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## PASSING THE BATON

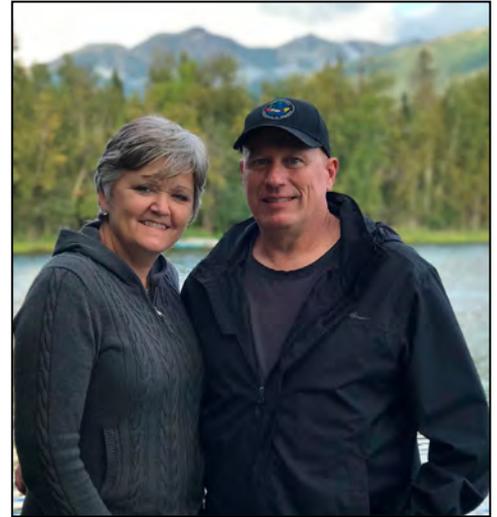
**Y**ou are probably all aware that there has been a Transition/Succession going on with FaithWorks leadership for the past year. Well, the baton has been passed, both figuratively and literally. Glen presented me with a beautiful baton made out of a grapevine from his vineyard in Camp Verde at the Retirement/Installation Celebration. Since the beginning of 2019, I have been working as the Executive Director for FaithWorks, and Amy has been the Trip Coordinator, with the extra duties of keeping me on track.

It should be noted that when Glen passed the baton to me at the Retirement/Installation Celebration, I promptly dropped it. The important part of that is that I immediately picked it up and kept on going. There will be some mistakes made, and balls and batons will be dropped, but we will always be picking ourselves up and moving forward. The Bible tells us, "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." *Isaiah 41:10*.

So far in 2019 FaithWorks has had tremendous success with our mission trips to the Flagstaff Family Food Bank and the Mexico Medical Mission, along with a very inspiring transition celebration. It is shaping up to be a very exciting and blessed year, I hope that you are able to join us as we find out what the Lord has in store for us!

On Mission With You,

Tony



*The passed baton--still in fine shape after being dropped!*



## TIME FOR CELEBRATION!

**T**he 2018 Transition/Succession Plan culminated in a whopper of a celebration on January 26<sup>th</sup> at the Church of the Resurrection! About 200 people came to say a well deserved "Good Job" to Glen and Jan and also a "Welcome Aboard" to Tony and Amy. We began with a hearty lunch coordinated by Kelly Campbell and her stalwart helpers. We then moved upstairs to celebrate and thank God for the nearly 20 years of service together in Christ, sharing a few memorable times in mission and watching a slide show showing nearly 20 years of FaithWorks missions. Thanks to Karen Bradford

for putting the slide show together! Lola Bahe from the Navajo Reservation and Pastor Gela, traveling with her group from Mexico, spoke about the blessings that FaithWorks has been for them over the years. Armando, Associate Pastor at Fuente de Vida Church in Mexico, sang a beautiful song about love. There were so many touching moments—we laughed and cried—it was very special and memorable. We closed the celebration by singing the FaithWorks theme song "Here I Am, Lord," then gathering downstairs for delicious cake and fellowship. What a fun reunion it was! We all went home tired and happy. Thanks to God!

## SMALL MIRACLES

On February 14<sup>th</sup> FaithWorks took a team of 13 people from 9 different churches to Agua Prieta, Mexico, for a medical mission that included evaluating and treating 138 patients, and providing dental care for another 120 patients. Our last visit to Mexico, in November 2018, found us visiting a homebound man named Francisco, “Pancho,” who was in need of a specialized wheelchair so that he could go outside, as he has been homebound for many years. We did not have much luck coming up with a wheelchair for Francisco until just recently. We were out on the Navajo Reservation doing some demolition work for our friend and partner in ministry, Lola Bahe, who is setting up a “Gift Shop,” where she will be distributing all of the donations that she receives from FaithWorks to those in need. With two weeks to go before the Mexico Medical mission trip, we found Francisco’s wheelchair in the old trading post that Lola is renovating. She immediately agreed to donate the wheelchair for Francisco, we brought it to Dr. Austin, and he had it cleaned and tuned up so it would be ready to go! Praise God for the small miracles that happen every day; they can make such a big difference for those in need.

