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PASSING THE BATON

In the athletic track and field race of “the relay,” do you remember seeing that crucial, all important moment of the waiting runner reaching behind to receive the baton from the forward-straining runner coming up from behind?

The goal is for neither runner to drop the baton in the act of transfer!

Here at FaithWorks we’re busily working at passing the baton of leadership between Tony and I as well as Jan and Amy. WOW! After two months of working together, we have accomplished a great many tasks of “reaching back and straining forward.”

Together, we’ve made numerous visits of introduction with Tony and Amy, moved FaithWorks vehicles to their property, visited four member churches, explained office procedures, coordinated and planned three mission trips, and forged new relationships with Flagstaff community mission sites and leaders.

I’m so grateful that all six of us – Kelly (office manager), Shanna (F/W treasurer) Tony, Amy, Jan and I are fitting together as a great “team in transition” so that the baton of FaithWorks leadership is being passed with grace and love for the Kingdom of God.

On Mission With You,

Glen

Mission Trips for 2018

January 20 - El Nathan Ministries, Flagstaff

Feb. 15-18 - Medical Clinic, Agua Prieta, Mexico

March 17 - The Abide House, Verde Valley, AZ

April 7 - Flagstaff Family Food Bank

May 17-20 - Medical Clinic, Agua Prieta, Mexico

June 16 - Sunshine Rescue Mission, Flagstaff

Aug. 18-26 - Birchwood Camp, Anchorage Alaska

Sept. 6-8 - Mexico Supply Mission, Agua Prieta

Oct. 13 - Navajo Construction/Fix-up, Leupp, AZ

Nov. 8-11 - Medical Clinic, Agua Prieta, Mexico

Dec. 1 - Navajo Children’s Christmas Mission

More information on these mission trips is available at our website, www.faithworks4us.org.

If you are interested in any of the remaining missions, please contact Jan Allen, Trip Coordinator, at 928-567- 0092 and get a registration form EARLY!



Glen readies members of the El Nathan mission team for action on January 20th.

EL NATHAN—FIRST MISSION TRIP FOR 2018

What a productive and beautifully snowy day we had at the El Nathan Campground on Saturday, January 20th! Thirteen wonderfully hearty and happy souls braved the weather to help fix up and encourage this reviving ministry right here in Flagstaff at the base of Mount Elden. Tony gave a great devotion, and we joined in prayer. Our tasks were assigned and off we went! One crew thoroughly cleaned and painted a storage room, and the other crew worked on installing carpet squares in one of the large dorms. We all enjoyed each other's company and had a great time accomplishing our tasks. Mission accomplished, and to God we give all the glory! Come with us next time, okay?



Amy Casali, Mission Trip Coordinator in training



PRAISES AND NEEDS

- The outpouring of generosity in so many for sending vitamins and pain relievers for our Mexico Mission – we're now re-supplied for the May 2018 mission!
- The Succession/Transition plan, moving to new leadership for FaithWorks. The sweet spirit and cooperation of everyone involved is confirmation we're in God's will and have His blessing.
- Safety in almost daily travel for Glen on I-17, rated as the 4th most deadly stretch of Interstate in the USA.
- Special thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Bob Marsh for donating a brand new dorm-size fridge for the FaithWorks office.
- Thanksgiving for all mission teams through May 2018 being *full* already
- Special thanks to the Community UMC Church of Williams for their most generous Christmas Eve Special offering for FaithWorks.
- Prayers for our monthly operating expenses to be met in 2018.

TAX DEDUCTIBLE GIFTS

FaithWorks is a long-term 501 C [3] nonprofit. Your financial giving goes a long way to relieving the needs of the poor and elderly.

Your support also helps us to pay for things such as trip brochure printing, newsletter printing and mailing expense, telephone and internet, website hosting and transportation of donations to our mission sites, etc. Without *you*, this can't happen. Thank you for your steady assistance.

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 more information on FaithWorks Endowment Fund please contact us at 928-821-1073. Thank you.

THE BEST LAID PLANS

For only the fourth time ever in our 17-year history of mission sending, we had to cancel the Feb. 15-18 Mexico Medical Mission due to influenza, other illness and difficulties among our team members. Out of 18 potential team members we lost seven “key” missionaries.

Also, our very important clinic medicine packs had not all arrived in time. Another blow!

At any rate, Glen and Tony, on their own, drove to Agua Prieta, Sonora, in order to introduce Tony to all the partners there, survey the buildings utilized and plan for the next clinic May 17-20.

After the sad news that the Mexico Medical Mission to Agua Prieta was canceled, I met with Glen to discuss what had happened and what lessons could be learned. We both agreed that it would be a good idea for just the two of us to still go to Mexico and use the time to sort out some of the miscommunications and to introduce myself to Pastor Gela and to Armando.

During the trip down to Mexico, Glen showed me all of the usual stops and how the trip would have gone if we had the mission team with us. Glen had me drive so I could get the lay of the land and get some muscle memory of where and how to get to Douglas. We met with Pastor Gela and Armando in Douglas, then followed them across the border to the clinic.

Wow, I can't tell you what a joy it was to be shown around the church and clinic, meeting all of the people who work so hard to make that ministry a success! And then to hear Pastor Gela, Armando, and Glen's witness as to how the clinic came to be, and their personal stories as to how they came to be in that place. I would not have been able to have this kind of one-on-one time during the scheduled mission trip. Even though our trip was short, I feel that this was time well spent, and I am so excited for the upcoming Mission trip to Mexico in May.

Tony Casali, Executive Director in training

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The Mexico Medical Mission clinic's receiving room.

LOVE 928

Christ's Church of Flagstaff has asked FaithWorks to supply a mission service location as part of their “LOVE 928” (928 being the area code for Northern Arizona), a one-day mission outreach of their church on Saturday, April 28.

FaithWorks will supply the organization and leadership for a Christ's Church mission team of 10-12 people who will serve on the Navajo Reservation at Leupp.

Last year, over 300 missionaries volunteered all across Northern Arizona to share the love of Jesus in one *great day*. We look forward to being a part of “LOVE 928” in 2018!



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Mission Trip Participants, January-February, 2018

El Nathan Mission Team—Glen & Jan Allen, Tony, Amy, & Emily Casali, Linda VanDeren, Diana, Tyler, Cutler, McKay, & Brayden Dunn, Bill Stafford, Alan Purchase

Staff: Jan Allen – Mission Trip Coordinator; Kelly Campbell – Office Manager; Shanna Perry – Treasurer

Volunteers: Ilene Harral-Hodgin – Prayer Coordinator; Lisa Kearsley – Editor, ‘The Common Task’; George Stidham – Vehicle Maintenance Director; Office team: Pete Piper, Ilene Harral-Hodgin, Bill Wiley, Linda VanDeren, Alan Purchase, Amy Casali, Anne Benson, Bill Wiley, and Bob Robertson

VITAL STATISTICS
(SINCE FOUNDING JUNE 2000)

Missionaries sent out	3399
Number of Mission Trips	197
Value of donated labor, medicines, and materials	\$1,830,185

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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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