

# THE COMMON TASK



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# FAITHWORKS

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## VITAL STATISTICS (SINCE FOUNDING JUNE 2000)

Missionaries sent out	3463
Number of Mission Trips	202
Value of donated labor, medicines, and materials	\$1,857,759

## SOLAR OVEN PARTNERS

September 11-12 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 is 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!

To see pictures of the Alaska Mission Trip in **COLOR**, visit our website [www.faithworks4us.org](http://www.faithworks4us.org) and click on the "PICTURES" tab. All previous mission trip photos are archived there, too. Check them out!

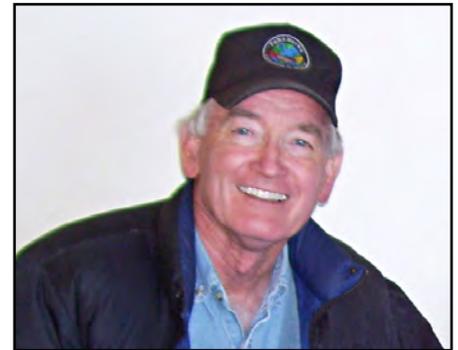
## DONATE NOW WITH PAYPAL

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.

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!*

## WERE WORKING ON THE FUTURE

**H**ow do you do "roundabouts?" Or, as some call them "traffic circles." If you're like me, sometimes they are frustrating in trying to keep pace on your journey forward.



In a way, we're going through roundabouts here at FaithWorks – taking the time to negotiate the way forward to the future by continuing our "Transition/Succession Plan" for the leadership of FaithWorks!

As you know, Tony and Amy Casali will be taking over from Jan and I on January 1, 2019. We began this year-long transferring over to them, step by step, since January 1, 2018. We're eight months into this very successful effort. Two thirds of the year has passed already.

Tony and Amy are a joy to work with. They have been faithful to come with us on each of the monthly mission trips, have attended each of the eight Board of Directors' meetings, and have totally taken the lead on the fundraising "Barn Sale." Eight months of increasing salary has been deferred to them. By the Navajo Christmas Celebration Dec.1, they will be in complete and confident leadership!

We've just returned from the wonderful Alaska Mission trip, and I was reminded that the motto for the state is "North to the Future!" Here at FaithWorks, we're working hard to orient ourselves to those "roundabouts" of leadership transition, and we're headed "on to the future!"

On Mission With You,

Glen

## AUGUST 3-5<sup>TH</sup> BARN SALE

**W**ow! We just keep saying it, wow, wow, wow! This fund raiser surpassed last year, and it has gone above our hopes for this year also. The amount of support, donations and help was inspiring and wonderful.

All summer long, and a little before that even, we have been soliciting for and collecting donations. The office ladies have been pricing and sorting for a couple months and then Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> we set up every table we could find and started to empty the barn. The barn was stacked high with everything imaginable, and it took 10 volunteers most of the day to set up and empty the barn.

We held the sale on Friday and Saturday and raised very close to \$3000. This amount will really help FaithWorks in its continuing mission to serve the poor, the elderly, the disabled, the abandoned, the orphans.

Glen, Jan, Tony and I thank God for the dozens of people who donated and helped with this project. We appreciate everyone at every level of helping with the sale. There are a few people who gave above and beyond, and we want to let you know who they are so you can thank them for their service: Kelly Campbell, Bob and Shanna Perry, Emily Casali, Marie Keift, Linda VanDeren, Faye Willis, DeDe Schrader, Jim Dorman, Gloria Moss, Vicki Shepard, Claire Zamora, Joni Ely, Robin Long, Karen Bradford, Alan Purchase, Dan and Peggy Otten, and Bill and Stephanie Wiley. These are the people who helped to physically pull this off; it just wouldn't have been possible without them. These folks were hauling boxes, driving around for donations, sorting, pricing, talking to customers, packing up and cleaning up.

All in all, we feel this is a worthwhile project, and we look forward to doing it again next year. We have decided to move the sale to the first weekend in October so it isn't quite so hot and stressful for the workers. We also forecast that next year we may be able to pick a specific project and designate all the funds from the sale entirely to that special mission project! That would be so exciting! Please keep this in your prayers as we consider some options and improvements.

We thank God for all of you every day and look forward to hearing from you and going on mission with you too!

Faithfully, Amy Casali



*On Sunday, Aug. 12, Glen, Jan, Tony and Amy were invited by the United Methodist Women of First UMC Church of Windsor, Colorado near Denver, and Barbara Bryant, former missionary and long-time friend from Flagstaff, to present the ministry of FaithWorks to their church. Visiting with us too, were dear friends Rod & Royce Williams of Sterling, Colorado. We had not been with them since Rod's brother, Stan Williams, passed away in June 2016. It was a great reunion and a joy to be with them all!*

*L-R [seated] Rod & Royce Williams; Jan  
L-R [standing] Glen, Barbara, Tony, Amy*

## A NEW FRONTIER

This was the first time Amy and I were on mission to Birchwood Camp in Chugiak Alaska. It was a huge success. We are hooked on Alaska. With its rugged vistas and abundant wildlife, this is a beautiful place to have a mission trip. Birchwood is a wonderful camp that is run by the United Methodist Church. It provides year-long youth camps and retreats for all ages. FaithWorks has been a part of Birchwood Camp for the past 10 years. There are all kinds of projects that have been completed by FaithWorks in the past. I heard one of the people up here state, "FaithWorks can do anything." This year we had 10 missionaries from five different churches, representing the United States and Canada.

Some of the projects that were accomplished were landscaping and laying pavers near the main office, log oiling some staff cabins, deep cleaning the kitchen (including finding and getting rid of a mysterious stink), installing insulation and putting up wallboard in the staff cabins, spreading a huge pile of pea gravel on the beach area, and stocking lots of firewood for the winter.

The hard work was rewarded by many blessings. The team was blessed with great fellowship as we spent our down time out by the lake hiking or eating s'mores. There were lots of great devotionals, and Dave kept us fat and happy with his great meals, Praise God! We pray that our work was a great blessing to our hosts at Birchwood Camp. We know that we were very blessed to be able to go on this mission and look forward to many more mission trips to Alaska.

Yours in Mission, Tony Casali



## THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO TO SUPPORT FAITHWORKS

### Mission Trip Participants, July - August, 2018

**Alaska Mission Team** – Glen and Jan Allen, Tony, Amy, & Emily Casali, Graham Tomalty, Karen Webster, Beverly Thorton, Judy Cline, Dave Hoffman

**Staff:** Jan Allen – Mission Trip Coordinator; Kelly Campbell – Office Manager; Shanna Perry – Treasurer; Amy Casali – Mission Trip Coordinator in Training

**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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