

Trailblazer

Keeping in touch, seeking your prayer and involvement.

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Update on Infrastructure Development

For some time, we have been seeking the Lord's direction concerning the infrastructure of our new camp facility. We are now confident that the Lord would have us install a hauled water system to supply the camp. The City of Williams is favorable to this idea.

We are also considering our sanitation options which are more promising than they have been for some time. A Christian engineer has stepped forward to provide technical assistance to us. Please pray the Lord will give us wisdom on the precise system to pursue with local officials.

Often we are asked for a target date for the opening of the new West Branch facility. None has been set because of the volatile nature of these infrastructure issues. However, these recent developments encourage us that we are coming closer to answering those issues and then being able to set a date.

Specifically, we know that we will need to submit to the City of Williams a modification to our site plan concerning the water and sanitation. More specific engineering will then need to be done.

Next, we will be asking the Lord to provide



Aerial view of
West Branch

money, volunteers and equipment needed for the water system. At the very least, we know we will need two large water tanks, HPDE, pumps, and excavation work.

We thank the Lord for the information God has helped us discover and the people He has used to assist us, including a project manager from the Phoenix Valley who has been very generous with his time. Please pray for continued progress on the project.

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Summer Ministry

Our family has been spending the summer in ministry at the Bill Rice Ranch. We are involved in preaching, music, camp activities and office work. We have also been in some churches in the East seeking to raise support for our family. We thank the Lord for over **75** that have been saved at the Ranch so far this summer and for the countless ways God has worked in hearts and even changed lives.

Please pray for:

1. Wisdom for the exact course we should take in sanitation infrastructure development.
2. God's power this summer in ministry at the Bill Rice Ranch.
3. Additional financial support. (Current level for Carlsons—15.3%)
4. West Branch Arizona Youth Challenge

Western Church Camp Discount

In lieu of camps out West, we offer a \$90 discount to western churches to come to the Bill Rice Ranch in Tennessee. Several again have made the trip this summer.

We understand this is not for everyone, and we look forward to the day we can end

the offer and open up the new camp. However, we would like to encourage every church receiving this to consider it. The program at the Ranch is top-notch with Bible preaching that reaches hearts. Certainly it would take a lot of planning, but it could be a once-in-a-



lifetime trip that changes someone's life forever!

What Is A Trailblazer?

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

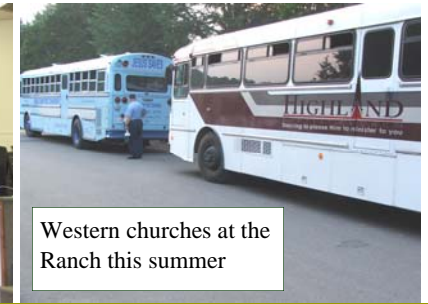
1. Attending multiple events,
2. Attending 1+ event and having a WB evangelist preach in their church,
3. Supporting WB (or Carlsons) regularly, or
4. Hosting an event.

Teen vocal group from California in the Ranch music contest



West Branch on the Move Schedule

- **Regional Youth Conference, Phoenix, AZ** Sept. 12, 2009
- **Men on the Move Conference, Fort Collins, CO** Oct. 23-24, 2009
- **Families on the Move Conference, Phoenix, AZ** Feb. 26-27, 2010
- **Men on the Move Conference, Williams, AZ** Mar. 19-20, 2010
- **Ladies on the Move Conference, Flagstaff, AZ** April 24, 2010
- **Families on the Move Conference, Santa Maria, CA** Sept. 26-28, 2010



Western churches at the Ranch this summer

Youth Conference September 12th: "Dealing with Everyday Situations"

We want to invite all those within driving distance to join us for the Arizona Regional Youth Conference September 12th. The event is being hosted by Harvest Baptist Church in Goodyear, located in the West Phoenix Valley just south of I-10.

Our burden is to be a help to teenagers and youth leaders. While we are changing a few things this year, our primary focus will still be the preaching of the Bible. We believe you will enjoy Evangelist Matt Downs. He has a great knack for speaking to teens. Since the conference is a one-day event, we believe the Lord will use Brother Matt's ability to quickly gain favor with teenagers. Prayerfully, I am confident the day will help you with your youth group.

To hear a teen message from Brother Matt, visit www.billriceranch.org and find Matt Downs under "Revival Ministries."

West Branch Arizona Youth Challenge

I was thinking about our desire to be a blessing to churches in Arizona and wondering how we could do more to encourage teenagers to stay active living for the Lord. God then put in my heart the idea for a contest which we have now named the West Branch Arizona Youth Challenge.



Youth Conference preaching

The purpose of the challenge is to provide pastors and youth leaders a tool to motivate the teens in their church to stay active and to grow in the Lord. The challenge runs from July 19– September 12 with the winning churches being announced at our Arizona Regional Youth Conference September 12th.

Our prayer is that existing youth groups will grow stronger and that churches with teens but no real youth group will see their young people become more dedicated to the Lord and to their church.

The challenge promotes the types of things we believe fundamental



What youth group will win the West Branch Arizona Youth Challenge?

churches would already be encouraging in the lives of their teenagers—church involvement, outreach (visitors and tracts), and Scripture memory.

This is a fledgling program—one we pray will be an encouragement to sister churches statewide. Please pray the Lord will use this program this summer.