

# THE COMMON TASK



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Matthew 28:18-20

# FAITHWORKS

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## ARE WE THERE YET?

I'm sure you've heard that from the back seat of the car as you've traveled with children on a long road trip! Probably over and over again! It's the testing of our endurance over the long haul as we keep on keeping-on to reach our destination.

As you know, we are in the initial stage of the "Leadership Transition/Succession Plan" for FaithWorks, a kind of long road trip. Jan and I are handing over the reins to Tony and Amy Casali at the end of 2018.

We've just completed together the first quarter of training for Tony & Amy. January through March has gone busily, enjoyably and productively. We've accomplished a lot together.

Tony and Amy have been faithful to "shadow" Jan and me in many different mission settings and assuming more and more responsibility as we've progressed these three months.

Tony has grown in his ministry skills of leading mission teams in prayer and devotional times and work tasks on site. He has steadily contributed at each of our monthly Board of Directors meetings. I've found it so helpful to watch his leadership skills engage in growing ways.

Amy has stepped forward as an eager learner to absorb mission coordination skills from Jan in meeting after meeting, preparing the volunteer teams going out to serve. It's the constant challenge of details, details, details. We've just finished enlisting the August Alaska,

and May Mexico mission trips for 2018. This May 17-20 Mexico Medical Mission happens to be our celebration of the 200th mission trip since our founding in June 2000.

Praise the Lord!

Please read on in this newsletter to see Tony and Amy's articles describing their rolls and feelings about their growing leadership in both the March and April missions in Flagstaff and the Verde Valley. It was great to see them in action!

So, "Are We There Yet?" No, but we are three months down the road to a destination of transferred leadership and momentum for on-going leadership into a bright future for FaithWorks!

It really is true when the Bible says transferring Christian leadership works when we pay attention to what God prescribes: "Be strong in the grace that Christ Jesus gives. Everything that you have heard me teach...you should in turn entrust to reliable men, who will be able to pass it on to others." – 2 Timothy 2:2 (Phillips)

On Mission With You,

Glen



### VITAL STATISTICS (SINCE FOUNDING JUNE 2000)

Missionaries sent out	3426
Number of Mission Trips	199
Value of donated labor, medicines, and materials	\$1,838,450

## PACKING A LOT OF FUN INTO ONE DAY

On April 7, FaithWorks had its mission to the Flagstaff Family Food Bank. There were 12 volunteers from six different churches. We were able to accomplish many tasks, including:

- Checking people in who were picking up food boxes and loading the boxes into their cars. We were able to serve 30 people.
- Repackaging bulk foods from 45 pound bags to smaller bags that could be packed into food boxes.
- Striping the parking lot to keep people from parking in the loading zone and designating a truck parking for the FFFB delivery truck.
- Sorting Gaylords for the upcoming Postal food drive.
- Cleaning out the produce walk-in cooler.
- Reattaching the garage door seal, which had been halfway knocked off.
- Stacking Pallets and crates.
- Amy runing the baler, which compresses cardboard for recycling into 1000 lb bales.

Also one of the many tasks that day was packing food boxes that would be distributed to those in need in our community. With some help from Monica, the Director at Flagstaff Family Food Bank, and Tim, the Warehouse Manager, we soon had a production line set up to put the food boxes together. It started with making the boxes. The empty boxes were then sent down a conveyor where the rest of the team was ready to stuff the boxes with non-perishable food items. The boxes were then sealed and stacked onto pallets. The FaithWorks team was able to make 360 food boxes that day – Food boxes that would help feed those in need. Praise the Lord! It is amazing how God uses ordinary people to accomplish “extra ordinary” things, providing for those in need.

Monica told us that we were welcome to come and help volunteer at the Flagstaff Family Food Bank throughout the week, whenever we have a little spare time.

Thank you to all who helped in our mission, and thank you , Flagstaff Family Food Bank, for all the great work that you do serving our community.

Tony Casali



### 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](http://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 the FaithWorks Endowment Fund please contact us at 928-821-1073. Thank you.

## COOKING UP ANOTHER “FIRST”

What an exciting, uplifting, and productive day we had in March at the Abide House, a maternity home in camp Verde that offers love and support to pregnant and parenting women! Our mission team was made up of a construction crew, a cleaning/painting crew, and I got to lead the kitchen crew. A FaithWorks first, we stocked their freezer with multiple casseroles to enjoy in the future. Chanelle and I and two of the residents there worked hand in hand to accomplish this project. My casserole expertise and Chanelle’s energy and youth were warmly welcomed by the moms who were eager to learn and help.

While I led in the kitchen, others were busy in other tasks in and around the building that houses this ministry to four women and their children, providing shelter, protection, life skills training and spiritual guidance.

Baseboards were painted and cleaning was done here and there. Outside, six men were eagerly digging out a trench for laying a drain to shed rainwater away from the building to prevent flood damage. A gutter system was being planned for the same reason.

A highlight was sharing a delicious meal together with the women and children. Sharing Gods love and abundance in a joyful atmosphere... what more could we ask for? Can’t wait to go back next year!

Amy Casali



### YOU’LL WANT TO KNOW:

- That we’ve regularly sent Africa ministry financial support for Pastor Temba’s Compassionate Medical Ministry to the disabled
- That our Alaska Mission Team of ten people is complete and ready for our first training meeting in May
- That our 200th mission occurs this month by sending out our 49<sup>th</sup> Mexico Medical Mission

We praise God for his continued blessings!

## THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO TO SUPPORT FAITHWORKS

### Mission Trip Participants, March - April, 2018

**Abide House Mission Team**—Glen & Jan Allen, Tony, Amy, & Emily Casali, Michael Combs, Randy & Debbie Sealover, Chanell MacRae, Debbie Roberts, Karen Cooper, Joan Stoner, Ken VanDoorne, and Andrew Ferrall

**Flagstaff Family Food Bank Mission Team**—Glen & Jan Allen, Tony, Amy, & Emily Casali, Karen Webster, \ Mike, Beth, Cassie & Jack Thomas, Gloria Moss, and Tony White

**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, and Anne Benson

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