jan Allen, Tony and Amy Casali, Bill Austin, Rick Brothers, Camelia Gembala, Natalie Gembala, Gigi Sorenson, Linda VanDeren, Faye Willis, Julie Schneider, Kaitlyn Schneider, Rexanne Meredith

Navajo Christmas Mission Team—Glen & Jan Allen, Tony & Amy Casali, Emily Casali, Alan Purchase, Karen Bradford, Nizhoni Bradford, Shanna & Bob Perry, Michael Combs, Chanell Combs, Bill & Laurie Stafford, Alan Adams, Karen Webster, Joy McGraw, Judy Cline, Vivian Flores, Martin Shilko, Sandy Brown, Linda VanDeren, Amy LaFleur, Marilyn Roberts, Clint Miller, Mary Nelson, Jeff Farr & family, Mike & Christine Turk, Roland & Danielle Bennett, Connie Richards, Rebecca Turnipseed, Bruce Turner, Arther Turner, Erick Lyles

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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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FAITHWORKS 2019 WALL CALENDARS ARE NOW ON SALE!

Our special edition 2019 calendars are now available at the Faithworks office, highlighting all the 2018 mission trips. They make great Christmas gifts, and *all* the proceeds go towards mission support.

Come by our office or give us a call to get yours for only \$10.



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