We celebrated another small miracle when we had our Mission trip to the Flagstaff Family Food Bank. I met with the Director, Monica Foss, before the mission trip to discuss what we would be doing while we were there. Monica mentioned in passing that she would like to see a mural someday, on a large blank wall just inside of the Food Bank. I contacted a local artist, my son in law, Andrew Pavlik about the possibility of painting the mural. Andrew accepted the challenge and has produced a one-of-a-kind mural that will be the focal point for the Flagstaff Family Food Bank and a place where future volunteers will get their photos taken. The mission trip to the Flagstaff Family Food Bank had 16 people from five different churches who were able to put together 838 snack bags, 416 food bags, put up a tool rack, and distribute food to 75 families who showed up for food that day, along with starting the work on the mural. I thank God, all the time, for being a witness to the great work that gets done, with all of our FaithWorks partners.



*The Mexico Mission team*



*The Flagstaff Family Food Bank team says “Hello!”*



*Francisco and his new wheelchair.*

## NOW – BACK TO AFRICA

The one remaining part of Tony and Amy Casali's training in the "2018 Succession/Transition Plan" was to take them to Africa to introduce them to our very important partners there, Winnes Massawe and Pastor Robert Temba, with whom we've worked since 2006. Our busy schedules were so crammed that we couldn't fit that in 2018.

So, now, it's back to Africa, March 14-23, 2019. Joining us will be Tony & Amy's daughter Emily, Kelly Campbell our FaithWorks office manager, and Karen Bradford our Board of Directors' secretary.

Our itinerary will be busy, taking advantage of every day and hour we have in Tanzania. We'll be based at Havennature, the Christian Safari Camp in Karatu. There, we'll tour and dedicate "The Chicken Project," an extensive ministry plan for meat and eggs to supply needed protein to the poor and elderly nearby. We've been blessed to send \$17,000 to support this effort in recent years.

We'll inspect the on-site medical clinic facility and tour two nearby hospitals for future mission possibilities.

One of the highlights of our trip is to visit Jacob's Well, the long-awaited freshwater well that's been drilled. Also, to participate in the public dedication for the well, which will serve the surrounding community.

We'll do home visits with Pastor Temba to whom we've sent consistent financial support for helping the sick, poor, disabled and elderly.

On the return trip home, Tony will lead the team back to the USA. Jan and I will detour to France, at our personal expense, for a week to retrace where my father served in WW1, visit Normandy and enjoy Paris.

We are so very blessed to be able to make this final trip back to Africa for us, turning over the bright future of Tanzanian Mission Ministry to Tony and Amy, helping them with a strong start!

Glen Allen,  
Founding Director



Andrew working on the Flagstaff Family Food Bank's mural.

### 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 website update person, must be computer friendly. Will get help from an experienced person.
- An office volunteer, no experience needed— just a friendly face!

We are so grateful for those who have filled office volunteer roles here at FaithWorks, listed below. If you see them, give them a big "thanks" for all they do!

FYI - there are perks in volunteering at FaithWorks, so if you are curious, give us a call and we will fill you in. Even if you just want more information give us a call at the office, (928)774-0504.

## THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO TO SUPPORT FAITHWORKS

### Mission Trip Participants, January - February, 2019

*Flagstaff Family Food Bank Mission Team—Tony, Amy, & Emily Casali, Mike, Beth, Cassie & Jack Thomas, Kim Briggs with Mackenzie & Haley, Andrew & Heather Pavlik, Geoff & Vickie Shepard, Angie Neasham, Gloria Moss*

*Mexico Medical Mission Team—Tony & Amy Casali, Mark & Denise Kriese, Karen Bradford with Nizhoni, Dr. Rick Brothers, Dr. Bill Austin, Linda VanDeren, Julie Schnieder, Rexanne Meredith, Betsy Hale, Steve Gibbs*

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

**Volunteers:** Lisa Kearsley – Editor, 'The Common Task'; George Stidham - Vehicle Maintenance Director; Office team: Pete Piper, Bill Wiley, Linda VanDeren, Alan Purchase, Matilde Liebe, Margaret VanCleve, Gloria Moss, and Vicki shepherd.

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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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(you might call first just to make sure we are there!)

## 2019 Mission Trips

Here are some of our mission trips – those that are coming up in the next few months. The rest of the 2019 mission trips can be seen on our website,

[www.faithworks4us.org](http://www.faithworks4us.org).

Want to join us in mission? Please call the office (928-774-0504) to register!

### 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

2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



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