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Upcoming Ministry

MAY

Our focus is completing projects for camp in June.

JUNE/JULY

6.5-7.30 Arizona Youth Challenge

6.11-19 Summer Staff Training

6.20-24 Youth Camp

6.26-7.1 Outreach Week

7.5-9 Junior Camp

2016-17 West Branch Events

6.5-7.30 Arizona Youth Challenge

6.11-7.9 Summer Camps

9.2-3 Arizona Youth Challenge Retreat

9.10 Arizona Regional Youth Conference, Phoenix area

10.21-22 Men on the Move Fort Collins, CO

3.17-18.17 Men on the Move Williams, AZ

4.29.17 Ladies Spring Getaway Flagstaff, AZ

Final Lap: Racing toward Summer Camp

Since our last report, the Lord has enabled us to see many things accomplished on our campsite. The propane and water lines were laid, inspected, and covered. A friend from western Arizona sent three HVAC crews from his business to hook up and test the heaters and water heaters. The propane system is now fully operational!

About the same time, we had a volunteer crew from Woodbridge, Virginia, pour three concrete pads to accommodate our fresh water and fire protection tanks. They did an excellent job! A local volunteer crew is coming this week to build enclosures around the two fresh water tanks. Then the plumber can return to install the pumps and hook up the system. We are very close to completion on that project too!



Much has happened on the sanitation system, as well. Our buildings sit in two clusters. One cluster's set of 1,500-gallon septic tanks and lines have been installed, inspected, and backfilled. The remaining work includes installing the second cluster's tanks and adding two additional 5,500-gallon tanks, pumps, and the entire leech field. Please pray with us that the system will be operational by camp next month.



We have had two groups from in-state add moisture resistant green-board drywall around twenty cabin showers. This has been a long process, and we sure appreciate the multiple trips that these friends have made to camp to work on the project. Another friend from California has been here and installed a larger water heater for our mobile kitchen. He also installed two more shelves for storage. Other groups have been here

Prayer Requests

Completion of the sanitation, water, and propane projects
Approvals from local officials

Project Status

Sanitation- well into the tanks and lines stage; starting leech field this week

Water-lines laid and connected, pads poured for tanks, constructing water tank buildings

Fire protection- pad poured for tanks; placement, line and hydrant to go

Propane system- hooked up and operational!

Kitchen commissary- ordering appliances

Workers Still Needed

Construction- water tank sheds, install vent stacks, softball backstop

Plumbing- fire hydrant & supply lines

Finish- paint

Electrical- service for water and sanitation systems

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to help with numerous other projects, all of which are important in order to be ready for camp. Of course, our own full-time volunteers, Bill Bach and Dennis Duncan, have been leading the way with both development and maintenance projects. We could not be doing this without them!

June 11, our summer staff arrives. On June 20, we begin our first week of camp. We are truly in the final lap as we race to get all this work accomplished before camp. Please pray that we will have the strength, success, workers, and weather to get everything done in time for full occupancy of the campsite and that we will see the Lord work more miracles in campers' lives this summer.

Men on the Move Conference

We had a great spirit at our twenty-seventh men's conference in Northern Arizona! Men came from twenty churches around the state of Arizona as well as New Mexico and Colorado.



We packed a lot into a short amount of time during this event. Friday evening included messages from Evangelists Wil Rice IV and Troy Carlson, and Pastor Terry Randolph. Topics covered were the wisdom of Solomon, the assurance of salvation, and the great value of the conscience: "The Heart's Referee."*

Saturday morning featured two more services and a set of breakout sessions. Along with all this preaching, the men enjoyed a great meal Friday night, good fellowship throughout the event, and special music led by Frank Finney of the Bill Rice Ranch. Several men even joined a choir which sang Friday night.

It is hard for men to take time to attend an event like this, but we believe it was a valuable pit stop to recharge for the Lord's individual calling for each man in the days ahead. * Visit westbranchAZ.org to download this message.

Ladies Spring Getaway



The word that always comes to our minds when we think of the Ladies Spring Getaway is "smiles," and boy did we have a lot of them this year! Ladies enjoy getting together with their church friends and seeing other friends from around the region. They also enjoy the fun things we do at this event: skits, games, prizes, and just laughing a lot.

All of the fun frames the services so that the ladies are ready to hear from the Lord. This year the ladies heard messages from Mrs. Paula Bulawa of Surprise, Arizona, and Mrs. Sara Carlson from West Branch. The dominant theme was faith in God's Word; Isaiah 55 describes the faithfulness of what God has said "as nourishing rain." His Word will always come to pass. We believe the ladies from the thirteen regional churches that attended were all encouraged to believe God regardless of the storms of life. * Visit westbranchAZ.org to hear "Weathering the Storms of Life."