

THE COMMON TASK



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Matthew 28:18-20

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WORK PRODUCED BY FAITH

It has been a very busy time at FaithWorks! We have depended on your prayers, and have been richly blessed by God in all that we have done. 1Thessalonians 1:3 states, “We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ” (NIV).

Since our last newsletter we have had our construction mission to El Nathan Christian Camp here in Flagstaff, we have gone to Africa to reconnect with our mission partners there, work was completed on the fantastic mural at the Flagstaff Family Food Bank, and we have been to Camp Verde to help Abide with work at the Anna House and the Resource Center.

We have also been working with Lola and Dean on the Navajo Reservation to help Lola set up a new Gift/Thrift Store that will support her ministries to the Navajo people. The Gift/Thrift store will be located in the old trading post located at the Church of God Holiness site near Leupp. The trading post was in need of a lot of work, tearing down walls, patching drywall, painting, and getting all of the clothes and furniture out to the store. FaithWorks has been working on this between all of our other missions. Special thanks to Cedar Closet, Bill Wiley, Sandy Brown, and Steve Gibbs for all of their help in making Lola’s dream a reality. Look for more information and pictures soon.

Enjoy the other articles in this issue that will inform you on what works FaithWorks has produced in the last couple of months.

On Mission With You,

Tony



If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing right.

James 2:8



Prayer over Jacob’s Well at HavenNature Safari Camp in Tanzania, Africa. This well will provide a much-needed water supply to HavenNature and to the entire community. FaithWorks was able to bring the funds necessary to complete the well project with a pump and solar panels. The funding was provided by several donors, with FaithWorks matching their donations.

MISSION TO ABIDE MATERNITY HOME IN CAMP VERDE

Fourteen people from 8 different churches gathered in Camp Verde to bless the ladies living and working at the home and also the Resource Center connected with the home. The Resource Center is where women can come for Christ-centered help. They may need a pregnancy test, or maybe they are looking for a way out of violence or homelessness. Some of these women, either pregnant and/or with young children, will come to live temporarily at Abide. Once the basic needs of food, shelter and safety are given, the women can be introduced to the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ! They are also given guidance on parenting, finding a job, finances and saving for their future, cooking and so much more. Just being able to “abide” in a clean, safe Christian home is something we may take for granted but may be something they have never experienced before.

This is where FaithWorks comes in! At the Resource Center we were able to really clean up the outside area. We tore down and hauled away an old broken fence, power washed the front walkway and entrance area, got rid of weeds and cleaned windows. At the Abide home just a couple miles away we were working on the playground with cleanup and weed reduction. We also trimmed bushes, washed windows, worked on repairing some furniture, and helped with a new, experimental branch of their ministry, which is to expand their living capacity at the home by adding RV spots.

One mom and her daughter recently “graduated” from the program, and she was able to purchase a travel trailer to live in with the money she had saved living in the Abide home. They live on the Abide property and in the trailer independently but pay for the utilities they use. We had an electrician come and help fix the power so she could get air conditioning this summer. We were also able to seal the roof of the trailer to keep the rain out. When we left, that was one very happy mom and child!

April 2019 Mission trip to the Abide House – Very Well Done!



FaithWorks cleaned and fixed up Resource Center, which is part of the Abide Ministry.

WE HAVE A FEW NEEDS... WANT TO HELP?

In the continuing effort to be fiscally responsible with God’s blessings at FaithWorks, we rely heavily on help from people just like you! Here is what we are looking for:

- A calendar creator, must be computer friendly. Will get help from an experienced person.
- A newsletter editor. After 16 years of working on the FaithWorks newsletter, Lisa is ready to pass the editing of the newsletter on to a new person.

Thank you to the many of you who have stepped in to help in so many ways. We are continually amazed by how God provides people for His work in the world. If you can help with these needs, please give our office a call at (928) 774-0504.



Tony and Amy stand in front of the new mural at the Food Bank, painted by Andrew Pavlik.

PLANNING FOR SUCCESS

It used to be that El Nathan was the first mission trip of the year. This led to some problems with weather. A lot of times the weather was snowy, this meant that we were working indoors, and at the worst, it meant that we were canceling the mission trip. This year FaithWorks made plans to work alongside El Nathan in March. This would mean that we had a better chance of good weather, and we would be helping the Director, Jeff Dudenhoffer, get the camp ready for the new season. The weather had plans of its own and dumped a record 3-4 feet of snow two weeks before the mission trip. This was followed up by a good amount of rain right up until the day of the mission. We waited until the last minute to see if it was going to be a green light for the mission.

“Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed” (*Proverbs 16:3*). The Lord was good and we had great weather for working outdoors just as we planned. Eleven people from 7 different churches pitched in to rake up a ton of pine needles, work on porches, build screens for the cabins, clean up inside, and cut up big logs for firewood. Mission accomplished.

Jeff has big plans for FaithWorks next year. He would like for us to take on the project of completely renovating a couple of the cabins. FaithWorks would then pick a couple more cabins each year until they are all refurbished. I hope to see you next March – I am sure that the weather will be fine!

