

# Trailblazer

*Keeping in touch, seeking your prayer and involvement.*

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## Ready for Spring?

I suppose that spring is a welcome change for most of us, but depending on where you are, you may be more desperate for it than others! I thought about Spring quite a bit when digging out from our four feet of snow we received in December.

But when an evangelist says "spring," he is likely talking about something entirely different from the weather. He usually means "schedule." Spring, for us involved with camp, is January through May.

In that regards, we are ready for spring. We have been preparing for it for quite some time. With this in mind, please do pray for

us to be effective in ministry this spring, especially this month.



In February, our **West Branch on the Move** ministry team is in nine churches in fifteen days. We are

prayerful that these services will be an encouragement to each church congregation through the preaching and singing. The team includes Bill Rice Ranch president Wil Rice IV and his family, and the Carlson family, as well as Frank and Lindsay Finney, and Susanna Flanders.

Each of us will also be involved in the **Families on the Move Conference** at the end of the month. This is our third such conference in the Valley (fourth overall).

We really want to encourage each family attending for two specific reasons. First, God wants families... (continued on back)

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## February Ministry in Arizona

- *Evangelical Church FBI, Phoenix* Feb 8am
- *Lakeside Baptist, Peoria* Feb 8pm
- *Harvest Baptist, Goodyear* Feb 11
- *Vision Baptist, Goodyear* Feb 15 am
- *Buckeye Baptist, Buckeye* Feb 15pm
- *Royal View Baptist, Gilbert* Feb 18
- *Gospel Light Baptist, Mesa* Feb 19
- **Families on the Move Conference** Feb 20-21
- *Maranatha Baptist, Glendale* Feb 22am
- *East Mesa Baptist, Mesa* Feb 22pm

## Hauled Water System

There is not a lot to report yet about our work to install a hauled water system for the new camp facility. We are still in the very preliminary stages, researching our engineering and permitting needs. Please be in prayer for us that we will make the right contacts and that we

will have favor with the people with whom we deal.

There is still some rumor concerning the City of Williams drilling new wells in the area. We will be keeping in touch with

Current Pump House for raw water line.



the City to ensure our property is at least considered at as possible site.

As this develops, we also are asking the lord to provide the financing that will be needed to complete this project.

## Please pray for:

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1. *The arrangement of details to begin work on water infrastructure.*
2. *God's power in our ministry this month.*
3. *Additional financial support.*

## What Is A Trailblazer?

**Trailblazers** are churches who have been a special blessing to West Branch over the past year specifically through one or more of the following (accomplished in 2008):

1. Attending multiple events,
2. Attending 1+ event and having a WB evangelist preach at their church,
3. Supporting WB (or Carlsons) regularly, or
4. Hosting an event.

## 2009 West Branch on the Move Schedule

- **West Branch on the Move** Ministry Team, AZ Feb. 8-22
- **Families on the Move Conference**, Phoenix, AZ Feb. 20-21
- **Men on the Move Conference**, Williams, AZ March 13-14
- **Ladies on the Move Conference**, Flagstaff, AZ April 25
- **Regional Youth Conference**, Phoenix, AZ Sept. 12
- **Men on the Move Conference**, Fort Collins, CO Oct. 23-24

Youth service at the Ranch



Family service at the Ranch



## Have You Considered Camp or Programs at the Ranch?

There are several special opportunities for you at the Bill Rice Ranch in Tennessee this summer. First of all, the Ranch is offering a **\$90 discount** per camper for any church coming from the West. Second, the Ranch offers two sessions of **Summer Training for Service** (S.T.S.). In this two-week session, a teenage guy or girl (15-19) will assist our Junior Camp counselors for a week of camp after having trained for a week during a Youth Week. Third, **Family Camp** would be a great idea to promote to families from your church. Finally, the **Sign Language School** will be training deaf workers and those who are just starting out (age 15+). All these programs take place in June or July. Let us know if you want more info.

Junior campers at the Ranch



## Ready for Spring? continued from front

to be healthy and happy—and they can be! Secondly, our churches will be stronger if our families are stronger. We have received a lot of positive feedback from the previous conferences, and we trust the Lord will use this conference as well.

Would you pray that God will bring all the right people to attend it? The con-

ference, of course, is for moms and dads—but it is for more than that! It is for husbands and wives, families of all shapes and sizes and stages of life.

As we enter into this busy time period, my special prayer is that we will be much more than just “busy.” We have been working, praying, and planning for months for this event and these services. I pray that God will do far more than we could in our own strength. I pray that God will help the light turn on for some families who have really been struggling. I pray that God will strengthen those who are already going in the right direction. And I also pray the Lord will give us wisdom to use the short



**Families on the Move Conference,**  
Glendale, AZ 2008

time profitably and to speak just what He would have us speak. Lord willing, God will be pleased to use this effort—an idea He planted in our hearts—to be helpful to many Arizonans this month.

I look forward to seeing many of you soon, and letting the rest know how it goes!



**West Branch on the Move**  
Ministry Team Ensemble