



# West Branch Trailblazer

Keeping in Touch, Seeking Your Prayer and Involvement

West Branch is a ministry of the Bill Rice Ranch

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## Prayer Requests

Profitable ministry at the Men on the Move this month

Funds for Expenses to Open Up Camp this season

Funds for the Rasmussen Crossing Restroom Project

## Project Status

**Rasmussen Crossing** – We have received a permit to connect this building to our sanitation system! We are pursuing an estimate on the project cost as well as beginning the installation of interior components.

## Upcoming Events:

Apr. 26-27, 2024 Men on the Move

Apr. 29 – May 11 Senior Trip Retreats

Jun 6 – Jul 23 Summer Camps

[westbranchAZ.org](http://westbranchAZ.org)

## 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Come and See us!

In the 1970s and '80s, churches and deaf campers traveled anywhere from 1,200 to 2,000 miles from the West to attend camp in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, at the Bill Rice Ranch. Then, the Lord opened a door for us to establish Christian camping in the Arizona in 1989. We started with Deaf Camp, adding many more programs after that.

For fifteen years, West Branch operated in Flagstaff. For the next ten years, we focused on ministry through travel, calling it *West Branch on the Move*. For the past ten years, we have majored on establishing our campground in Williams.

This year marks our 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Thousands have attended our camps and conferences over the years, but I wonder...have you visited us lately? You might be surprised to see all that God has provided! Here are two special opportunities coming up this year. First, our **Men on the Move Conference** is April 26-27, in the Rasmussen Crossing at West Branch. Evangelists Bill Rice III and Pete Rice will be here.

**Youth Camp** is another opportunity to participate in West Branch's ministry. We still *make the most of preaching for churches and those they seek to reach*. That is our purpose and our practice. We are a Controlled Atmosphere for the Ministry for the ministry of preaching. God is still using the preaching of the Bible to work in teenagers' hearts. If you haven't seen what camp on the Williams property looks like, we hope you will "**Re-discover West Branch**" by watching our new special video. You can find it on our website home page.

Also, deaf campers still come free of charge to camp! Please spread the word to any eligible young people close enough to come this summer! Let us know if we can send Deaf Camp info to someone you know!



Check out our promotional video at [westbranchaz.org](http://westbranchaz.org) to Re-discover West Branch!

## Special Needs

- A restroom trailer that we could borrow for the five weeks this summer – we have previously rented such a trailer but would love to avoid the extra expense if possible
- Commercial beverage/merchandise cooler
- Utility dump trailer
- Compact Utility Tractor with bucket and/or auger  
**CAN WE BORROW IN MAY OR JUNE?**  
(e.g. John Deere, Kubota)
- Gently used ping pong, Foosball, or other similar game table that you would be willing to donate. Please let us know, especially if you would have the ability to transport it to us!

*Thanks to all who have donated items through our Amazon Wish List at the end of last year!!*

## Stay Connected

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[facebook.com/westbranchAZ](https://facebook.com/westbranchAZ)

Additional itineraries, schedules, & reports are online.

*Visit [westbranchAZ.org](http://westbranchAZ.org) to view our new summer camp promotional video:  
**West Branch Rediscovered!***

## Special Needs - Special Opportunity

God is using West Branch to help churches in the Southwest! Of course, that productivity comes with challenges that arise. For instance, we will need to continue to rent restroom facilities for use near the Rasmussen Crossing until we can complete the infrastructure for new bathrooms in the building. (Or, maybe someone *owns* a portable restroom trailer we could borrow for six weeks this summer??)

We also face the regular expenses of getting summer camp rolling and providing for the twenty-five or so volunteers who will work with us this June and July.



**RRs required for Rasmussen Crossing auditorium use**

Would you consider a special gift in light of our needs and our 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary to help us continue to do what God has called us to do? Check out our donations page at [westbranchaz.org](http://westbranchaz.org) for specific current needs or send donations to: West Branch, 2501 E. Pinetree Dr., Williams, AZ 86046

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## Extending Ministry...to the East!

We have had a special opportunity to minister daily at Bill Rice Bible College in Tennessee this summer. It is great to invest in young peoples lives by sharing vital biblical truths and practical ministry experiences. It is especially gratifying since several former West Branch campers and summer staff are in Tennessee training for their future!

Along with teaching all or part of four classes, we have also been out preaching in a variety of churches from Illinois to Florida. We have seen decisions for the Lord and enjoyed the fellowship with churches, some of which have supported West Branch through the years.



West Branch campers & summer staff who are at Bill Rice Bible College in TN this semester