

The Common Task

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Matthew 28:18-20



Ask and We Will Receive!

Once again, it has been an exciting and busy time for us at FaithWorks! So much to share, from the Alaska mission, activity on the Barn Sale project, office volunteers making our work possible, worshipping with PARKSIDE Community Church in Camp Verde, technology improvements for email and website, and the wonderful opportunity to work with Bread of Life Food Pantry in Camp Verde and Prescott United Methodist Church in Prescott. So many answers to prayer that we want to share with you.

There is a burden on our hearts to help Church of God Holiness with a new roof for their fellowship hall. We have been praying for God to bless and multiply our efforts and profits from the Barn Sale to help with the roof and we have already started to see God moving! Through a chain of events and people that ended with our friend, Betsy Hale, the entire contents of a house were donated to FaithWorks! It was a huge commitment for the staff and many friends of FW but we felt led to help this family in need hoping and praying that it would in turn bless our friends on the reservation. Many people donated time to go through the family's belongings and volunteers provided several trucks, trailers, and other vehicles. We estimate the 2019 Barn Sale will have almost double the donations we had last year and we hope this equals double the funds we can raise! Please see page 3 of this newsletter for ways you can support the Barn Sale, October 4-5!

Tony has wanted to connect more with people by visiting churches and hopefully saying a few words during their worship services. Lo and behold, we get a call from Noah and Mary Green of Parkside Community Church. We were invited to come worship, talk about FaithWorks and then join our friends for a lovely lunch! Thank you PCC, Noah and Mary and mostly, thank you Lord!

Our Mexico partners at Fuente de Vida have expressed two needs that they have been praying about. We prayed for additional eye professionals for the medical clinics and a few more wheelchairs. Once again, God heard our prayers! Prescott United Methodist Church informed us they had a couple medical items for us to pick up and Bread of Life Food Pantry in Camp Verde had food donations for the reservation. Once we arrived at the Bread of Life and as Martin was showing us around, Tony noticed a dusty old wheelchair. Turns out, they had a total of five wheelchairs, several walkers, and crutches too! We loaded it all in the van, along with the food, and were riding high on grateful praise and amazement all the way to Prescott UMC! Once we got there we were humbled and joyful by God's provision. They had two more wheelchairs, many walkers, canes, crutches, and several other assistive devices. The Lord provided even in the midst of our doubt.

Prayer is the answer! Always!

Joyfully, Amy Casali

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Vital Statistics

(since June 2000)

- 3635 Missionaries sent out
- 216 Mission Trips
- \$1,940,019 in donations of labor, medicines, and materials

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Caribou? Trapper? Sourdough?

“Alaska is an amazing place to see God’s creation.”

The names in the title all refer to different cabins at Birchwood Camp in Chugiak, Alaska. In Alaska, FaithWorks works in partnership with Birchwood Camp to spruce up the camp and help them in any way we can. Birchwood’s website describes the camp as a year-round camp and retreat center in Chugiak, nestled between the Chugach Mountains and Cook Inlet just 30 minutes north of Anchorage. The camp, which has been in operation since 1961, is owned by the Alaska United Methodist Conference and operated by an independent Board of Directors. Birchwood Camp serves over 8,000 guests and campers each year.



Our time in Alaska at Birchwood Camp was filled with fellowship, food, projects, and small excursions around Alaska. The team consisted of two couples from Phoenix, two women from Fort Collins, Colorado, three people from Flagstaff, and a couple from Camp Verde. Six different churches were represented by these eleven people.

Some of the projects that were completed were the clearing of dead and downed trees from the trails and from around the cabins. One tree fell on the day that we arrived, just missing a newly roofed cabin, and smashing into the deck right beside the cabin. We deep cleaned Caribou, Trapper, and Sourdough cabins, along with Fireweed Hall and the Main Lodge. We also fixed the handicap ramp that accessed the Main Lodge. Later in the week we turned our attention to Fireweed Hall, “chinking” the exterior logs, sealing them from bugs and the elements. We also built a new deck on the backside of the hall.

It was not all work and no play, we were able to experience some of the beauty that is Alaska. Genesis 1:31 states that “God saw all that he created, and it was very good.” Alaska is an amazing place to see God’s creation. While we were in Alaska, we traveled to the Alaska State Fair, where we saw amazing produce, ate fair food, and played with some baby goats. We hiked to Thunderbird Falls one night, and we canoed around Psalm Lake, right there at Birchwood Camp. We were also able to visit Anchorage to check out museums and an Anchorage street fair. It is easy to get carried away doing things when the sun does not set until 10 PM.

It was great to see our friends again at Birchwood Camp and we look forward to helping them out next year. If you are interested in hard work and adventure, you are welcome to join us next year. Contact Amy in the FaithWorks office to sign up. Early is always better when signing up, the trip fills up fast!!

-Yours in Mission, Tony



Chinking “experts” Kim VanPelt and Barbara Bryant

Mission Trip Participants

George Stidham
Wilma Romero
Kim VanPelt
Tony Casali
Amy Casali
Tony White
Stephanie Rust
Joy McGraw
Tom McGraw
Barbara Bryant
Denny Rust

Celebrating 19 Years of FaithWorks

In July, friends and volunteers gathered to celebrate 19 years of FaithWorks. The celebration included an open house with goodies, fellowship, and sharing videos of the many FaithWorks adventures over the years.

Linda VanDeren, a retired nurse, member of Munds Park Community Church, and FaithWorks Board Member was recognized for serving on **112 mission trips** - the most of any FaithWorks Volunteer!



Tony Casali, Jan Allen, Glen Allen, Amy Casali, and Lind Van Deren at the 19th Anniversary Celebration

Barn Sale



Two of our favorite ladies, Linda VanDeren and Faye Willis, taking a break from the Barn Sale work.

The 2019 Barn Sale will be **October 4th and 5th from 8 am to 4 pm** at 10075 Road Rd., Flagstaff, AZ 86004 (on Cosnino Road).

Proceeds from the sale will fund a new roof for the Fellowship Hall at Church of God Holiness so we are praying for abundance!

It's going to be a 'whopper' of a sale! The donations are pouring in but there is room for more!

We are looking for folks to help with set-up, help during the sale, and pack up. We'd appreciate any time you could offer from just a few hours to a whole day. We need you!

- Set-up will happen on Wednesday & Thursday, October 2nd and 3rd from 8 am to 3 pm
- The Sale will be held Friday & Saturday, October 4th and 5th from 8 am to 4 pm
- Pack-up will happen on Saturday, October 5th starting at 4 pm

To volunteer or donate items, call Amy at (928)699-8138.

Technology Upgrades

If you have visited our website or follow us in Facebook, you'll be seeing some big changes in the coming months. With help from a couple of volunteers, FaithWorks has been updating our technology and communication plan.

Over the next few months, you'll see additional updates to the website, the launch of an e-newsletter, more posts on Facebook, and a new Instagram channel.

Interested in being a part of the digital transformation?

Send your email address to **tony_amy@faithworks4us.org** to join the eNewsletter list.

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To unite the Christian community in ministry through providing opportunities for education, information, and practical mission experiences locally, nationally, and internationally.

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)

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