



West Branch Trailblazer

Keeping in Touch, Seeking Your Prayer and Involvement

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Prayer Requests

Effective local church, event, and camp ministry in 2020

Filling our summer staff needs for 2020

Reaching our \$250,000 dining hall infrastructure goal

Beginning our dining hall construction in summer 2020

Project Status

Dining Hall- Over \$140,000 has been given for infrastructure projects (56% toward the goal - \$250,000). The electrical expansion is complete. Fire suppression permitting is nearly done. Building construction is beginning to be planned.

Campground Enhancing- Our auditorium was altered to allow fall use. A rodeo corral is being worked on for use next summer.

Upcoming Events

- 1.31, 2.28 Family Seminars
2.29, 4.18 around Arizona
3.20-21 Men on the Move

New Ministries and New Help

With camps throughout June and July as well as six retreats and conferences this fall, we have kept very busy. We thank the Lord for those who were saved and the many other important spiritual decisions that were made here at camp this year. Perhaps the most notable of these results were the **first two deaf young people saved at camp here in Williams!** After much prayer and effort, we saw a small group of deaf come to our first camp since we relocated from Flagstaff. Among these were two friends who rode a train to a bus to a train to get here. How thankful we were when they each understood their need for Christ and were saved!



Deaf campers and staff - July 2019

We have also been greatly blessed to have **new additional staff** on board this year. Josh & Dee Dee Porter moved here from northern Michigan to help with managing the facilities and food service. Both are graduates of Bill Rice Bible Institute at our facility in Tennessee. Brandon Laseter joined our team in June as the camp intern. They have all lightened the load of the busy schedule and have allowed Troy & Sara Carlson to make several evangelistic and summer staff recruiting trips in between events this fall. **We are still seeking to fill a full-time maintenance position.**



2019 Summer Staff



Senior Trip group from Oregon

Williams, AZ

- 3.30-5.8 Senior Trip Retreats
- 6.5-6 Ladies SUMMER Getaway @ WB
- 6.7-7.18 Southwest Youth Challenge
- 6.22-26 Junior Camp
- 7.1-3 Family Camp
- 7.6-10 Youth Camp 1
- 7.13-17 Youth Camp 2/ Deaf Camp
- 9.3-4 Christian School/ home school retreat
- 9.12 Youth Conference Phoenix, AZ
- 9.18-19 Ladies & Girls' Night in the Pines
- 10.2-3 Men & Boys' Camp Out

Visit westbranchAZ.org for more details.

Special Needs

- New laptop computer with Microsoft Word/Excel
- Compact Utility Tractor (e.g. John Deere, Kubota)
- New queen size bed
- 6' & 8' Lifetime® Tables
- 6' green collapsible Lifetime® picnic table

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Additional itineraries, schedules, & reports are online.

We are always looking for new ways to carry out our mission. In April, that meant hosting Christian high school seniors for senior trip retreats. Being sixty miles from Grand Canyon, we are an ideal location and ministry to blend a once-in-a-lifetime trip with spiritual impact through daily preaching services. **Schools came from Oregon, North Carolina, and Florida** this year. We already have groups lined up for 2020 as well. This spring will also see the beginning of a Family Seminar ministry as we will travel to four Arizona cities between January and April to hold these events designed to encourage biblical parenting.

Could Construction Start Next Summer?

The dining hall is the next major part of our development plan. Over \$140,000 has been raised toward the infrastructure for the building. A donor is willing to pay for the construction of the building itself. Primarily we have been stalled in need of additional help managing the project. That seems to be coming together, and we are now setting a **goal to begin construction of the building next summer.**



Many details still need to be taken care of and questions answered. We also still need to raise approximately \$110,000 to complete the infrastructure part of the project. Please pray with us that the Lord will provide the funds, answers, timing, and people to get this major project underway!

[Dining Hall site](#)

Generous People Making a Difference



[Grading by our re-screened open-air auditorium](#)

As we look back on 2019, we realize that many people contributed to the Lord's work here in Arizona. Besides the full-time staff, the Lord also provided twenty summer volunteers to make camp happen. During our retreats, we have also benefited by several local friends helping out.

Deaf campers came free for the first time in Williams. Many people contributed to those campership funds to make that possible. Others supported members of our summer staff through the Faith Project.

Churches and individuals alike have supported us on a monthly basis—some nearby and active in the ministries here, others from across the country. We can always use more support, but **we are so thankful for those who have been so faithful to contribute over the years to the ministry here.**

Volunteers have poured concrete, built benches, improved our open-air auditorium, and so much more. As the year closes, please know how much we appreciate the part you have played, and if the Lord allows, we will be very grateful for your participation in the year to come.