

Trailblazer

Keeping in touch, seeking your prayer and involvement.

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Building for Tomorrow in Northern Arizona

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Turn on the Lights

Ever since our cabins were built several years ago, they have simply been empty shells. Yes, most of the interior work has been completed, but there have not been any utilities hooked up. That has all changed! God has provided everything we needed to get the power on to these ten cabins and the first aid station. I should say God has provided *everyone* we needed!

Back in April we put out a letter to many friends about our financial needs for camp this summer. There were two main aspects to this need. First, we are purchasing a concessions trailer to serve as our

camp kitchen for the next several years. That trailer should be ready about the time you read this newsletter. Second, we needed additional funding to complete the electrical project. A friend of West Branch offered to match donations up to \$20,000 for these projects.

Not only were we able to take advantage of the \$20,000 matching funds, God provided MUCH more through many generous gifts of friends around the country. Praise the Lord that the entire electrical funding need and the concessions trailer need were

Lights on in the cabins!



both met! In addition to that, we have been able to set aside money for other summer needs *and* put more money into the sanitation project fund. God really exceeded our expectations, and many people, including *Trailblazers* here in the West, were a big part of that!

But that is only half of the story. (continued on back)

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Upcoming Ministry:

JUNE

- June 7 Faith Baptist Church Wickenburg, AZ
- June 7 Arizona Youth Challenge begins
- June 8 Ranch Hand program begins
- June 15-21 Staff Training
- June 22-27 Youth Camp
- June 28-July 2 Junior Camp

JULY

- July 12-17 Preaching at Bill Rice Ranch in Tennessee for Youth Camp & Junior Camp

Ladies Spring Getaway REPORT

With over 140 in attendance from Northern Arizona and New Mexico, we had our largest Ladies Spring Getaway yet! Once again, the spirit was great. Ladies sure come to this event to enjoy themselves! We had a skit and several games that cor-

responded with our theme "O the Depth of His Riches." Quite a few ladies won jewelry as prizes for the various games. Many ladies commented on the help they received from our event speakers, Mrs. Sara Carlson and Mrs. Sherry DeFord



Pulling wires for the camp cabins and first aid station

Please pray for:

1. *Effective summer camps*
2. *Progress on the water & sanitation development*
3. *Financial provision for ongoing projects*

(Peach Springs, Arizona). We wound up the weekend by preaching at "West Branch Sunday" at the host church, Northland Baptist in Flagstaff, before heading to Casper, Wyoming, to preach a missions conference.

Sara Carlson speaking on "Things Are Not Always What They Appear"



2015 Trailblazers

Thank you to each and every one of the **forty-nine churches** that qualified to be 2015 **Trailblazers**, our highest number ever! Your consistent involvement is a great blessing to us! Any church that has ever hosted an event qualifies. Others qualify through participation, giving, or using West Branch evangelists.



West Branch Schedule

- **Arizona Youth Challenge**
across Arizona June 7-August 1
- **Youth Camp Event**
West Branch June 22-26
- **Junior Camp Event**
West Branch June 28-July 2
- **Arizona Regional Youth Conference**
Peoria, AZ September 12
- **Rocky Mountain Regional *Men on the Move* Conference**
Fort Collins, CO October 16-17
- **Southwest Regional *Men on the Move* Conference**
Williams, AZ March 18-19, 2016

Summer Facts

- Along with summer camps, we are conducting our seventh annual **Arizona Youth Challenge**, June 7-August 1, to help local churches motivate their youth groups throughout the summer.
- We are anticipating nearly 100 teenagers and 50 or 60 junior campers from Arizona and California for our two weeks of camp.
- Bill Rice III and Troy Carlson will do most of the preaching during Youth Camp. Chris Miller will join Troy Carlson to preach during Junior Camp.
- We will be housing campers in six cabins this summer: Santa Fe, Kendrick, Kaibab, Agassiz, Humphries, and Sycamore. All of these cabins and the remaining four draw their names from aspects of Northern Arizona.
- Native American boys and girls from area reservations will come this summer at a discounted rate.
- We will be joined by fifteen volunteers this summer. Since none of them will receive a large allowance, they will be trusting the Lord for their needs, and we are trusting the Lord for that total expense of \$2,200.

Turn on the Lights continued from front

The rest of the story involves a number of people who have volunteered their time on projects lately. The biggest project was the actual installation of the electrical wiring



Installing flooring in the first aid station

and various other components. We thank the Lord for Mr. Steve Nardi from Buckeye, Arizona, who headed up this project. Several other friends wore themselves out pulling wires to the eleven buildings and helping get everything hooked up as well. Besides that, volunteers have helped install a temporary shower, put down flooring in the first aid building, paint, put bunk beds together, and enhance our activity facilities. To say that we could not have accomplished all this without them is a big understatement. There



Bleacher shade being constructed

are many things coming together for our camps which begin in a couple of weeks. We thank the Lord for the workers who have so generously given of themselves to see the work done.