

# Trailblazer

Keeping in touch, seeking your prayer and involvement.

West Branch on the Move, 2501 E. Pinetree Dr., Williams, AZ 86046

Celebrating 25 years of ministry in the West

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## We Have Started!

After several years of our ministry being entirely on the road, it was a huge blessing to host our first junior and teen camps on the new West Branch site this summer! While the camps were small (seventy-five total campers between two weeks), we did start! We used our recently renovated ninety-plus-year-old bunkhouse (now called the Bach House), outdoor dining, a temporary auditorium, and brand new activity facilities. We are so grateful to the churches and individuals who spent time building the obstacle course, basketball court, volleyball court, and softball field before camps started.

Of course, the greatest part of camp this summer was not using the facilities, it was helping people. On July 8, we saw the first two young people saved on the Williams site! How special it was that these two children were from a mission church which reaches out to the Native Americans on a reservation here in Arizona! This has always been an integral part of our ministry, and we are excited to see that continuing.

Throughout the two weeks of camp, the Lord really blessed. Numerous other decisions were made, some called "life-



changing" by the campers themselves.

Now we are turning our attention to next summer. We are scheduling two weeks, this time at a capacity of ninety campers per week. Please pray with us as we identify all the needed projects and purchases to achieve that capacity goal!



### 2015 CAMPS

Youth Camp June 21-26  
Junior Camp June 28-July 2

## 25th Anniversary Reunion

July 5 was a special day as we welcomed many former staff and campers to our new West Branch facility. We enjoyed the fellowship and the fun together throughout the day's activities. We held a special service on our future dining hall floor in which Evangelist Jim Cook preached.

We also honored West Branch's founder, first director, and primary builder (Bill Rice III, Morris Gleiser, and Harry Lippert respectively) with a special plaque.

Visit our Alumni Page at [www.westbranchAZ.org](http://www.westbranchAZ.org) to see pictures and videos including the

day's highlights, greetings from some who attended and some who did not, and the preaching service. The website also introduces a new alumni group which we trust will provide encouragement to all involved.

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### Upcoming Ministry:

**September**—Our annual youth conference in the Phoenix area is on the 27th.

**October**—We have conferences in Gallup, NM, and Fort Collins, CO, along with two scheduled work weeks.

**November**—We're preaching in churches in Arizona, Indiana, and Illinois, visiting family, and recruiting summer workers for 2015



Morris Gleiser, Jim Cook, Bill Rice III, Harry Lippert

### Please pray for:

1. Preparation for three fall events, work groups, and next summer's camps
2. Workers for fall projects
3. Financing for sanitation installation (\$250,000+)
4. Sale of Dennis and Lynda Duncan's home in western Tennessee as they want to serve at West Branch

## 2014 Trailblazers

Thank you to each and every one of the **forty-four churches** that qualified to be 2014 **Trailblazers**! 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 Regional Youth Conference**  
Peoria, AZ                      September 27
- **Navajo Region Marriage & the Home Conference**  
Gallup, NM                      October 10-11
- **Rocky Mountain Regional *Men on the Move* Conference**  
Fort Collins, CO                      October 17-18
- **Arizona Regional Marriage & the Home Conference**  
Phoenix, AZ                      February 6-7, 2015
- **Southwest Regional *Men on the Move* Conference**  
Williams, AZ                      March 20-21, 2015
- **Ladies Spring Getaway**  
Flagstaff, AZ                      April 25, 2015
- **Youth Camp**  
West Branch                      June 21-26, 2015
- **Junior Camp**  
West Branch                      June 28-July 2, 2015

## Completed for 2014 Summer Camps

- \* Bach House renovation
- \* Obstacle course
- \* Concrete basketball court
- \* Volleyball court
- \* Temporary bath house
- \* Two boys cabins used for bunks
- \* Temporary 52-seat auditorium
- \* Softball field

## Up Next

- \* Sanitation system installation    *\$250,000+, in stages*
- \* Electrical distribution hookup    *Need—Electrical design (engineer)*
- \* Development of the activity facilities    *basketball court—seal & paint, softball backstop, rodeo corral*
- \* Complete the interior of the cabins and first aid buildings    *Money is raised; workers needed this fall!*



New concrete basketball court in use during Youth Camp

## Arizona Youth Challenge

For the sixth straight year, we have sponsored the Arizona Youth Challenge. This idea was inspired by a Sunday school contest I remember as a child in which our church “competed” against one or two other area churches for one month’s Sunday school attendance. In our ver-

sion of the contest, Arizona youth groups record their individual attendances at all church-related activities, visitors brought to church, scripture memory, Bible reading, and gospel tract distribution. Each church is judged based on their size so that no church has an undue advantage.



Hampshire View Baptist Church Youth Mission Team—great help during Youth Camp!

ute various “mountains” of prizes during our upcoming Youth Conference in Phoenix. We praise the Lord for the good involvement of these thirteen churches and for special blessings the youth pastors reported during the nine weeks.

### 2014 Arizona Youth Challenge

134 Visitors  
4,355 Scripture Verses  
4,782 Gospel Tracts

This year’s winner is the Signs of Life Baptist Church in Phoenix. This is the first time a deaf church has won the competition. Along with awarding special bonus week and individual challenge prizes, we will also soon distrib-