Yours in mission,

Tony



photos from Tanzania



Medical clinic/education building at HavenNature.



Barray Lutheran Church.



Pasquilina had an epileptic seizure and fell into the cook fire. We hope to help her get the surgery she needs.



Emily Making friends.



Home visits with Pastor Temba. Happiness is not able to walk and only has her grandmother to care for her.



Lovely gifts from our friends at HavenNature!



Blessing Jacob's Well. This well will help HavenNature and the entire community.

Emma and Stella are good friends who work alongside their husbands at HavenNature Safari Camp. HavenNature was created to provide financial support for Pastor Temba's ministry to the poor.

AFRICA AGAIN!

It has been a special, final event in our passing the baton to Tony and Amy Casali – to take them to see and experience our long-time Africa Ministry in Karatu, Tanzania, with the view of helping orient them to their future at FaithWorks.

We are grateful to the Board of Directors for funding this for Jan and I as part of our retirement gifts in November 2018. We were blessed too, to have three other members on this “Mission Team,” 17-year-old Emily Casali, Kelly Campbell our FaithWorks office manager, and Board member Karen Bradford.

It had been way too long since our last Africa Mission trip in 2014 that we had seen and visited with our Africa brothers and sisters at HavenNature Safari Camp founded and dedicated to Christian service and ministry to the poor, elderly and disabled.

Our 7-member mission team spent March 14-23 with our Africa partners – a full week of activity indeed. We dedicated the “Chicken Project,” supported by FaithWorks donors in the last couple years. It’s a self-sustaining project to help provide meat and eggs to the poor. We also had a commitment service with prayer and singing, down by the new water well-head, a project for providing clean and safe water for the entire community – another self-sustaining effort, also supported by faithful donors. We carried a \$9000 donation to complete their solar-panel-powered pump to bring the water up for a self-service station easily accessible to the community.

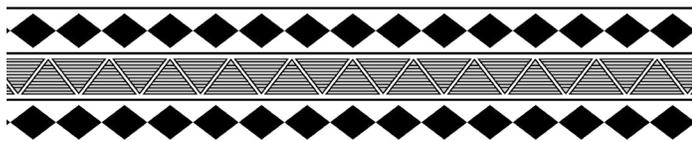
It was especially meaningful for us all to accompany Pastor Temba in 6 home visits to the handicapped and disabled that he ministers to. Crouched into these dark, dirt-floor, thatched-roof huts, we were witness to how our money, sent regularly since 2014, has purchased mattresses, clothing, food, prostheses and medical equipment which Pastor Temba has faithfully distributed. We brought food and had prayer in each home. Then we visited Karatu Hospital where many patients have received care through FaithWorks donations.

We were invited to worship at Pastor Temba’s church of 175 people present that morning, where we were honored with distinctive African gifts, a typical meal, including the ceremonial roasted goat, and celebratory African music! We prayed over the many sick and disabled parishioners there – some 30 in all. We also brought home a detailed list of their conditions and how we can help in each case in the future.

We left behind over \$2800 for the medical care and equipment that will go far to relieving the pain and suffering in many of the cases we saw.

Coming home to the USA we are praying that God will lead and bless Tony & Amy as they lead us into the future for Africa AGAIN!

On Mission With You,
Glen



WANT TO HEAR MORE ABOUT AFRICA?

If you would like to hear more about our work in Tanzania, we would love to come, show slides, and talk in person about the amazing work we’re able to be a part of to your church or small group. Please call Amy Casali at 928-699-8138 for more information.

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO TO SUPPORT FAITHWORKS

Mission Trip Participants, March - April, 2019

El Nathan Mission Team—Tony, Amy & Emily Casali, Steve Gibbs, Danna & Mike Alvey, Geoff Shepard, Dave Sorenson, Linda VanDeren, Alan Purchase, and Polly Philpott

Africa Mission Team—Tony, Amy & Emily Casali, Glen & Jan Allen, Karen Bradford, Kelly Campbell

Abide Mission Team—Tony & Amy Casali, Michael & Chanell Combs, Linda VanDeren, Geoff Stickler, Alan Purchase, Daphne Mullican, Mike & Danna Alvey, Andrew Ferrel, Vicki Shepard, Bob Power, and Wes Girard

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BEANIE BABY EXTRAVAGANZA

Several years ago a woman named Lynnae passed away when she was only 38 years old. Lynnae was a passionate collector of Beanie Babies. When Lynnae's parents, Roger and Arlys, heard Glen speak at a church about FaithWorks, they decided to donate Lynnae's beloved collection of Beanie Babies to FaithWorks to use in ministry with children. Several hundred Beanie Babies were donated, and Lynnae's Beanie Babies are now in Mexico, the Navajo Reservation and even Africa! Roger and Arlys are now getting ready to sell their home, and in the process of packing up their belongings, they found over a hundred MORE Beanie Babies! We joyfully accepted this second donation and thank our wonderful Lord for Roger, Arlys and Lynnae, who have helped the lives of children become a little brighter!



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